



Bournemouth RFC
The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship – SSE National 3 South West
Season 2011/2012



Saturday, 3 December 2011, KO 2.30 p.m. at Chapel Gate

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Bournemouth Lions.....41pts Old Patesians14pts

HT: 27pts
Tries: Hart 8, Chislett 17 62, Hardcastle 20, Searle 38, K Lynch 46.
Conversions: Pollard 17 20 46 62. **Penalties:** Pollard 11.

HT: 0pts
Tries: Taylor 49, Hughes 60. **Conversions:** Fielding 49, Hughes 60.

Bournemouth measure up to strong physical Old Patesians challenge

Result: Bournemouth 41/6t4cp v 14/2t2c Old Patesians. **HT:** 27/4t2cp v0.

Weather: Bright and sunny with a freshish Westerley breeze that blew straight down the pitch.

Ground: The ground was firm under foot with a good covering of grass.

Kick-off: Bournemouth (Scott Chislett) kicked off from left to right as viewed from the stand and to his left.

Old Patesians's recent recovery of form and the history of games between the two clubs suggested this was going to be tough challenge and so it proved. However Bournemouth's dynamism and their own physicality were more than a match and four excellent tries in the first half and a 27-nil lead effectively sealed the result for the Lions. Missing loosehead prop Tim Wareham, who has returned to the Midlands, his able deputy young Joe Tarrant made sure the front row didn't buckle against the big Old Patesians's pack and, in fact, it was from a driving 5-metre scrum that saw No 8 touch down at the back of the scrum to open the scoring after just eight minutes. From wide out on the left, newly restored fly-half Dan Pollard pulled his effort wide of the near post to leave the score at 5-nil. Continued Bournemouth pressure, who showed admirable ball-retention skills, inevitably lead to Old Patesians infringing and as a result of scrum-half Darren Moore was asked, by referee Simon Walker, to reflect on the laws of rugby football for ten minutes, Pollard increased the lead to 8-nil with a finely struck kick from some thirty metres or more with ten minutes gone. If there was touch of luck in the next score it doesn't take away from some of the handling skills shown in the move after Scott Chislett had made a typical break. His pass to Callum Forrest under much pressure in the contact was well taken but the lock was forced to throw the ball speculatively high back over his head as he was tackled to keep the ball alive. There was Chislett back in support and he managed to hold onto the ball high over his head and stepped through the stretched defence to score to the left of the posts. A great score! Pollard added the two points and Bournemouth at 15-nil were half way to that try-scoring bonus point after just over a quarter of an hour. Scrum-half Sam Hardcastle, with another classic example of why he is such an asset, broke from a line-out and then had too much pace for the scrambling defence to score wide out on the left for Pollard to kick another fine goal to leave the score at 22-nil with a quarter of the match gone. Despite a second Old Patesians player, this time in the shape of lock Robert Fidler being shown a yellow card it wasn't until just two minutes to go to the end of the half that Robbie Searle rounded off another fine three-quarter move to score out on the right and Bournemouth went into the break 27-nil (and that bonus point) to the good.

Bournemouth were quickly on the scoreboard again when full back Karim Lynch was put into a gap engineered by an exquisite miss-move from Chislett from just a few metres out and with Pollard adding the two points made for a comfortable 34-nil lead. Any feeling of comfort was rudely dispelled when, three minutes later showing great pace, outside centre Stuart Taylor finished off a great Old Patesians three-quarter move when he scored wide out on the left. Fly-half Leo Fielding kicked a magnificent goal from the touchline to maximise the scoring. With Old Patesians determined to take something away from the match, the play was very competitive, with both defences determined to keep the opposition out. Bournemouth continued to press and in one of those situations when one tries to force something out of nothing in the face of the aforesaid defence, full George Hughes intercepted a pass close to his own line and was much too quick to be caught and spotted the ball under the posts. He had enough breath to complete this little cameo by converting his own try but his side was still 14-34 down with twenty minutes to go. Bournemouth promptly replied to this affront with another touch of sublime skill from Chislett when the centre ghosted through the defence for his second try but Pollard's conversion was to end the scoring with eighteen minutes to go. The game became a little scrappy and frustrating with a number of stoppages for injuries, resulting in twelve minutes being played for injury time in the second half which does nothing for the momentum of the play. A third Old Patesians player, centre Halotti Molitika was shown the yellow card late on but Bournemouth were never able to capitalize on his absence.

Teams

Bournemouth: Karim Lynch/t, Robbie Searle/t (Ben Stewart 64), Robert Bruce, Scott Chislett/2t, James Flynn, Dan Pollard/4cp, Sam Hardcastle/t, Joe Tarrant, Frazer Wilford, Alan Manning/C, Tim Seward, Callum Forrest, Chris Hughes, Iain Crombie (Neil Stanton-Ketchley, Gavin Hart/t (Jo Burns).

Man of the Match: Sam Hardcastle.

Coaches: David Dunn, Tim Collier.

Medical Team:

Andy Curtis, Simon Fitch.

Video Analyst: Helen Ryan.

Scoreboard Operator: Tony Ebner.

Old Patesians: George Hughes/tc, James Aherne, Stuart Taylor/t, Halotti Molitika, Daniel Burrows, Leo Fielding/c, Darren Moore, James King, Rob White, Connor Thompson, Heath Gunther, Robert Fidler, Ben Walsh, Marcus Brown, James Pettigrew. Substitutes: Bryce White, Henry Tapsell, James Davidson.

Yellow Cards: Darren Moore 10, Robert Fidler, Halotti Molitika 66. **Referee:** Simon Walker; Dorset & Wilts..

Referee Observer:

Simon Thomas; Hampshire.

Touch Judges:

Steve Buffery, Bournemouth; Steve Cohen, Old Patesians.

League Points: Bournemouth 5 (Win plus try-scoring bonus point), Old Patesians 0.

League Positions: Bournemouth remain second on 55 points. Old Patesians drop from 6th to 8th on 31 points.

In the League: Sam Hardcastle extended his own career try-scoring record to 112; Alan Manning extended his own record of consecutive appearances as tighthead prop, as a forward and as captain to 50.

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Determined to put behind them the disappointment of losing at Chinnor a fortnight ago, Bournemouth made sure they faced down the inevitable physical challenge from the Cheltenham side. Technically they were better with some excellent forward play and good handling in the backs. Now that they are second there is nothing they can do but make sure they continue to win five points each time to make sure they maintain the pressure of the teams around them. Good to see Pollard back after his encounter with a hockey stick and of course Chris Hughes making his first start for the 1st XV since April. He has lost nothing of his enthusiasm for the game and proved a handful for the opposition all afternoon. At loosehead prop Joe Tarrant, from this showing (and any other for that matter), has more than simply mitigated the undoubted loss of Tim Wareham.

Doug Warren.

Match Results • 3 December 2011

Amersham & C 14-23 Oxford Harlequins
Barnstaple 27-16 Weston-s-Mare

Bournemouth 41-14 Old Patesians

Chippenham 22-39 Redingensians

Newbury Blues 0-67 Chinnor

Newton Abbot 25-23 Bridgwater & A

Old Redcliffians 25-27 Exmouth

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Team	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Diff	Pts	T	L	A	Tot	Opponents on 10 December 2011
1 Chinnor	12	12	0	0	454	144	310	48	7			55	Newton Abbot (h)
2 Bournemouth	12	11	0	1	672	119	553	44	10	1		55	Weston-super-Mare (a)
3 Redingensians	12	10	0	2	424	172	252	40	9	3		51	Old Redcliffians (h)
4 Newton Abbot	12	8	0	4	319	238	81	32	3	1		36	Chinnor (a)
5 Barnstaple	12	7	0	5	245	214	31	28	4	2		34	Oxford Harlequins (a)
6 Exmouth	12	6	0	6	372	322	50	24	4	4		32	Amersham & Chiltern (h)
7 Weston-s-Mare	12	6	0	6	348	269	79	24	6	1		31	Bournemouth (h)
8 Old Patesians	12	6	0	6	348	348	0	24	7			31	Newbury Blues (h)
9 Chippenham	12	4	1	7	289	405	-116	18	6	1		25	Bridgwater & Albion (a)
10 Old Redcliffians	12	4	1	7	250	293	-43	18	3	2		23	Redingensians (a)
11 Amersham & C	12	3	0	9	205	399	-194	12	3	3		18	Exmouth (a)
12 Oxford Hqns	12	5	0	7	207	444	-237	20	2		-5	13	Barnstaple (h)
13 Bridgwater & A	12	1	0	11	177	544	-367	4	2	2		8	Chippenham (h)
14 Newbury Blues	12	0	0	12	147	546	-399	0	1	1		2	Old Patesians (a)

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