



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

**Saturday, 17 December 2011, KO 2 p.m. at Chapel Gate**



**Bournemouth Lions.....30pts Exmouth .....18pts**

**HT:** 5pts  
**Tries:** Manning 13, Searle 51 56, Hennings 80. **Conversions:** Searle 56 80.  
**Penalties:** Searle 4360.

**HT:** 18pts  
**Tries:** Dave Kimberley/8 5, Bob Armstrong/5 10. **Conversions:** Andrew Powell/10 5.  
**Penalties:** Andrew Powell/10 25 34.

**A plate of cockles was not exactly to Bournemouth's taste at Christmas**

**Result:** Bournemouth 30/4t2c2p v 18/2tc2p Exmouth. **HT:** 5/t v 18/2tc2p.

**Weather:** Fine and sunny but with a very chill Westerly wind that blew straight down the pitch.

**Ground:** The ground was soft under foot after much recent rain but with a good covering of grass.

**Kick-off:** Exmouth (Andrew Powell) kicked off from left to right as viewed from the stand and to his right.

Rather than using his bag to dispense gifts, Santa instead hit Bournemouth about the ears with it and the bag was pretty heavy as it was early in his Yuletide rounds. Bournemouth reeled from the onslaught and found themselves two tries down through captain Dave Kimberley and fellow forward, lock Bob Armstrong after just ten minutes. Fly-half Andrew Powell had converted Kimberley's effort to make the score 12-nil. Clearly Bournemouth had a game on their hands! From the restart Bournemouth attacked down the right through Connolly and when Exmouth were penalized just short of their line, Manning took a 'quick one' and was over the line before a hand could be laid on him. Searle wasn't able to add the two points from wide out but at least the arrears had been reduced with typical determination by the captain. A poor pass on receiving the restart meant the Cockles were able to keep play deep in the Bournemouth half and were duly rewarded with a penalty inside the hosts' 22-metre area and Powell duly knocked the ball over from in front of the posts to restore most of the former lead at 15-5 after 17 minutes. Bournemouth tried desperately to breach the Exmouth defence but lost the ball too many times in the contact for comfort. Paul Morgan of Exmouth was 'yellowed carded' for 'holding on' quickly followed by lock Tim Seward for the same offence. At least that equalized things! Hardcastle had a quick dart but a poor pass inside stopped that particular enterprise. Hennings, who worked hard all afternoon for the cause, in turn was almost through with a typical charge. However, it was the errors that were costing Bournemouth dear especially in the contact when the knock on was induced by the determined Exmouth tackling. Powell was lucky with a kick to his right when the ball that was clearly going out was touched in flight by a Bournemouth player and instead of Bournemouth having an attacking line-out deep in the Exmouth half found themselves defending one in their own. This turned into a calamity when, going left, Exmouth won a penalty and Powell was on target from 30 or so metres to stretch the lead to 18-5 with six minutes to go to half-time. Strive though they might Bournemouth could not make the break through and as the half ended were having to do some defending of their own.

Turning down wind Searle was soon able to punish 'handling on the ground' with his first penalty. With Bournemouth beginning to get on top of their opponents and keep them in their own half more chances were being created as Hardcastle increasingly was able to release his backs. Sure enough the ball was moved wide and Searle just managed to squeeze in the right-hand corner for a very fine score. He pulled his conversion effort across the face of the goal but at least Bournemouth were into double figures at 13-18 and just one score behind. It was from an excellent carry by hooker Wilford that got Bournemouth going forward and when the ball was moved right Karim Lynch came into the line and the strong running full back took the ball to the last defender and beat him with a well-timed pass for Searle to dive over for his second try and his 151st league point of the season. He added the two points with a well struck kick. From the restart, Hardcastle kicked long down the wind and a great chase by Connolly caught the defender on his 22-metre line. His effort was rewarded when Exmouth were penalized at the resulting scrum and Searle kicked his second penalty from in front of the posts to take Bournemouth into the lead for the first time at 23-18 with 20 minutes to go. Plenty of time to secure that fourth try and that important bonus point. That was not how Exmouth saw it. With Bournemouth battering the Exmouth defence the Exmouth forwards decided to drive up field with a driving maul from within their own 22-metre line. The backs might have as well gone for an early shower! Remarkably they eventually drove over the line and can count themselves unlucky not to have scored when the ball was adjudged to be held up with Chislett apparently getting his body under the ball. Exmouth managed to

**Teams**

**Bournemouth:** Karim Lynch, Robbie Searle/2t2c2p, Dan Connolly, Scott Chislett, James Flynn, Dan Pollard, Sam Hardcastle, Jo Burns (Riad Lynch 70), Frazer Wilford, Alan Manning/C/t, Tim Seward (Yellow card 23), Callum Forrest, Jack Hennings/t (Crombie 41 (Ben Stewart 73)), Iain Crombie (Anthony Dunkerley 41), Gavin Hart (Hennings 41).

**Yellow Card:** Tim Seward 23.

**Coaches:** David Dunn, Tim Collier.

**Medical Team:**

Andy Curtis, Simon Fitch.

**Video Analyst:** Helen Ryan.

**Exmouth:** Jon Fabian, Paul Morgan (Yellow card 21), Mark Wathes, Rich Cadywould, Jack Downie, Andrew Powell/c2p, Garry Hooper, George Savage, Lloyd Morgan, Shane Cooper, Adam Wylie, Bob Armstrong/t, Phil Kay, Dave Bargent, Dave Kimberley/C/t. **Substitutes:** Paul Flower, Adam Hooper, Tom Elliott.

**Yellow Card:** Paul Morgan 21.

**Referee:** Chris Bartlett; Dorset & Wilts.

**Referee Observer:**

David Smith; Somerset.

**Touch Judges:**

Gavin Fisher, Bournemouth; Roger Holman; Exmouth.

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

**League Positions:** Bournemouth go top on 65 points. Exmouth remain 5th on 37 points.

**In All Matches:** Karim Lynch plays in his 50th match; Alan Manning plays in his 150th.

**In the League:** Scott Chislett extends his own record as inside centre to 58; James Flynn is selected for the 75th time; Gavin Hart equals the consecutive appearances as No 8 record of 14 held by Hayden Hokianga and Matt Kiely; Alan Manning extends his own record of consecutive appearances as tighthead prop, as a forward and as captain to 52 and extends his own record as captain to 58; Robbie Searle passes 150 (158) points in a season. He becomes the leading points scorer in the division and the leading try scorer (with 16). For Bournemouth in a debut season, he is the second highest points scorer and the third highest try scorer. Well done Robbie!

lose the ball at the 5-metre scrum and the ball was quickly moved left for Connolly to give it an uncompromising whack down field into acres of empty space. Bournemouth won a penalty and chose not to go for goal but Karim Lynch found touch to his right inside the Exmouth 22-metre line. From the line-out, Forrest managed to secure it and Bournemouth drove for the line which set up the most tense last few minutes of a game that you could imagine. A couple of times the stand were on their feet convinced the score was going to be made when first Riad Lynch broke from a maul and then his brother Karim seemed to have found the gap but always there was that Exmouth defender there to stop them. In another attack, Karim was unlucky not to score but was deemed to be holding on as he tried to touch down. Getting ever deeper into injury time both sides were determined to keep the game alive and when they turned the ball over Exmouth refused to kick the ball off the park to secure at least a losing bonus point because they had bigger fish to fry. If they had driven Bournemouth back once they could do it again and secure a victory. But it wasn't to be. They gave away one penalty too many and Jack Hennings was in no mood to be denied and with sheer will and determination crashed over for that vital try. Searle added the icing on the cake with another fine kick to rack up 20 points of his own to end the game. Wow!

A tough old match and very enjoyable despite the different emotions the two sides will have experienced. The Exmouth players, despite the battering they received in the second half which sucked much of the energy out of them they kept positive and a belief in themselves that they could do better than simply salvaging a losing bonus point. It made for great drama and we, as mere spectators, thoroughly enjoyed it. Elsewhere, the clash between the top side Chinnor and third-placed Redingensians was abandoned after 58 minutes with Chinnor leading 17-5 because of a bad injury to their winger Ken Prinsloo. It is my understanding that the game will have to be replayed because play lasted less than an hour! As a result we have gone back on top as you will see below. We offer our sympathies to Ken and wish him a swift and full recovery.

**Doug Warren.**

**Father Christmas  
wishes you all  
a merry Christmas  
and a happy New Year**



Rik Cheadle

**Match Results • 17 December 2011**

Barnstaple 8-5 Amersham & C  
**Bournemouth 30-18 Exmouth**  
 Bridgwater & A 16-17 Old Redcliffians  
 Chippenham 41-20 Old Patesians  
 Newbury Blues 10-15 Oxford Harlequins  
 Newton Abbot 5-13 Weston-s-Mare  
 Redingensians A5-17A Chinnor

**Season 2011/2012 • SSE National 3 SW Table • As at 17 December 2011**

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Diff	Pts	T	L	A	Tot	Opponents on 7 January 2012
<b>1 Bournemouth</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>Amersham &amp; Chiltern (a)</b>
2 Chinnor	13	13	0	0	487	149	338	52	8			60	Bridgwater & Albion (h)
3 Redingensians	13	11	0	2	477	177	300	44	9	3		56	Old Patesians (a)
4 Barnstaple	14	9	0	5	293	222	71	36	5	2		43	Old Redcliffians (a)
<b>5 Exmouth</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>Newbury Blues (h)</b>
6 Newton Abbot	14	8	0	6	329	284	45	32	3	1		36	Oxford Harlequins (a)
7 Old Patesians	14	7	0	7	415	389	26	28	8			36	Redingensians (h)
8 Weston-s-Mare	14	7	0	7	364	337	27	28	6	1		35	Chippenham (h)
9 Chippenham	14	6	1	7	364	435	-71	26	8	1		35	Weston-super-Mare (a)
10 Old Redcliffians	14	5	1	8	272	362	-90	22	3	2		27	Barnstaple (h)
11 Oxford Hqns	14	6	0	8	225	494	-269	24	2		-5	21	Newton Abbot (h)
12 Amersham & C	14	3	0	11	234	443	-209	12	4	4		20	Bournemouth (h)
13 Bridgwater & A	14	1	0	13	203	595	-392	4	2	3	-5	4	Chinnor (a)
14 Newbury Blues	14	0	0	14	157	608	-451	0	1	2		3	Exmouth (a)