



**Bournemouth RFC**  
**The English Clubs Rugby Union Championship – SSE National 3 South West**  
**Season 2011/2012**  
**Saturday, 7 January 2012, KO 2 p.m. at Ash Grove**



**Amersham & Chiltern ..... Opts Bournemouth Lions.....44pts**

**HT:** Opts  
**HT:** 16pts  
**Tries:** Hardcastle 40 71, Connolly 50, Chislett 54, Hennings 76.  
**Conversions:** Pollard 40 50 54 71 76. **Penalties:** Pollard 4 10 24.

**Bournemouth eventually prevail over a brave stubborn Chiltern defence**

**Result:** Amersham & Chiltern 0 v 44/5t5c3p Bournemouth. **HT:** 0 v 16/tc3p.

**Weather:** Fine and sunny, a beautiful day, but with a chill Northerly wind that blew straight down the pitch.

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

**Kick-off:** Bournemouth (Chislett) kicked off with the wind towards the clubhouse and to his left.

Despite dominating territorially throughout the half, for a long time, Bournemouth only had three penalties from the boot of fly-half Pollard to show for the efforts, although it did represent the pressure the visitors were exerting while Chiltern tried desperately to keep them out. There were a number of promising try-scoring opportunities but Bournemouth were not able to get that telling pass away as the ball-carrier was wrapped up. However right at the death of the first period it was Sam Hardcastle who had the pace and running skill to breach that defence. He turned a period of Chiltern pressure around from a scrum in his own half and despite the defence almost collaring him managed to get the ball down in a wild scramble just wide of the posts. Pollard duly kicked the goal for added force to the hammer blow for Chiltern's hopes and give Bournemouth a 16-nil lead at the interval.

Two excellent tries in the first quarter by the centre pair of Connolly and Chislett were the result of some fine attacking running by the threes on the back of a dynamic set of forwards with Hennings and captain Manning in particular testing the mettle and resolve of the Chiltern tacklers time and time again to set up those opportunities. However that important try-scoring bonus point still had not been secured! Any forays by the Chiltern raiders were robustly repulsed and most of the play, as in the first half, was in the enemy's territory. With time beginning to run out it was the elusive Hardcastle who found the gap down the short side and he was through and spotting the ball under the posts in a trice to secure the bonus point for Pollard kick his seventh goal make the lead 37-nil with less than ten minutes to go. With Bournemouth continuing to look for further scores, from a 5-metre scrum flanker Crombie almost made it over but his fellow flanker Hennings, who had a typical storming afternoon, was on hand to finish off by forcing his way over tight against the left-hand post. Pollard made it a 100% kicking record and Bournemouth were 44-nil victors.

On their own patch, Chiltern were determined not to concede the avalanche of tries that overwhelmed them at Chapel Gate in September and made life very difficult for the divisional leaders for long periods especially in the first half. Their defence, especially in the threes, gave their opposite numbers very little time on the ball and as a result the passing was not as accurate as it might have been which meant any number of moves were not finished off. A satisfactory result in the end nonetheless.

**Doug Warren.**

**Teams**

**Bournemouth:** Karim Lynch, Robbie Searle, Dan Connolly/t, Scott Chislett/t, James Flynn (Dan Mallard 66), Dan Pollard/5c3p, Sam Hardcastle/2t, Riad Lynch (Jo Burns 60), Joe Tarrant, Alan Manning/C, Tim Seward, Callum Forrest (Chris Hughes 60), Jack Hennings/7, Iain Crombie, Gavin Hart.

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

**Medical Team:** Andy Curtis.

**Amersham & Chiltern:** Chris Jacks (Yellow card 34), Brad Reeve, Ross Bugden, Peter Johnston, Sam Portland, Rob Smalley, Dwayne Polataivao, Jacques Naude, Ben French, Rhys Cadogan, Charlie Bond, Cam Gentles, Thomas Grammenos, Graham Fischer, James Hogan. **Substitutes:** Matt Allen, Petrus Schrauwers, Thomas Smalley.

**Yellow Card:** Chris Jacks 35.

**Referee:** Phil Watters; Gloucestershire.

**Referee Observer:** Keith Page.

**Touch Judges:** Gavin Fisher, Bournemouth; David Mackintosh, Amersham & Chiltern.

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

**League Positions:** Bournemouth remain first on 70 points. Amersham & Chiltern remain 12th on 20 points.

**In the League:** Scott Chislett extends his own record as inside centre to 59; James Flynn plays for the 75th time; Sam Hardcastle becomes joint (with Robbie Searle) leading try-scorer in the division with 16 and extends his own career club try-scoring record to 116; Gavin Hart sets a new record of 15 consecutive appearances as No 8; Alan Manning extends his own record of consecutive appearances as tighthead prop, as a forward and as captain to 59; Tim Seward is selected for the 175th time.

**Season 2011/2012 • SSE National 3 SW Table • As at 7 January 2012**

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Diff	Pts	T	L	A	Tot	Opponents on 14 January 2012
<b>1 Bournemouth</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>70</b>	<b>Barnstaple (h)</b>
2 Chinnor	14	14	0	0	558	161	397	56	9			65	Old Redcliffians (h)
3 Redingensians	13	11	0	2	477	177	300	44	9	3		56	Weston-super-Mare (h)
4 Barnstaple	14	9	0	5	293	222	71	36	5	2		43	Bournemouth (a)
5 Exmouth	15	8	0	7	489	383	106	32	6	4		42	Newton Abbot (a)
6 Newton Abbot	15	9	0	6	351	298	53	36	3	1		40	Exmouth (h)
7 Weston-s-Mare	15	8	0	7	381	352	29	32	6	1		39	Redingensians (a)
8 Old Patesians	14	7	0	7	415	389	26	28	8			36	Bridgwater & A (a)
9 Chippenham	15	6	1	8	379	452	-72	26	8	2		36	Oxford Harlequins (h)
10 Old Redcliffians	14	5	1	8	272	362	-90	22	3	2		27	Chinnor (a)
11 Oxford Hqns	15	6	0	9	239	516	-277	24	2		-5	21	Chippenham (a)
<b>12 Amersham &amp; C</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>-253</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>Newbury Blues (a)</b>
13 Bridgwater & A	15	1	0	14	215	666	-451	4	2	3	-5	4	Old Patesians (h)
14 Newbury Blues	15	0	0	15	164	671	-507	0	1	2		3	Amersham & Chiltern (h)

**Match Results • 7 January 2012**

**Amersham & C 0 - 44 Bournemouth**

Chinnor 71 - 12 Bridgwater & A

Exmouth 63 - 7 Newbury Blues

Old Patesians 12 A 32 Redingensians

Old Redcliffians P Barnstaple

Oxford Hqns 14 - 22 Newton Abbot

Weston-s-Mare 17 - 15 Chippenham