



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

Saturday, 14 January 2012, KO 2 p.m. at Chapel Gate

Match sponsored by Allied Surveyors



ALLIED
SURVEYORS
& VALUERS



Bournemouth Lions 44pts

HT: 8pts
Tries: Connolly 27 55, Hennings 43, K Lynch 50, Hardcastle 60, Wilford 70, Manning 75. **Conversions:** Pollard 43 55 60.
Penalties: Pollard 5.



Barnstaple 5pts

HT: 5pts
Tries: Giddy 15.

What ever was in Bournemouth's oranges at half-time worked!

Result: Bournemouth 44/7t3cp v 5/t Barnstaple. **HT:** 8/tp v 5/t.

Weather: Fine but overcast with a chill Easterly breeze that blew straight down the pitch.

Ground: The ground was firm but took a stud.

Kick-off: Barnstaple (Neil Giddy) kicked off from right to left as viewed from the stand with what wind there was and to his left.

There were a couple of changes to the side that met Amersham last week. Hooker Frazer Wilford returned after injury and as a result Joe Tarrant took over at loosehead prop from Riad Lynch who was on the bench in place of Jo Burns. At lock, Chris Hughes replaced the injured Callum Forrest and Anthony Dunkerley replaced the unavailable Iain Crombie at openside flanker. Tim Collier came in on the bench in place of Chris Hughes. The threes were unchanged.

Despite taking an early lead through a Pollard penalty, Bournemouth found themselves behind when the Barum fly-half Neil Giddy went over wide out on the left from a 5-metre scrum to cap off a very lively period of exchanges between the two protagonists. The scrum was the result of Hardcastle being caught in possession before he could kick the ball having made a mark. That in turn was the result of kick ahead by full back Will Topps who just managed to rescue the ball from Hardcastle, chasing down a Karim Lynch chip ahead. The full back wove his way through the Bournemouth defence before kicking leading to the mark. His excellent efforts were thus ultimately awarded. Giddy couldn't convert his own effort but the visitors had a well-deserved lead of 5-3 after a quarter of an hour. This prompted a most vigorous response by Bournemouth and captain Manning took it upon himself to lead a tremendous charge down field. A promising move going left was thwarted by a misdirected pass behind the receiver who knocked the ball on in his efforts to retrieve the situation. Both sides were penalized for handling in the ruck which set back their efforts but when Bournemouth were awarded a scrum on the Barum 10-metre line, Hardcastle broke and the supporting Hughes carried the ball deep into the Barum half. The ball was released left for Chislett to make good ground and he managed to get the ball back inside to fellow centre Connolly who finished off an excellent move wide out on the left. Pollard, however, wasn't able to kick the conversion but at least the home side had regained the lead at 8-5 with nearly half-an-hour gone. So the score remained until the break as both sides fought hard to gain an advantage.

Bournemouth came out firing on all cylinders and were quickly awarded for their direct methods when, after a great run, Connolly's kick ahead forced a Barnstaple fly-hack into touch for Bournemouth throw-in. Although Barnstaple were able to clear up field that brought the strong Lynch in on the action who took play back into the visitor's 22-metre area. The ball moved first right then back left as Bournemouth probed and eventually flanker Hennings forced his way over from a couple of metres out. From more or less in front of the posts Pollard made no mistake and Bournemouth lead 15-5 just three minutes into the half. Bournemouth's relentless pressure meant Barnstaple struggle to stem the flow and flanker Winston James was 'yellow carded' as a result of his less than legal efforts. Chislett was almost through as Bournemouth camped under the shadow of Barnstaple's posts. It was that man Lynch again who was on hand to finish off a great move to the right which saw some excellent off loading to the man in space in the face of an aggressive and brave defence. Pollard was not able to convert from the right-hand touch and Bournemouth were left with a lead of 20-5 with ten minutes gone in the half. Bournemouth knocked on the restart but recovered the situation although Lynch wasn't able to force his way through. Connolly went on another raid into enemy territory but the same player was on hand to find a way through what appeared to be a tiring defence for the bonus point try. Pollard added the two points for Bournemouth to lead 27-5 a quarter of an hour into the half. Whilst Bournemouth were relentless in attack, they were also vigorous in defence which brought its own rewards. When Bournemouth were awarded a penalty for Barnstaple holding on, Hardcastle quickly grabbed the ball and was off before anyone could lay a hand on him and he was able to make his fellow half-back's task easier by spotting the ball under the posts. Pollard made the lead 34-5 after an hour. From

Teams

Bournemouth: Karim Lynch/t, Robbie Searle, Dan Connolly/2t, Scott Chislett, James Flynn (Dan Mallard 66), Dan Pollard/3cp, Sam Hardcastle/t, Joe Tarrant (Riad Lynch 72), Frazer Wilford/t, Alan Manning/C/t, Tim Seward, Chris Hughes (Tim Collier 71), Jack Hennings/t (Joe Tarrant 72), Anthony Dunkerley, Gavin Hart (Jack Hennings 72).

Coaches: David Dunn, Tim Collier.

Medical Team: Andy Curtis.

Barnstaple: Will Topps, Toby Williamson, Jonathan Carter, Ryan Carter, Luke Berry, Neil Giddy/t, Nielson Webber, Mark Berry, Sam Roberts, Phillip Gordon, John Ovenell, Tom Skelding/C, Gary Turner, Winston James (Yellow card 46), Dan Lee. **Substitutes:** Jordan Patey, Michael Sumner, Mark Galliford (Red card 74).

Referee: Chris Bartlett; Dorset & Wilts.

Referee Observer: Mel Hillman; Somerset.

Touch Judges: Gavin Fisher, Bournemouth; Mike Cannon, Barnstaple.

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

League Positions: Bournemouth remain first on 75 points. Barnstaple drop one place to 5th on 43 points.

In All Matches: Dan Connolly plays for the 25th time and scores 100 points (20 tries). **In the League:** Scott Chislett extends his own record as inside centre to 60; Anthony Dunkerley plays for the 75th time; Sam Hardcastle extends his own try-scoring record to 117 and becomes the leading try-scorer in the division with 17 tries; Gavin Hart extends his own record of consecutive appearances as No 8 to 16; Alan Manning starts for the 125th time, extends his own record of consecutive appearances as tighthead prop, as a forward and as captain to 54 and extends his own record as captain to 60; Tim Seward plays for the 175th time and 150th time as lock (both club records).

the restart, Barnstaple won a line-out down their right but rather blew their attacking opportunity by not throwing in straight. From the scrum Bournemouth went right but were penalized for handling in the ruck inside their own 22-metre area. The visitors showed their attacking intentions by opting for a scrum but determined Bournemouth tackling prevented any progress right although Barnstaple were awarded the throw-in on the same touch. A knock-on eased the pressure for Bournemouth but lock Chris Hughes was forced to retire at this point with a muscle strain to be replaced by Tim Collier. Despite the big man's presence, the scrum clearly struggled with the Barnstaple push. Diving in at a ruck however enabled Bournemouth to clear up field for a line-out inside the Bournemouth 10-metre line on the left. An astonishing run by Dunkerley who made thirty or more metres despite the attentions of a number of tacklers took play well into the Barnstaple half. There the drive was continued and hooker Wilford was seen emerging triumphant from the bottom of a pile of bodies that had driven over the Barnstaple line. Pollard failed to kick the goal but Bournemouth lead 39-5 with ten minutes to go. At this point, left wing Flynn was replaced by Mallard and Riad Lynch came on for No 8 Hart. Bournemouth kept up the pressure on Barnstaple and won a line-out on the Barnstaple 5-metre line down the right. A knock-on at the line-out didn't help but nonetheless relentless chasing down of the ball carrier resulted in Barnstaple operating in their own dead-ball area but they managed to clear left for a Bournemouth line-out. The forwards drove back into the Barnstaple 22-metre area but the visitors were awarded a scrum. The referee blew for a halt in proceedings and was seen talking to the replacement scrum-half Mark Galliford and the Barnstaple captain before the former was shown a red card, apparently for showing intent to head butt his opposite number. Full back Lynch found touch on the 5-metre line and from the resulting line-out, Bournemouth drove for the line for the captain Alan Manning to score Bournemouth's seventh try. From the touch-line, Pollard was unable to convert the try and, for the second successive week, Bournemouth had scored 44 points. The game ended with Barnstaple still striving for that elusive score but Bournemouth were not in a generous mood.

Over elaboration was diagnosed as Bournemouth's problem in the first half as they struggled to come to terms with an aggressive West Country side obviously intent on proving that Bournemouth could be beaten. A shrewd change of tactics made all the difference and an obviously disappointed Barnstaple side simply could not live with Bournemouth in an exhilarating second half. Six tries to nil tells its own story. No real surprises in the other results means we remain five points clear of Chinnor but who have a game in hand. However they need a 'five-pointer' to overtake us as things stand. Nonetheless, it could hardly be tighter! For you fellow railway spotters, we have now have scored more points (853) and more tries (127) than we ever have in a regular league season. Why don't you look in the archive on the website bournemouth-rugby.co.uk? It is all there. Ask Keith Berry he knows.

Doug Warren.

Season 2011/2012 • SSE National 3 SW Table • As at 14 January 2012

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Diff	Pts	T	L	A	Tot	Opponents on 21 January 2012
1 Bournemouth	16	15	0	1	853	145	708	60	14	1		75	Old Redcliffians (a)
2 Chinnor	15	15	0	0	625	178	447	60	10			70	Old Patesians (a)
3 Redingensians	14	12	0	2	519	185	334	48	10	3		61	Oxford Harlequins (a)
4 Exmouth	16	9	0	7	516	393	123	36	6	4		46	Chippenham (h)
5 Barnstaple	15	9	0	6	298	266	32	36	5	2		43	Newbury Blues (h)
6 Chippenham	16	7	1	8	411	462	-51	30	9	2		41	Exmouth (a)
7 Newton Abbot	16	9	0	7	361	325	36	36	3	1		40	Amersham & Chiltern (a)
8 Old Patesians	15	8	0	7	437	404	33	32	8			40	Chinnor (h)
9 Weston-s-Mare	16	8	0	8	389	394	-5	32	6	1		39	Bridgwater & Albion (h)
10 Old Redcliffians	15	5	1	9	289	429	-140	22	3	2		27	Bournemouth (h)
11 Amersham & C	16	4	0	12	261	492	-231	16	5	4		25	Newton Abbot (h)
12 Oxford Hqns	16	6	0	10	249	548	-299	24	2		-5	21	Redingensians (h)
13 Bridgwater & A	16	1	0	15	230	688	-458	4	2	4	-5	5	Weston-super-Mare (a)
14 Newbury Blues	16	0	0	16	169	698	-529	0	1	2		3	Barnstaple (a)



ALLIED
SURVEYORS
& VALUERS

MIKE WILKES, FRICS
LOCAL SPECIALIST IN
*VALUATIONS
*HOMEBUYERS REPORTS
*BUILDING SURVEYS

FOR ALL YOUR SURVEY AND
VALUATION NEEDS CALL US ON
(01202) 395563 OR LOOK US UP AT
WWW.ALLIEDSURVEYORS.COM

Match Results • 14 January 2012

Bournemouth 44 - 3 Barnstaple

Bridgwater & A 15 - 22 Old Patesians
Chinnor 67 - 17 Old Redcliffians
Chippenham 32 - 10 Oxford Hqns
Newbury Blues 5 - 27 Amersham & C
Newton Abbot 10 - 27 Exmouth
Redingensians 42 - 8 Weston-s-Mare