



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

**Saturday, 18 February 2012, KO 2.45 p.m. at Allington Field**



**Chippenham ..... 5pts**

**HT:** Opts  
**Tries:** Bobby Lyons/8C 52.



**Bournemouth Lions ..... 31pts**

**HT:** 17pts  
**Tries:** Penalty Try 20, Connolly 38, K Lynch 68, Searle 76.  
**Conversions:** Pollard 20 38 68 76. **Penalties:** Pollard 27.

**Entertaining and closely fought contest in difficult conditions.**

**Result:** Chippenham 5/t v 31/4t4cp Bournemouth. **HT:** 0 v 17/2t2cp.

**Weather:** Initially wet and cold with a cold north-easterly wind but became fine and sunny later.

**Ground:** The ground was very soft and sticky, cutting up as the match progressed.

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

Dan Connolly replaced Ben Stewart at outside centre. 'Eddie' Edwards making his first start for the 1st XV since his injury against Chinnor in January last year replaced James Flynn on the left wing. Riad Lynch started at loosehead prop instead of Joe Tarrant who was on the bench.

Despite some controlled and patient rugby, Bournemouth found it very hard to break down a young spirited Chippenham side. Conditions underfoot were very difficult which made it hard for those out wide but the pressure and overwhelming territorial advantage eventually paid off when referee Brian Barclay awarded Bournemouth a penalty try as Chippenham slipped their binding under the pressure exerted by the Bournemouth forwards as they were driven back over their own goal line. Pollard with the easiest of kicks made the score 7-nil but this was after twenty minutes hard work. Illustrative of the pressure they were under was a yellow card issued to tighthead prop Jake Meadows and Pollard was able to kick a goal in his absence. Bournemouth maintained the pressure and Chislett might have scored himself when he made a typical storming break through the clinging mud but his off-load to the ever present Hardcastle didn't go to hand when all the scrum-half had to do was fall over the line. To add to Chippenham's difficulties, just as Meadows was restored, his fellow prop Charlie Newman was dismissed and again Bournemouth took full advantage of his absence when Pollard swung the ball wide for Connolly to finish off an excellent move by scoring wide of the left post. Pollard again kicked the goal and Bournemouth lead 17-nil at the interval.

Early in the second half Bournemouth found themselves desperately defending their line but two dismissals in quick succession, first flanker Hennings then a couple or so minutes later No 8 Hart, made the situation even more difficult. From a 5-metre scrum and despite the help of full back Lynch, the Bournemouth scrum was driven back for No 8 Bobby Lyons to score. Scrum-half Lewis Surry pushed his conversion attempt wide of the near post to leave the score 17-5 with nearly half-an-hour to go. Bournemouth soon found themselves back on the defensive but from deep inside their 22-metre area, left wing Edwards was able to break out. He got beyond the half-way line but as the defence closed in him he looked for support and got the ball away to Hardcastle. The scrum-half was almost immediately scragged and then he was penalized for 'holding on' but at least the immediate danger had been averted. With the restoration of the two back row men, Bournemouth began to reassert themselves and more of the play was safely in Chippenham's half. Conscious of the importance of the try-scoring bonus point Bournemouth strove for those two extra tries. As the underfoot conditions took its toll on the fitness of the players, play began to open up but it was from a penalty that Bournemouth engineered their next try. From outside the Chippenham 22-metre line, rather than kicking for touch, full back Lynch opted to tap the ball and 'go' testing the Chippenham's defence willingness to tackle him. He was stopped short of the line but had the strength to eventually force his way over to score tenth try of the season. Pollard kept up his 100% kicking record and Bournemouth lead 24-5 with ten or so minutes to go. With time running out and Chippenham determined not to yield another score it required some excellent play by Bournemouth to find the opening for right wing Searle. He broke through and seemed certain to score but stumbled. However, the winger managed to scramble over to register that all-important fourth try much to the delight of his team mates. With another fine kick, Pollard added the two points to leave Bournemouth 31-5 victors.

Underfoot conditions were very difficult which both sides did well to overcome and provide an entertaining closely fought contest. A much-improved Chippenham will be disappointed that perhaps they hadn't been able to field their strongest side against the top side but they certainly gave Bournemouth a 'run for their money' with very little reward.

**Doug Warren.**

**Teams**

**Bournemouth:** Karim Lynch/t, Robbie Searle/t, Dan Connolly/t, Scott Chislett, 'Eddie' Edwards (Ben Stewart 76), Dan Pollard/4cp, Sam Hardcastle, Riad Lynch (Joe Tarrant HT), Frazer Wilford, Alan Manning/C, Tim Seward, Callum Forrest, Jack Hennings (Yellow card 48), Anthony Dunkerley, Gavin Hart (Yellow card 51).

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

**Medical Team:** Andy Curtis and Simon Fitch.

**Video Analyst:** Helen Ryan.

**Chippenham:** Ryan Surry, Chris Fletcher, Gary Champion, Rupert Crockett, Matt Rhodes, Calum McConnell, Lewis Surry, Charles Newman (Yellow card 35), John Turner, Jake Meadows (Yellow card 25), Till Selting, Matt Bye, Nick Doyle, Fraser Cilverd, Bobby Lyons/C/t. **Substitutes:** Alex Cox, Nicholas Aston, Mike Beswick.

**Referee:** Brian Barclay; Devon.

**Referee Observer:** Peter Lewis; Gloucestershire & District.

**Touch Judges:** Gavin Fisher, Andy Fielding.

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

**League Positions:** Bournemouth remain top on 90 points. Chippenham drop two places to 8th on 46 points.

**In the League:** Scott Chislett extends his own record as inside centre to 63; Sam Hardcastle extends his own record as scrum-half to 151; Gavin Hart extends his own record of consecutive appearances as No 8 in a season to 19, which equals the career record set by Chris Hughes set in 2009/0-2010/1, this is also, ipso facto, a debut-season record; Alan Manning extends his own record of consecutive appearances as tighthead prop, as a forward and as captain to 57 and extends his own record as captain to 63; Dan Pollard extends his own record of conversions in a season to 64; Robbie Searle is top try-scorer in National 3 SW with 18; Ben Stewart plays for the 50th time; Bournemouth have four of the top 10 try-scorers in N3SW.

### Match Results • 18 February 2012

Bridgwater & A 19 - 34 Amersham & C

Chinnor 35 - 3 Exmouth

**Chippenham 5 - 31 Bournemouth**

Newton Abbott 60 - 7 Newbury Blues

Old Patesians 38 - 15 Oxford Hqns

Redingensians 17 - 3 Barnstaple

Weston-s-Mare 10 - 13 Old Redcliffians

### Season 2011/2012 • SSE National 3 SW Table • As at 18 February 2012

Team	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	Diff	Pts	T	L	A	Tot	Opponents 25 Feb '12
Bournemouth	19	18	0	1	961	162	799	72	17	1		90	Newton Abbot (h)
Chinnor	18	18	0	0	759	201	558	72	13			85	Oxford Hqns (a)
Redingensians	17	14	0	3	582	222	360	56	12	3		71	Old Patesians (a)
Exmouth	20	12	0	8	644	460	184	48	8	4		60	No game
Barnstaple	18	11	0	7	367	302	65	44	6	2		52	Chippenham (h)
Old Patesians	18	10	0	8	514	485	29	40	10			50	Redingensians (h)
Newton Abbot	19	10	0	9	459	379	80	40	4	3		47	Bournemouth (a)
Chippenham	19	8	1	10	441	546	-105	34	10	2		46	Barnstaple (a)
Weston-s-Mare	19	9	0	10	439	470	-31	36	7	2		45	No game
Amersham & C	19	6	0	13	328	550	-222	24	7	4		35	No game
Old Redcliffians	18	6	1	11	336	503	-167	26	3	3		32	Newbury Blues (h)
Oxford Hqns	19	7	0	12	308	632	-324	28	3		-5	26	Chinnor (h)
Bridgwater & A	20	1	0	19	284	841	-557	4	3	4	-5	6	No game
Newbury Blues	19	0	0	19	176	845	-669	0	1	2		3	Old Redcliffians (a)

### Bournemouth v Chippenham

**Played 10: Won 10, Drawn 0, Lost 0. Points For: 311/43t30c12p; Against: 61/7t4c5p1d.**

**Highest Score:** Bournemouth 53 (53-7) in 2009/0. Chippenham 19 (19-51) in 2008/9.

**Highest Margin:** Bournemouth 46 (53-7) in 2009/0. Chippenham -3 (8-11) in 1996/7.

Season	Date, Ven & Res	Score	Scorers
92/3 SC	10 Oct h w	23-0	D Elliott/9/t, A Freeman/8/t, S Wyatt/15/2c3p.
93/4 SC	13 Nov a w	8-3	I Ham/12/p, W Renwick/8/t.
96/7 SW2E	1 Feb h w	11-8	M Burley/8/2p, M Jarrett/S13/t.
	30 Apr a w	27-12	R Bevis/10/t, M Burley/7/3c2p, M Jarrett/11/2t.
08/9 SW1	11 Oct h w	51-19	D Cawley/2/2t, D Davies/15/t, N Ngapaku/10/t, M Pope/11/3t5c2p.
	14 Feb a w	26-7	AM Edwards/13/2t, S Hardcastle/9/2t, M Pope/11/3c.
09/0 N3SW	5 Dec a w	38-0	S Chislett/9/2t, M Kiely/8/3t, M Pope/11/t4c.
	3 Apr h w	53-7	S Chislett/9/t, C Hughes/8/t, K Lynch/15/2t, M Pope/11/2t5cp, G Webber/R13/t, F Wilford/2/t.
11/2 N3SW	22 Oct h w	43-0	R Bruce/12/t, S Chislett/10/t, S Hardcastle/9/2t, J Hennings/6/t, K Lynch/14/t, R Searle/15/t4c.
	18 Feb a w	31-5	D Connolly/13/t, K Lynch/15/t, Penalty Try/t, D Pollard/10/4cp, R Searle/14/t.