

BAILEY'S-PEARCEING PUTS NORTH DORSET ON GARDNER LEAVE!!

BOURNEMOUTH 4's 66 – NORTH DORSET 4's 19

The first hints of autumn were felt on the first Saturday of October with an overcast windy day, a wind that finally saw Bournemouth Bedouin's luck turn and their inaugural league win.

A spirited North Dorset side provided an excellent test for John Coxon and Craig Deans embryonic mix of youth and experience but it took only 9 minutes for Bournemouth's newest 'old hand' Salvatore Ponzio to storm over the line for a moral boosting lead which was duly converted by Johnny 'Boris' Becker for the first of eight successful extra point kicks.

The confidence was there for all to see and Bourne seized total control and played almost the whole of the first period in the opposition half and their running rugby was a joy to behold as Bedouin's scored another 4 first half tries through Craig Dean, Kevin 'Piggy' Dubach, Ben Gardner and full back Leigh Bailey-Pearce all of which were successfully converted.

A mention should also be made for Bournemouth substitute Ryan Rogers who agreed to replace a North Dorset player with a badly gashed knee and lets hope that his performance for N. Dorset will be repeated in the correct colours next week.

HALF TIME: BOURNEMOUTH 4's 35 – NORTH DORSET 4's 0

The second half began in similar fashion with another excellent try giving debutant Ben Gardner his second score of the match cutting through the Dorset defence like a knife through butter.

Bournemouth then seem to lose their way a little allowing North Dorset to score in the 52nd and 57th minutes with another Bailey-Pearce try sandwiched in the middle, the 62nd minute brought ex Leicester Forest player Gardner his hat trick with another fine run from distance.

The fours received their second yellow card of the season on 73 minutes, with the referee not sure whom committed the offence of lifting a man of his feet after 3 warnings, at first he seemed to think it may have been replacement Sean Buckle but eventually plumped for fellow sub Lee Dean, but despite the offence being committed the perpetrator remained unpunished, so records should show that Lee took one for the team!

The final 7 minutes saw 3 further scores 1 for the away side and 2 for a rampant Bournemouth, with Bailey-Pearces hat trick and a thoroughly deserved touch down for the hard working Becker.

A most satisfactory afternoon and an excellent moral boost for the up coming visit of league leaders East Dorset.

FULL TIME: BOURNEMOUTH 4's 66 – NORTH DORSET 4's 19

BOURNEMOUTH FOURTHS LINE UP:

1:STEPHEN BOWES, 2: LEIGH OWEN, 3: DAN THOMAS, 4: MARK PETRIE,
5: SALVATORE PONZIO, 6: MATT NORMAN, 7: JOHN COXON, 8: KEVIN DUBACH,
9: MARK DOBLE, 10: IAN CARSWELL, 11: JOHNNY BECKER, 12: CRAIG DEAN,
13: BEN GARDNER, 14: PAUL VENABLES, 15: LEIGH BAILEY-PEARCE

SUBSTITUTES: 16: COLIN LAZENBURY (for LEIGH OWEN 40mins),
17: LEE DEAN (for MARK PETRIE 60mins), 18: SEAN BUCKLE (for JOHN COXON 70mins)
19: RYAN ROGERS (for NORTH DORSET 36mins)

MEN OF THE MATCH: FORWARDS: KEVIN DUBACH, BACKS: BEN GARDNER

