

## **'BEDOUIN'S GRANT-ED EMPHATIC WIN'**

### **SWANAGE & WAREHAM 4's 0 – BOURNEMOUTH 4's 56**

Far from the Bedouin's hunting ground of the deserts and mountains of Sinai, we found ourselves in amongst the hills of The Purbeck s in Wareham far, far from home.

The day started with the referee not knowing which pitch we were playing on and when he did locate the playing surface he decided that it was unfit for purpose because the padding on the posts was not suitable, it was the official's first ever game in charge and despite a few errors he gained respect from both sides and helped create an enjoyable afternoon.

The emphasis should be firmly on enjoyable despite the driving rain and diminishing light, Bournemouth found themselves in control directly from the kick off and anyone watching was treated to a buoyant Bedouin's side whom played an exquisite passing game.

The backs took just 7 minutes to run in their first try scored by Steve Merifield, then followed 4 more tries from the backs in the shape of Ben O'Sullivan, Grant Webber, another Merifield score and Ian Carswell then the forwards got in on the act in the shape of Kevin 'Piggy' Dubach accompanied by 2 conversions from O'Sullivan a 34-0 scoreline was well merited at half time.

### **HALF – TIME: SWANAGE & WAREHAM 4's 0 – BOURNEMOUTH 4's 34**

The second half started in driving rain and bad light, Swanage had their only effort to score when they produced a failed drop goal attempt, but the new central partnership of Grant Webber and Ed Strickland once again lit up the afternoon as they continued to run riot with Webber scoring again and Strickland getting in on the act with his own double.

The victory was completed on the stroke of time with O'Sullivan going over for his second score and after converting Webber's second try he left the pitch with an impressive personal tally of 16 points.

Despite the bad weather the Bedouin's find themselves going from strength to strength, with a weekly injection it seems of new players, we are now a team that are making the rest of the league look over their shoulders.

This fine win moved Bourne to 6<sup>th</sup> in the league table, which will become 5<sup>th</sup> if we secure a victory at home next Saturday to Wincanton and impressively with 179 points we are the leagues 3<sup>rd</sup> top scorers.

#### **BOURNEMOUTH FOURTHS LINE UP:**

1: SEAN BUCKLE, 2: GUY ANDREW, 3: LIAM CHAMBERLAIN, 4: SALVATORE PONZIO,  
5: JOHN TATTAM, 6: LEE DEAN, 7: GEORGE THATCHER, 8: KEVIN DUBACH,  
9: MARK DOBLE, 10: IAN CARSWELL, 11: STEVE MERIFIELD, 12: ED STRICKLAND,  
13: GRANT WEBBER, 14: PAUL VENABLES, 15: BEN O'SULLIVAN

SUBSTITUTES: 16: CRAIG DEAN (for Grant Webber 50mins), 17: JOHN COXON (for Mark Doble 61mins), 18: ANDY WISEMAN (for Sean Buckle 40mins), 19: COLIN LAZENBURY (for George Thatcher 58mins)