

'CARSWELL'S CONCERTO'

BOURNEMOUTH 4's 49 – WINCANTON 22

Probably the Bedouin's finest performance of the season, with all the hard work that has been put in with everyone involved with the 4's this was a thoroughly superb victory.

The start was delayed until 2.50 as Wincanton seemed to find it difficult to locate Chapel Gate, with kick off due at 2pm, due to the light problems we encounter during December, the Bournemouth squad experienced a warm up of 100 minutes, there was now no excuse that they weren't warmed up, due to the late start the game took place on pitch 1 under floodlights.

Despite the atmosphere created by a floodlit game Bournemouth found themselves immediately on the back foot as Wincanton strode through a static defence to open the scoring on 3 minutes, but then enter 'stage left' the orchestration phenomenon that is Mr Ian Carswell, his performance would have graced any pitch at any level, with his string section of young backs and his rostrum of a bullish pack and of course the charismatic Mark Doble providing the cues, it was Ian's day.

His reading of the game was a delight to behold, Ramon Mallette put the first score on the board for the home side on 7 minutes, followed by a penalty move from 10metres as the ever improving Guy Andrew stormed over the line, Bournemouth's first half scoring was completed on 30 minutes after Carswell, released Grant Webber who delayed his killer pass until the last moment to put Ben O'Sullivan over in the corner.

After feeling the hard work had been achieved for the first half again Wincanton were allowed to score unchallenged at the end of the half.

HALF – TIME: BOURNEMOUTH 4's 15 – WINCANTON 10

As the second half commenced Wincanton suddenly had a sniff of success and fought hard for possession, but on the 50minute mark Carswell delivered a pin point pass to release the born again Salvatore Ponzio to run nearly half the length of the pitch under the now fully effective floodlights and raucous cheers from the increasing crowd to score his 3rd try of the campaign which was neatly converted by Mallette.

The next 12 minutes saw Bedouin's run riot with scores from Mallette and Webber, with the increasing margin again the visitors were allowed to score without challenge, which Wincanton also converted.

Seemingly realising their lack of conviction at Wincanton's score, the Bed's ran in 3 more tries, Mallette's hat trick and Ed Strickland's statutory two tries and a conversion, Did anyone know he could kick? The visitors scored again in the last minute.

A fantastic afternoons work was only spoilt by letting in three unnecessary tries and Doughnut's of the day Ed Strickland and Ramon Mallette's lovers tiff over who was going to take the last conversion attempt, causing the referee to call time on the effort.

The pack were dominant against a heavier outfit, the backs were outstanding led by the inspiring Carswell and a big welcome back from injury to Nick Darvill.

Bring on Wimborne!!!!

BOURNEMOUTH FOURTHS LINE UP:

1: SEAN BUCKLE, 2: GUY ANDREW, 3: MIKE DEADMAN, 4: SALVATORE PONZIO,
5: LIAM CHAMBERLAIN, 6: LEE DEAN, 7: CRAIG DEAN, 8: GREG HILTON,
9: MARK DOBLE, 10: IAN CARSWELL, 11: BEN O'SULLIVAN, 12: ED STRICKLAND,
13: GRANT WEBBER, 14: RAMON MALLETTE, 15: LEIGH BAILEY-PEARCE

SUBSTITUTES: 16: PAUL VENABLES (for Ben O'Sullivan 40mins), 17: COLIN LAZENBURY
(for Salvatore Ponzio 62mins), 18: CONNOR SCOTT (for Ed Strickland 20mins), 19: NICK
DARVILL (for Mike Deadman 51mins) and rolling subs ED STRICKLAND (for Craig Dean
40mins), CRAIG DEAN (for Connor Scott 51mins)

MAN OF THE MATCH: IAN CARSWELL

DOUGHNUTS OF THE DAY: RAMON MALLETTE & ED STRICKLAND