

BEDOUIIN'S HIT OAKS WALL

BOURNEMOUTH 4's: 3 – OAKMEDIANS 3's: 22

Bournemouth's 4th team the Bedouin's played their first league fixture in Dorset & Wilts Division 3 South but unfortunately encountered a solid wooden wall in Oakmedians 3's the probable favourites for the Division.

Bournemouth were on the back foot from the kick off and fell behind 6 minutes into the game when they failed to clear their own lines, from the restart Bourne had an opportunity to display their attacking prowess when some excellent work by the pack forced Oaks into conceding a penalty, within kicking distance which Leighton Jones duly dispatched to reduce the deficit.

Under a constant barrage Bournemouth fell further behind after 15 minutes when the referee signalled a penalty in favour of Bournemouth 5 meters from their own line and as 2 players were receiving treatment and the home side had turned their backs to discuss the options, the official inexplicably blew his whistle and an Oaks player picked up the ball and touched down and the try was awarded and converted.

This appeared to have the desired effect and Craig Dean's men fought hard as both sides battled for the next score, but Bourne were finding it difficult to escape their own half, things went from bad to worse on 30 minutes when 17 year old colt Ryan Horan playing at 10 made an excellent tackle on the oppositions No.8 which was not to the players liking and to show his displeasure he decided to thank him with a swift punch in front of all, second row Greg Hilton pushed the player to the ground and was duly awarded a yellow card but this was the ONLY discipline issued!

Being down to 14 men Bournemouth were all at sea and Oaks exposed this by running in 2 uncontested tries close to half time.

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Despite the deficit Bournemouth improved in the second half and were duly rewarded when second row replacement Bod Horan went over under the posts but the try was not allowed.

Bournemouth could not make any further impression on the score board but the valiant effort was rewarded with a pointless second half.

This excellent effort will shortly be rewarded with a win; the future looks bright for Bournemouth 4ths.....

FULL TIME: BOURNEMOUTH 3 – OAKMEDIANS 22

BOURNEMOUTH 4THS LINE UP:

1: COLIN LAZENBURY, 2: LEIGH OWEN, 3: STEPHEN BOWES, 4: GREG HILTON,
5: JOE WORRALL, 6: GEORGE THATCHER, 7: LEE DEAN, 8: SIMON DOWNS,
9: MARK DOBLE, 10: RYAN HORAN, 11: PAUL VENABLES, 12: LEIGHTON JONES,
13: CRAIG DEAN, 14: RAMON MALLETT, 15: LEIGH BAILEY PEARCE

SUBS: FIONAN MAGEE, JOHN COXON, RYAN ROGERS, DAN THOMAS,
BOD HORAN, TIM BUCK

MAN OF THE MATCH: LEE DEAN