Bradford Town 3-1 Bournemouth

(2-0)

Ref Number	5802/2	Competition	Emirates FA Cup
Date	Saturday 02/08/2025		Extra Preliminary Round
Kick-Off	3pm	Referee	Rob Herrett
Ground	Trowbridge Road	Assistant-1	David Heath
Visit Number	6 (prev. Mt.#5238; December 2017)	Assistant-2	Paul Freeman
Conditions	Sunny, hot	Adjustments	H4+KO; F4
Temperature	21°C	Other Notes	-

Match Details:

28	**1**-0	Wakefield[1]	
32	**2**-0	Wakefield[2]	
51	**3**-0	Wakefield[3]	
52	Red>		Cope
90	3-**1**		Simpson



Bradford Town
[Western – Premier]

No		sub	gl	YC	RC
1	Tom Creed				
2	Jacob Mead				
3	Manny Adepitan	71			
4	Fabian Stanislas				
15	Charlie Warren				
6	Jack Coward				
16	Jensen Wakefield	77	3		
8	Jack Farion	71			
9	Josiah McKayle				
10	Leo Galazzi	76			
19	Harvey Woods	85			
Sub 5/5:					
12	Theo Black	71			
14	Owen Allison	71			
5	Charlie Maddison	76			
18	Ewan Balkwill	77			
21	Rahiem Henry	85			



Bournemouth
[Wessex – Premier]

No		sub	gl	YC	RC
1	Ollie Plunkett				
16	Emmanuel Ohameje				
3	Joshua Spink				
4	Tyrone Carkeet	64			
5	Jonathan Davis	64			
6	Tymoteusz Famurat				
7	Ethan Cheshire	63			
15	Sean Eaton			H4f	
17	Joe Roberts	64			
10	Jake Adams	64			
11	Jake Cope				52d
Sub 5/5:					
12	Edward Myers	64			
14	Fred Bullard	64			
9	Harry Smith	63		65f	
2	Hamza Tallal	64			
8	Lyle Simpson	64	1		

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It's early season FA Cup time once more and a trip to Wiltshire for the Poppies and it proved to be a tough afternoon as they bowed out at the Extra Preliminary Round stage.

Bradford enjoyed the better of the early play and relied on fine defending by Sean Eaton who got in a fine tackle as Town's Leo Galazzi latched onto a header forward. Poppies keeper Ollie Plunkett was in action, punching clear a vicious Havey Woods shot and recovered well to hold under pressure, the ball initially having squirmed from his grasp. Bradford took the lead when the dangerous **Jenson Wakefield** cut inside from the left and beat Plunkett for pace on 28 minutes. Ethan Cheshire dragged a 20-yard effort wide for the visitors but it was **Wakefield** who soon added number two when he struck a firm shot through bodies and in after Jack Coward had got a firm header to a corner that deflected to him. Wakefield almost completed his hat-trick by half-time but this time his route to goal was blocked. HT: 2-0.

Wakefield did complete his hat-trick in the opening minutes of the second half, a classic counter attacking goal, being put clear and controlled to coolly steer a low shot past the keeper. The players were ready to restart but Jake Cope advanced into the Bradford half to speak to the referee and what was said obviously wasn't appreciated as the Bournemouth man was shown the red card; it was already a tough enough task with eleven players! Wakefield continued to be troublesome, having a further effort blocked and then crossed where Eaton again cleared as both Josiah McKayle and Galazzi moved in to finish, Bournemouth clearing the two corners that followed. The Poppies then made five substitutes all together, therefore immediately changing half of their outfield players and one of them received a yellow card for a tough challenge within seconds of his introduction. Two of those changes were Fred Bullard and Lyle Simpson and the former created a chance for the latter which home keeper Tom Creed saved high. The Poppies netted a 90th minute consolation when **Simpson**'s cross from wide on the right went over the keeper and found the far corner. There was still time for Ewan Balkwill to fire off the post for Bradford before the final note. FT: 3-1.

This was a tough one for Bournemouth who were beaten by a team that possessed more determination and will to win. This ground has proved to be an FA competition graveyard for Wessex teams, Christchurch, Lymington, Fareham and Team Solent have all come undone at this ground.

It is wondered whether the FA Cup third round draw in the depts of winter would bring Bradford (City) and (AFC) Bournemouth together? Neither of those teams would probably realise they had namesakes that had met much earlier in the competition!!