

NICHOLAS READ CUP Thursday 5th March 2015

FERNDOWN WAYFARERS 4 JP MORGAN 3 aet

Division Seven title contenders Ferndown Wayfarers just got the better of JP Morgan 4-3 after extra time in an enthralling M.A.HART NICHOLAS READ CUP FINAL on Thursday night at the M.A.Hart Stadium, Hurn Bridge.

JP Morgan opened the scoring after 21 minutes when central defender Leigh Simmons won possession on the halfway line and played the ball forward to **Deon Brophy** who clipped it neatly over the advancing goalkeeper.

Wayfarers were on terms just two minutes later when a free kick into the six yard box came back out to **James Genge** who drilled the ball through a crowded goalmouth and they would have gone in front ten minutes before the interval but for a timely goal line clearance by Simmons.

JP Morgan restored their lead five minutes after the break when a long ball out of defence was headed on by Brophy for **Ben Gard** to volley home.

Wayfarers goalkeeper Lewis Vye kept JPM at bay with a couple of vital saves and Genge headed one off the line as the Division Six promotion candidates continued to press.

Wayfarers equalised in the 80th minute when **Kyle Graham** capitalised on a goalkeeping error but **Deon Brophy** put JP Morgan back in front barely a minute later with a header from a corner.

Wayfarers put a good move together in the 85th minute and, as the ball came across from the right, **Kyle Stacey** was perfectly placed to put them on terms once again.

There was frantic goalmouth action at the other end in the closing minutes of normal time with Wayfarers desperately getting bodies in the way as JP Morgan peppered their goal.

JP Morgan substitute Keeble Osborne was cautioned by referee Paul Barber for a late challenge less than a minute after coming on at the start of extra time then, a minute later, Wayfarers substitute **Ryan Vye** put them ahead for the first time in the game when he headed home Ian Male's cross from the right.

Wayfarers' Michael Finch saw red at the end of the first period of extra time for a challenge on Jamie Edge but his colleagues managed to survive the remaining fifteen minutes with ten men.

JP Morgan striker Deon Brophy was chosen as **Man of the Match** by BDFA President Mike Fowler

Ferndown Wayfarers : Lewis Vye, Sean Monaghan, Daryl Baines, James Genge, Sam Chetwynd, Dan Fletcher, Joe Moore (Joel Tapping 55 mins)(Ryan Vye 78 mins), Kyle Stacey, Michael Finch, Ian Male, Kyle Graham.

J P Morgan : Jake McKenna, Richard Norton, Leigh Simmons (Jamie Edge 85 mins), Gerard O'Mullan (Lloyd Wallen 98 mins), Ben Gard, Josh Hartley Keeble Osborne 90 mins), Fergal McCloskey, Deon Brophy, Liam Flowers, Jack McGann, Craig Whittaker.

