

# M.A.HART NICHOLAS READ CUP FINAL

**CANFORD ROVERS 1 VIENNA SUTTONERS "A" 1 aet**  
**Vienna Suttoners "A" won 4-2 on penalties**

**Hayward Sunday Division Six leaders Vienna Suttoners "A" lifted the M.A.HART NICHOLAS READ CUP after a marathon battle with promotion rivals Canford Rovers in Thursday night's final at Hurn Bridge. The teams were level 1-1 after extra time with Bradley Miles' early opener for Rovers being cancelled out by Tyrrell Sampson's second half equaliser for the Suttoners who eventually emerged 4-2 winners on penalties.**

The early pressure was from Suttoners but Canford Rovers broke away to take a 7<sup>th</sup> minute lead when Connor Carpenter headed the ball through for **Bradley Miles** who showed good technique to create the space to find the top corner of the net from 18 yards out.

Vienna had some promising opportunities to get on terms but their finishing was nowhere near accurate enough to trouble Kieran Smith in the Canford goal.

With half time approaching, an excellent through ball by Luke Hall had Bradley Miles running clear of the Vienna defence but he was tripped by Harry Salter resulting in a yellow card for the Vienna defender.

Kieran Smith dealt confidently with a cross to the near post at the start of the second half but the Rovers 'keeper had no chance when Vienna equalised in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute, Teddy Hills laying the ball perfectly into the path of **Tyrrell Sampson** who drilled it home from close range.

Only some good work by goalkeeper Smith kept Rovers in the game as Vienna began to dominate, blocking Ryan Baker's shot with his legs and then denying Sampson when a precise through ball from Hills put Vienna's leading marksman clean through.

Will Stone then fired a shot towards the far corner of the net only to see Smith's outstretched boot divert it to safety.

Canford substitute Tom Perry fired narrowly wide with just the advancing Lee Westron to beat before the Vienna 'keeper pulled off a great save, diving full length to turn Connor Carpenter's shot round the post.

Stone put Sampson through at the other end in the 74<sup>th</sup> minute but Smith denied him with a superb save, leaping to claw the ball round the post for a corner.

Vienna broke down the right in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute but Smith got down well to save at the near post then, in stoppage time, Sampson went down under pressure from Rovers' defender Chakeam Beagley who received a yellow card.

Rovers were awarded a penalty three minutes into extra time when Tom Perry was brought down by Kane Torbett but Connor Carpenter's spot kick was well saved by Lee Westron.

There was another setback for Rovers when they were reduced to ten men seven minutes later, substitute Alex Johnstone being red carded by referee Chloe-Ann Anderson after a late challenge on Oli Payne.

Canford were hanging on defiantly in the face of sustained Vienna pressure and, in the second period of extra time, Smith made another brilliant save, parrying Bart Sliwa's point blank header from a corner with Hills just unable to turn the rebound in.

Stone raced away down left in the closing minutes to force an excellent diving save from the Rovers goalkeeper and, with the teams still level at 1-1, the game had to be decided on penalties.

Vienna had the early advantage after Rovers' first effort first effort went over the bar but it was all square at 2-2 after Smith saved Vienna's third spot kick. Not to be outdone, Westron saved Rovers' penultimate penalty, and Kane Torbett settled the issue for Vienna when his successful spot kick gave them the verdict 4-2.

Canford Rovers goalkeeper **Kieran Smith** was chosen for the **Man of the Match** award by BHFL President Mike Fowler.

**Canford Rovers** :- Kieran Smith, Rhys Coslett, Chakeam Beagley, Jack Schwarzin, Ricki Miles, Ryan Stacey, Connor Carpenter, Luke Hall (Zak Blackburn 55 mins), Bradley Miles, Jordan Young (Tom Perry 63 mins), Leyton Glover (Alex Johnstone 84 mins)

**Vienna Suttoners "A"**:- Lee Westron, Brad Hamer-Brough, Harry Salter, Kane Torbett, Jake Farrier-Ledden (Bart Sliwa 82 mins), Ryan Baker, Lewis Miles, Will Stone, Oli Payne (Freddie Gay 105 mins), Teddy Hills, Tyrrell Sampson.