

M.A.HART PICKFORD CUP FINAL

BOURNEMOUTH MANOR 1 -2 BOURNEMOUTH SPORTS

Thursday 6th April 2017 at Hurn Bridge

Leading marksman Ian Musselwhite struck five minutes from time to give Hayward Saturday Premier Division leaders Bournemouth Sports the verdict 2-1 against championship rivals Bournemouth Manor in a fiercely contested M.A.Hart Pickford Cup Final at Hurn Bridge. It was excellent work from Musselwhite that led to Sports taking the lead after just seven minutes, playing a neat one-two with Jack Jones on the halfway line to give himself a clear run on goal. Although he only had Manor goalkeeper Steve Marais to beat, Musselwhite unselfishly squared the ball for Nathan Edwards to apply the finishing touch at the far post. Manor were stung into action and they responded with Terry Foote heading a long free kick from Colin Dand just wide of the post and Sports 'keeper Kyle Roberjot then had to get down quickly to save a low shot from Martin Sault.

Manor were piling on the pressure midway through the first half with Sports having to defend three corners in quick succession but they were unable to breach the resolute Sports rearguard.

Lewis Burgis was narrowly wide with headers on two occasions and, when he did have the ball in the Sports net in stoppage time at the end of the first half, the effort was ruled out as Terry Foote was adjudged to have impeded Sports 'keeper Roberjot.

Manor did equalise three minutes after the interval though when Luke Scrimshaw took possession of the ball in the Sports penalty area and he found the net with a perfectly flighted lob that dropped just inside the far post.

Sports responded with Jack Sullivan heading Jack Jones' cross just wide then, at the other end, Lewis Burgis met Sam Purdy's centre with a glancing header that was only just off target.

A Martin Sault lob from outside the penalty area in the 71st minute only just cleared the crossbar with the 'keeper off his line and then, three minutes later, Terry Foote's header put Sam Purdy away. The Manor player went sprawling in the penalty area when challenged by Jamie Pickett but referee Mark James was unmoved by Manor's claims for a penalty. Sports swept down the other end with Jack Sullivan breaking through but good defensive work by Colin Dand and the close attention of Dan Taylor enabled Steve Marais to gather the ball.

Manor substitute Mickey Finch had a great chance to make an impact immediately after coming on in the 80th minute when Terry Foote played him in but his shot from the edge of the box flashed wide of the far post.

With extra time looming, Sports grabbed the decisive goal. Jack Sullivan was put through on the right to get in a shot on goal. Manor 'keeper Marais could only deflect the ball into the path of Ian Musselwhite who swept it in from close range to settle the issue.

To add to Manor's woes, substitute Ryan Shaylor was sent off in stoppage time following an off the ball incident.



Bournemouth Sports match winner Ian Musselwhite was chosen for the Man of the Match award by Hayward League President Mike Fowler

Bournemouth Manor :- Steve Marais, Darren Millar, Dan Taylor (Adam Janes 86 mins), Colin Dand, Lewis Burgis, Dave Saunders (Ryan Shaylor 67 mins), Martin Sault, Darren Spiers, Terry Foote, Sam Purdy, Luke Scrimshaw (Mickey Finch 79 mins).

Bournemouth Sports :- Kyle Roberjot, Kane Brennan, Zach Keane, Phil Staples, Dave Lock, Jamie Pickett, Jack Sullivan (Adam Baxter 86 mins), Mark Gunter (Scott Rogers 37 mins), Ian Musslewhite, Jack Jones, Nathan Edwards.

