

M.A.HART ROBBINS CUP FINAL

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Thursday 28th April 2016

at Hurn Bridge

PRIORY QUAYS 4 THROOP UNITED 2

Max Crow 3 mins, 54 mins

Carl Phillips 32 mins

Dan Brennan 25 mins

Adam Louka 73 mins

Steve Flynn 57 mins

Hayward Sunday Premier League leaders Priory Quays put the heartbreak of last season's M.A.Hart Robbins Cup Final defeat behind them when they lifted the trophy following their 4-2 success against Throop United in this year's final.

United looked as though they were going to be overwhelmed when Quays struck twice in devastating a three minute spell early in the second half to open up a 4-1 lead but, to their credit, the Division Two title contenders came back with an Adam Louka goal and went close on a number of other occasions.

Quays were off to a flying start when they unlocked the Throop defence after just three minutes. Max Wilcock weaved his way through the United defence and threaded the ball across for **Max Crow** to score with a tap in at the far post.

Throop came back strongly with Chris Ballam's powerful strike parried by Quays goalkeeper Nick Elliott in the 12th minute and the Quays 'keeper was in action again eight minutes later when Adam Louka set up James Morris to fire in a shot from 12 yards which Elliott did well to save as he dived across his goal line.

Priory doubled their lead after 25 minutes though when central defender **Dan Brennan** met Chris Burden's corner from the left and steered an excellent header over goalkeeper Mark Frost and under the Throop crossbar.

Frost did well to dive and tip a header round the post in the 27th minute and then, a minute later, Ollie Peckham's cross from the right was headed narrowly wide of the far post by Steve Flynn.

United halved the deficit in the 32nd minute when **Carl Phillips** met a cross from the right with a magnificent close range diving header at the near post that flew past Elliott and into the back of the net.

Priory took a firm grip on the game when they struck twice in three minutes early in the second half. The industrious **Max Crow** brought the ball under control neatly on the edge of the box in the 54th minute to drill a stunning shot into the far corner of the net then, in the 57th minute, Chris Burden's pin point cross from the left was headed home by **Steve Flynn**.

Flynn had a header well held by Frost in the 65th minute before **Adam Louka** pulled one back in the 73rd minute with an impressive strike, volleying the ball into the roof of the net from twelve yards.

Charlie Heggan won the ball in midfield three minutes later before hitting a long range effort which drew an excellent diving save from Elliott and the Quays' keeper was soon in action again when he saved well from Louka in the 84th minute.

Quays' two goal striker **Max Crow** was chosen for the **Man of the Match** award by Hayward League President Mike Fowler.

Priory Quays : Nick Elliott, Dan Brennan, Manny Ohameje, Ryan O'Reilly (Simon Tao 71 mins), Chris Burden (Rafael Santos 71 mins), Max Wilcock, Ollie Peckham, Steve Flynn, Kev Brennan, Max Crow, Stuart Ellis.

Throop United : Mark Frost, Carl Phillips, Mike Gilbert, James Flanagan (Warren Rutten 45 mins), Adam Louka, Shane Sheridan, Scott Logan, James Morris (Ashley Wood 67 mins), Charlie Heggan, Chris Ballam (John Bailey 89 mins), Mike Andrews.