



**Match report**  
**Downton 4-3 Poole Town**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017**  
**Bournemouth Senior Cup Quarter Final**  
**Att 45**

Poole fielded a side from their lively and capable development squad for this fixture and Downton countered with a smattering of products of their own reserve programme amongst the more up and coming of their first team. As a result this was an even contest and end to end enthusiastic football on a drizzly evening in deepest Wiltshire that entertained the reasonable crowd who had braved the weather.

Poole scored early when an unmarked Oli Balmer knocked in a cross from the right at the far post in the second minute but Downton soon got back into the game with an equaliser on 11 minutes from Craig Tyson from the edge of the area.

Poole's slick passing was matched by the normal solid defensive work of the home side, who tested the visitors backline with their more forthright approach to attacking play. The result was there were chances at both ends and the two keepers had to be on their toes and pulled off some fine saves. But on 26 minutes, Nathan Ball was beaten by Oli Balmer to once again put the visitors ahead direct from a free kick. However the teams would go in level at the break as Nathan Connelly equalized in time added on at the end of the first period for the home side.

Both teams introduced subs at the start of the second half to try and gain the upper hand and the advantage tipped towards the hosts with a go ahead goal from Captain Shaun Prentice just 9 minutes in. On 62 minutes Downton were awarded a penalty that Connelly converted for his second on the night to give a home side a 4-2 lead. Poole fought back and again had Downton relying on their defensive qualities for sustained spells but a slip gained the visitors their own penalty shout on 67 minutes, but Nathan Ball saved from Oli Balmer spot kick. To maintain the two goal advantage.

Poole grabbed a late consolation four minutes into time added on for a respectable 4-3 scoreline through sub George Turner but it was Downton's night and they now face an away semi-final at Bashley on 21<sup>st</sup> November.



**Downton:** 1.Nathan Ball 2. Dan Savage 3.Ben Vincent 4.Pete Fletcher 5.Craig Tyson (1g -11) 6. Marcus Savage (sub 15.Ross Bentall 66mins) 7. Dan Telfer 8. Ash Thomas ( sub 12. Dan Milton 80Mins) 9 Shaun Prentice (c) (1g-54)10.Harry Crisp (sub 14.Sam O'Hagan 2<sup>nd</sup> half) 11.Nathan Connelly (2g-45+1, 62pen) sub not used 17 Mark Gulliver.



**Poole Town :** 1. Ben Rolleston 2. Chris Reynolds(sub 12. Jack Williamson 80mins) 3.Uyi Osodolor 4.Quassi Waters 5. Harvey Wright (c) ( sub 16 George Turner (1g 90+3) 2<sup>nd</sup> half) 6. George Richardson 7.Sean Wright (sub16. George Turner 2<sup>nd</sup> half) 8. Morgan Turner 9.Oli Balmer ( 2g-2,26) 10.Sam Herrington 11. Adam Nditi sub not used 15. Ryan Mitchell