## MARK HART SUNDAY SENIOR CUP FINAL

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

at Hurn Bridge

## ABBEY 3 LOCH & QUAY 1 a.e.t

The eagerly awaited MARK HART SUNDAY SENIOR CUP FINAL between unbeaten Sunday League champions Loch & Quay and runners up Abbey was decided in the last seven minutes of extra time when Abbey struck twice to emerge 3-1 winners.

Abbey opened the scoring after just 4 minutes when Callum Perry's cross from the right found Max Wilcock in the penalty area. The Abbey striker's first time effort sent the ball back towards the near post where **Louis Kellaway** was perfectly placed to steer it past goalkeeper Luke Dennison.

Loch & Quay were on the back foot as Abbey dominated the early play and central defender Chris Dillon did well to get his body in the way of a goal bound effort from John Webb.

It was one of a number of chances that Abbey created and it was midway through the first half before Loch & Quay's first real opportunity arrived with River Smith cleverly lining himself up for a shot on the turn which went wide of the far post.

Luke Dennison managed to stick out a foot to block Jack Dickson's far post header from a corner on the half hour as Abbey continued to dominate.

Lock & Quay equalised after 39 minutes when a long ball from Olly Balmer led to a mix up between Sean Griffiths and Luke Dawe which let **River Smith** in to slot the ball into the net.

It was Loch & Quay in the ascendancy after the break and Abbey central defender Sean Griffiths had to make a vital goal line clearance twelve minutes into the second half when Jamie Morgan steered the ball past Luke Dawe who gratefully grabbed the rebound.

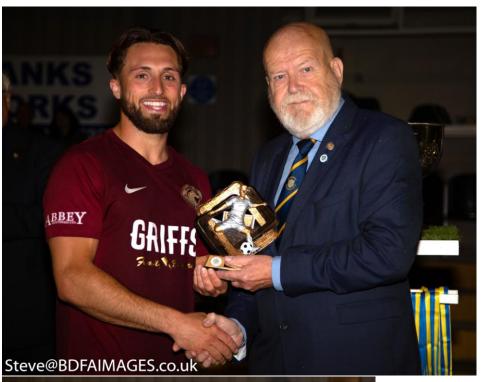
Abbey substitute Adam Grange went on a great run in the 85<sup>th</sup> minute but Loch & Quay broke quickly with River Smith taking the ball past Luke Dawe but Jack Dickson did brilliantly to get back to block the shot.

Luke Delaney was brought down outside the Abbey penalty area five minutes into extra time and Abbey were relieved to see Olly Balmer's superb 25 yard free kick crash against their crossbar.

A long through ball put River Smith away again in the 111<sup>th</sup> minute but once again the impressive Jack Dickson came to the rescue when the Loch & Quay striker took the ball past Luke Dawe.

Abbey broke the deadlock seven minutes from the end of extra time when Callum Perry was fouled just inside the Loch & Quay half. The full back took the free kick himself, curling a high diagonal ball towards the far post where **Max Wilcock** rose above the defence to steer his header across the face of the goal beyond the diving 'keeper and into the corner of the net.

Abbey put the result beyond doubt five minutes later following a long ball down the right by "man of the match" Jack Dickson. Loch & Quay 'keeper Luke Dennison came out of his penalty area to deal with it but, under pressure from Max Wilcock, he miscued his attempted clearance and the ball rolled across the face of his goal where Abbey substitute **Sam Lanahan** ran in to slot it into the empty net.









**Abbey**: Luke Dawe, Callum Perry, Sean Griffiths, Jack Dickson, Bradley Hill, Mickey Hubbard (Adam Grange 83 mins), Max Wilcock (Jack Holland 120 mins), John Webb, Richie Sands, Luke Burbidge (Sam Lanahan 106 mins), Louis Kellaway. Unused substitutes: Tom Willis, Kenny Strong.



**Loch & Quay:** Luke Dennison, Pepe Smith (Rhys Jones 108 mins), James Keith (Mac Raney 64 mins), Harry Cooper (Ben Hatch 113 mins), Chris Dillon, Harvey Elsom, Jamie Morgan (Luke Delaney 68 mins), Ethan Maddocks, River Smith (George Hatch 120 mins), Olly Balmer, Dan Hiscock.