

BHFL ENDEAVOUR CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

Sunday 24th March 2019

at Hurn Bridge, Christchurch

RINGWOOD TOWN Under 18s **5**

HAMWORTHY RECREATION Under 18s **2**

Ringwood Town were 5-2 winners against BHFL Under 18 Division rivals Hamworthy Recreation in a very entertaining Endeavour Challenge Cup Final on a sunny Sunday afternoon at Hurn Bridge.

It had been a very competitive first half but Ringwood became increasingly dominant after the break to claim the prize with three unanswered second half goals.

Hamworthy Recreation took a 16th minute lead when **Joe Scarano** delivered a magnificent 25 yard free kick into the top corner of the net, giving Ringwood goalkeeper Dean Granger absolutely no chance of getting anywhere near it.

Ringwood had a good opportunity to get on terms on the half hour when Dylan Cooper put Callum Gregory away. The Ringwood forward went past a couple of defenders with ease but Hammers' keeper Callum Watson came to the rescue, bravely diving at Gregory's feet to smother the ball.

The Hammers defence did well to block a Dylan Cooper effort two minutes later but Ringwood's persistence paid off with an equaliser in the 36th minute when a superb diagonal free kick into the Hamworthy penalty area was converted from close range by **Jack Boyce**.

Dylan Cooper made a great run down the left two minutes later to set up Callum Gregory whose shot was blocked but there was to be no respite for the Hammers. Dylan Cooper put Luke Quainton away down the left again in the 40th minute and Quainton's excellent cross to the far post found **Callum Gregory** who calmly brought the ball under control and despatched into the roof of the net.

Hamworthy came back to equaliser on the stroke of half time though when Joe Scarano battled with the Ringwood defence for possession following a throw in. enabling **Samir Bouarab** to thread the ball through a crowded penalty area and inside the far post from an acute angle.

Ringwood were on the offensive at the start of the second half and Dylan Cooper met a cross from the left to fire in a low shot which Callum Watson managed to save at the expense of a corner.

Ringwood were ahead again in the 54th minute when a corner from the right was delivered into the goalmouth and **Bradley Venn-Griffiths** rose above everyone to head it home.

Dylan Cooper raced after a through ball on the hour and took it past Callum Watson but the Hammers 'keeper had forced him sufficiently wide for his momentum to prevent him from capitalising.

Another corner from the right in the 66th minute resulted in a fourth goal for Ringwood with skipper **Chris Whalen** on hand to score with a far post header.

Tom Jarvis was only just wide for the Hammers from the edge of the box in the 75th minute after he received a neat pass from Oliver Bird and turned cleverly to whip a shot across the face of the Ringwood goal.

Ringwood continued to dominate though and they struck again in the 85th minute. Elliott Hemmings put Alex Turner through and, although Hammers 'keeper Callum Watson managed to get in a challenge, the ball ran to **Cam Nixon** who sidestepped a defender before slotting it into the empty net.

Ringwood broke away down the left in stoppage time but Hamworthy goalkeeper Callum Watson pulled off an excellent save, getting up well to tip the ball over the bar.

Ringwood Town forward **Callum Gregory** was chosen for the **Man of the Match** award by BHFL President & Chairman Mike Fowler.

Ringwood Town Under 18s :- Dean Granger, Lewis Brookes, Dan Siney, Bradley Venn-Griffiths, Chris Whalen, Jamie Hamer, Harry Loose, Jack Boyle, Dylan Cooper, Callum Gregory, Jamie Quainton, Lewis Pateman, Alex Turner, Elliott Hemmings, Tom Pearson, Cam Nixon.

Hamworthy Recreation Under 18s :- Callum Watson, Nathan Murnane, Dominic Archibald, Harrison Neary, Ashley Sobisch, Dan Newman, Jonny Risbridger, Joseph Scarano, Tom McKew, Owen Fowler, Samir Bouarah, Sam Carr-Brown, Matthew Souper, Oliver Bird, Tom Jarvis.