

COUNTY CUP ROUND UP - SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2019

DORSET SUNDAY CHALLENGE CUP holders Abbey are in their third successive final after Brad Hill, Mickey Hubbard, Luke Dawe, Kev Collins, and Max Wilcock ensured a 5-1 semi final triumph over AFC Gloucester.

Abbey's opponents in the final will be Division Two "form team" Alderney Manor who surprised First Division Wakanda 3-1 in the other semi final thanks to Toby Williams and a couple of goals from James King. Alderney, who are also through to the M.A. Hart In-Excess Cup final, are a lot better than their middle of the table league position suggests and have now chalked up ten successive wins in all competitions. Kieran Shirley was the Wakanda scorer.

HAYWARD SUNDAY LEAGUE ROUND UP - SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2019

Dominic Falco rattled in four and Rhys Newman bagged a hat-trick when Talbot Rangers moved up to third place in **DIVISION ONE** with an emphatic 9-2 victory over JP Morgan. Robbie Harber and Sam Phillips were the other Rangers with Nathan Evans and Kelly Barth replying for the hosts.

Rushmere led with a couple of goals from Liam Phillips in **DIVISION TWO** but second placed Parley Sports came back to win 3-2 thanks to Simon Adair and a Peter Jones brace.

Charlie Tompkins and Jamie Webber struck for bottom placed MK Interiors in **DIVISION THREE** but AFC East Christchurch walloped them 7-2 to move up to second place in the table on goal difference. Ryan Finch led the way with a hat-trick with the other AFC goals coming via Ben Collie, Jake Warry, Steve Burge, and Charlie Barnes.

Tony O'Callaghan and Connor Whitlock netted for Poole Borough but they had to settle for a point in **DIVISION FOUR** when Jack White and Matt Warden earned West Mullen a 2-2 draw.

Grange Athletic continued their pursuit of **DIVISION FIVE** leaders Boscombe Celtic by hammering bottom placed Forest United 9-0 with goals from Richard Witherington (2), Charlie Ryan (2), Adam Cronin, Jordan Addoo, Josh Smith, Lewis Hinton, and Taryn McColm.

DIVISION SIX pacesetters Woodville Wanderers returned to winning ways to subdue Poole Rovers 4-3 courtesy of Ian Maidment, Harry Salter (pen), Luke Scoble, and Leon Samson. Karl Chalkley struck twice for Rovers with Tyler Gregory also on target. Woodville are five points clear at the top but title rivals JP Morgan Reserves and Siemans both have games in hand.

All other Sunday Leagues games were postponed due to waterlogged pitches.

M.A.HART NICHOLAS READ CUP FINAL PREVIEW

Thursday night sees the first of the season's BHFL Cup Finals with Boscombe Celtic and JP Morgan Reserves going head to head in the **M.A. HART NICHOLAS READ CUP FINAL** at Hurn Bridge (7.30 pm kick off).

Both teams are having an excellent season in their respective divisions.

Boscombe Celtic need three points from their last two games to become champions of Division Five of the Hayward Sunday League.

Alex Rossi is Celtic's danger man with 37 goals so far from 18 games, making him the joint top goal scorer in Division Five, while his strike partner John Bailey has weighed in with 16 goals from the same number of games.

JP Morgan Reserves are one of the leading contenders for the Division Six title and have only been beaten once in all competitions this season.

JP Morgan's Yusuf Akanni is the second highest goal scorer in Division Six with 24 goals so far from 18 games while Lloyd Wallen has contributed 14 goals from 17 games.