

M.A. HART LAWRENCE A BRIVATI CUP FINAL

Thursday 31st March 2022

at Hurn Bridge

AFC BURTON 1 BOSCOMBE CELTIC RESERVES 2

Boscombe Celtic Reserves snatched a dramatic late winner in an action packed M.A. HART LAWRENCE A BRIVATI CUP final against Bournemouth Sunday League Division Four championship rivals AFC Burton. There was just one of the four additional minutes left at the end of the game when Celtic striker Alex Hawey went down in the penalty area under a challenge from AFC Burton skipper Guy Janes. **TOBY BAILEY** stepped up to slam the resultant spot kick past Burton goalkeeper Josh Daniels to give Celtic the verdict 2-1.

AFC Burton will be left wondering how they came away empty handed with the number of opportunities they created in this magnificent game. The fact that Celtic goalkeeper Steve Cannings was chosen for the Man of the Match award speaks for itself and, whenever he was beaten, there would inevitably be a covering defender clearing off the line.

The game began at a cracking pace and Celtic's Connor Picken was through one on one with AFC Burton's 'keeper in the 5th minute but Josh Daniels managed to save with his legs. Picken then slotted home the rebound but the flag was up for offside.

Burton responded with Jake Warry bursting through to drive the ball against the underside of Celtic's crossbar from the edge of the penalty area. A misplaced pass put Burton's ace marksman Ryan Attree away and he tried to slot the ball past Steve Cannings in the Celtic goal but the 'keeper managed to block the effort with his legs. Burton continued to press and Diego Galusni had a header cleared off the line by Celtic skipper Carl Phillips.

Celtic weathered the storm and produced a brilliant move on the half hour with Connor Picken finding Alex Hawey who played the ball through for Mark Claremont to run on and drive a shot against the post. Celtic then worked the ball through to Alex Hawey five minutes later to get in a shot which was turned away by Josh Daniels' outstretched leg

Back came Burton with Jake Warry bursting through only to be denied by Steve Cannings. The ball rebounded to Ryan Attree but the Celtic 'keeper managed to get his body in the way of his shot before Aaron Bailey cleared Attree's follow up effort off the line

A brilliant first half came to a close with Burton pressing. An overhead kick by Jake Warry flew past Steve Cannings but Celtic sub Carl Charman headed it off the line and Ryan Attree then had a header tipped over by the Celtic 'keeper. Jake Warry then met a Ben Harris cross with a close range header but Steve Cannings made another great save as the half time interval came with everyone wondering how on earth the game had not produced a goal.

The deadlock was broken four minutes into the second half though when Celtic's Mark Claremont burst through and his shot was blocked by Josh Daniels. The rebound went to **ALEX HAWEY** who got the ball under control and clinically slotted it past the covering defenders.

Burton looked certain to equalise in the 55th minutes when a cross from left was met six yards out by Ryan Attree with a first time effort but Steve Cannings reacted superbly to get it up and over the bar.

The Celtic goal seemed to have a charmed life an hour into the game when Burton went close three times within a minute. A free kick from the half way line was headed on by Dom Harris to Diego Galusni who steered his header past Steve Cannings. It looked a goal all the way but Toby Bailey had anticipated the

danger and raced back to hook it off the line. Diego Galusni then met a corner from the right with a far post header which was headed off the line by Carl Charman. Burton skipper Guy Janes was first to react but his header went just over the bar.

Diego Galusni was involved again, heading the ball through to Ryan Attree who slipped it past the advancing Steve Cannings only to see it strike the outside of the post.

Burton finally got the goal they had been striving for in the 68th minute. Jake Warry produced an audacious piece of brilliance on the right to get past Toby Bailey and get in a low cross which was powered home from close range by AFC Burton's American substitute **BEN ROSENBLATT** who had only been on the pitch for two minutes.

The tempo dropped understandably after 70 minutes of amazing action and it looked as though it would need extra time to separate these two excellent teams until the dramatic late finale saw Celtic lift the trophy.



AFC Burton : Josh Daniels, Scott Downer (Joe Duffy 22 mins), Luke Barnett, Guy Janes, Dom Harris (Ben Rosenblatt 66mins), Diego Galusni, Dan Seymour, Ryan Attree (George Hancock 85 mins), Ben Harris, Jake Warry, Harry Fry.

Unused substitutes: Barney Nicholls and Ollie Nicholls





Boscombe Celtic Reserves: Steve Cannings, Carl Phillips (Carl Charman 28 mins), Toby Bailey, Aaron Bailie, Mark Jimmy, Jordan Picken (Ali Paton 57 mins), Connor Picken, Alex Rankin, Alex Hawey (John Bailey 90+4 mins), Mark Claremont, Rich Alderson (Rob Howard 70 mins)

Unused substitute: Warren Riley

