

## M.A. HART HAYWARD CUP FINAL

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Mach 2020

**BISTERNE UNITED      1      RINGWOOD UNITED      0**

**Charlie King's 11<sup>th</sup> minute strike gave Bisterne United the verdict 1-0 against local rivals Ringwood United in a very entertaining and closely contested M.A. HART HAYWARD CUP FINAL on Thursday night at Hurn Bridge.**

The Bisterne left winger latched onto the ball to the left of the Ringwood penalty area and cut inside to drive it between Ringwood goalkeeper Adam Morgan and the far post.

Ringwood responded with a 30 yard effort from Florin Iliescu which brought a good save from Zac Chilman and the Bisterne 'keeper was soon in action again, diving full length to turn Matt Nabney's 15 yard strike round the post for a corner.

Ringwood threatened again in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute when a long ball out of defence put Iliescu clear behind the Bisterne back line. With Chilman advancing to narrow the angle, Iliescu clipped a 30 yard effort past him that went agonisingly wide of the far post.

Charlie King raced away down the left and put a dangerous cross into the Ringwood penalty area but Ringwood left back Lee Taylor was perfectly positioned to make a vital clearance.

Back came Ringwood with Sam Birt blasting a 25 yard shot only just wide of the Bisterne goal while, at the other end, the lively Charlie King broke away down the left again and Ringwood were once more grateful to Lee Taylor for snuffing out the danger with a timely clearance.

Taylor was then involved in midfield, combining well with Iliescu who finished the move by firing a 25 yard strike wide of the goal.

Bisterne had a lucky escape in the 37<sup>th</sup> minute when Sam Birt let fly from 25 yards and the ball sailed past Chilman and thudded against the crossbar. The Bisterne stopper then had to be out quickly to deny Iliescu.

Charlie King had the Ringwood defence under pressure dealing with another dangerous cross from the left and, a minute before the interval, he was tormenting them again. On this occasion the Bisterne winger was sent tumbling by the combined efforts of Paul Jordan and skipper Lee Bellows and a penalty was awarded.

King got up to take the spot kick himself but Ringwood 'keeper Adam Morgan made an excellent save, diving full length to get the ball round the post for a corner.

King had another opportunity three minutes into the second half when the ball came to him at the far post but he couldn't get enough on it and Morgan was able to come out and smother the ball.

The second half lacked the intensity of the opening 45 minutes but there was a great passage of play in the 57<sup>th</sup> minute with Taylor's free kick headed goalwards by Iliescu and Chilman had to produce an excellent reflex save to get the ball up and over the bar.

Ringwood's Hugh Clark was put through down the left in the 65<sup>th</sup> minute but his shot was comfortably taken by the diving Chilman.

King was in action again in the 70<sup>th</sup> minute, racing down the left to get in an effort which went just wide of the near post.

Ringwood continued to press for an equaliser but resolute defending by the Bisterne rearguard denied them any opportunities to get on terms.

Bisterne United's **Charlie King** was chosen for the **Man of the match** award by Hayward League President Mike Fowler.

**Bisterne United** : Zac Chilman, Stef Baker (Callum Fowler 86 mins), Elliot Tindall, Rob Corlett, Andrew Hurl (Jake Revell 55 mins), Charlie King (Ashley Jones 72 mins), Luke Gogan (Elliot Peck 62 mins), George Green, Jamie Barrett, Matt Seymour, Sam Hills.

**Ringwood United** : Adam Morgan, Paul Jordan (Jesse Nash 84mins), Lee Taylor, Matt Hills, Lee Bellows, Lee Dyer (Mike Andrews 84 mins), Hugh Clark (Jake Furmage 66mins), Kieran Burnett (Mike Pope 63 mins), Matt Nabney, Florin Iliescu, Sam Birt.