

## M.A. HART LAWRENCE A BRIVATI CUP FINAL

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019

at Hurn Bridge, Christchurch

VIENNA SUTTONERS RESERVES 6 PORTCHESTER 1



Vienna Suttoners Reserves were convincing 6-1 winners against Sunday Division Four championship rivals Portchester in Thursday night's M.A. Hart Lawrence A Brivati Cup Final at Hurn Bridge.

This was Vienna's 15th successive victory in all competitions in an impressive run stretching back to the beginning of October

Portchester forced a couple of corners in the opening exchanges but an early indication of what was to come occurred after ten minutes when Vienna's Sam Purdy burst through with just the 'keeper to beat. Purdy's shot was destined for the bottom corner of the net until Portchester goalkeeper Jason Fry made a superb save, diving to turn the ball round the post.

Sam Purdy was a constant menace to the Portchester defence, having a shot charged down by a Portchester defender and then forcing a good diving save from Jason Fry with his follow up effort.

The Portchester goalkeeper had the crowd gasping when he pulled off two stunning reflex saves in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute and just two minutes later Fry rescued Portchester again with an incredible save to keep out Liam Riding's header from point blank range.

A Purdy effort from the left across the face of the goal in the 25th minute was narrowly wide of the far post but Fry was finally beaten in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute when **Jesse Hodgson** met David Price's excellent cross with powerful header.

Vienna doubled their lead three minutes later when **Luke Scrimshaw** squeezed a low shot into the net with goalkeeper Fry unsighted.

Jesse Hodgson was through again five minutes before the interval to fire a shot into the side netting and the Vienna striker was involved in a clever exchange of passes with Purdy as the first half came to a close.

Portchester's hopes of a revival were extinguished in the opening three minutes of the second half. Purdy weaved his magic down the right in the 47<sup>th</sup> minute and pulled a perfect ball back for **Brad Aspin** to turn it into the net.

Then, a minute later, **Sam Purdy** ran through and, from the edge of the box, whipped a stunning effort over Fry's shoulder and inside the far post.

A defensive slip on the hour let in Purdy again but his lob towards the top corner was tipped over the bar by Fry.

David Price won possession in midfield and came forward to whip a dangerous ball across the face of the Portchester goal while at the other end Jason Cliffe made a great save, getting down quickly to a low shot that came through a crowd of players

**Sam Purdy** struck again in the 84<sup>th</sup> minute, racing through from the half way line to take the ball round Jason Fry and slotted it between the two covering defenders in the line.

Portchester scored a consolation goal two minutes later when Alex Hawey went down the right and crossed for **Stuart Marshall** to drill the ball past Jason Cliffe.

Vienna had the final word though with the last kick of the match when **Jesse Hodgson** burst through to tuck the ball into the corner of the net.

Vienna Suttoners' **Sam Purdy** was chosen for the **Man of the Match** award by BHFL President Mike Fowler.

**Vienna Suttoners Reserves :** Jason Cliffe, Aaron Newsham (Kyle John-Clement 85 mins), Brett Timlin (Roger Gosby 85 mins), Luke Ayrton (Josh Fryer 70 mins), Dean White, David Price, Brad Aspin, Jesse Hodgson, Luke Scrimshaw (Chris Hack 54 mins), Sam Purdy, Liam Riding (James Sheppard 60 mins)

**Portchester :** Jason Fry, Shane Fox, James Jordan (Chris Rigby 80 mins), Karl Painter (Joaquim Loureiro 56 mins), Travis Abbott (Luke Bealey 45 mins), Matt Francis, Kingsley

White, Elliott Pike (Stuart Marshall 45 mins), Alex Hawey, Will Thomas, Dan Johnson (Carl Charman 65 mins).