

MARK HART SUNDAY SENIOR CUP FINAL

Thursday 17th March 2022

ABBHEY 5 WISEGUYS 1

Leading marksman Luke Burbidge struck twice and provided the assist for both Mickey Finch's goals when Mark Hart Sunday Senior Cup holders Abbey retained the trophy with a 5-1 victory over Wiseguys at Hurn Bridge. Wiseguys worked hard to keep the hundred per cent Division One title favourites at bay with goalkeeper Nathan Clarke producing a string of excellent saves.

Clarke was called into action in the very first minute of the game after Joe Sullivan miscued the ball into the path of Luke Burbidge, blocking the Abbey striker's shot.

Then, at the other end, Luke Dawe had to get down quickly to turn Domenico Panesar-Dower's free kick round post for a corner.

A low shot through a crowd of players from Max Wilcock in the 12th minute saved by Nathan Clarke at expense of corner.

Wiseguys took the lead in the 17th minute when a clever back heel by Steve Flynn enabled Domenico Panesar-Dower to play the ball across from the left to the far post where it was slotted home by **DANNY TOURH**.

Their lead could have been doubled seven minutes later when Sam Ellaway's cross from the left found Domenico Panesar-Dower but, with Luke Dawe out of his goal and the Abbey defenders scrambling to cover, the Wiseguys forward's shot went over the bar.

At the other end, Max Wilcock burst through in the 26th minute but was denied by brilliant tackle from Wiseguys defender Andy Gagan.

Abbey equalised on the half hour though when Luke Burbidge put an inch perfect ball through the middle for **MICKEY FINCH** to take it on and slot it past Nathan Clarke in the Wiseguys goal.

Mickey Finch had another opportunity a minute later but his shot from an acute angle was well saved by Nathan Clarke.

Abbey skipper Mickey Hubbard went close with a free kick in the 34th minute that he curled over the defensive wall and against the angle of post and bar with the 'keeper stranded.

Max Wilcock headed on for Luke Burbidge just before the interval but Nathan Clarke saved well with his legs.

Luke Burbidge hooked a cross from Mickey Finch towards the top corner of the Wiseguys net at the start of the second half but Nathan Clarke managed to get the ball behind for a corner with a superb one handed save.

Abbey took the lead five minutes into the second half with a neat finish from **LUKE BURBIDGE** who beat his man on the edge of the box before slotting the ball into the far corner of the net

Any hopes Wiseguys had of getting back into the game evaporated two minutes later. Max Wilcock put Luke Delaney through but Joe Sullivan was adjudged to have brought him down in the box. This resulted in a penalty being awarded and a second yellow card of the match for the Wiseguys defender. Nathan

Clarke got his hands to **MAX WILCOCK**'s penalty kick but it was struck with too much power for the 'keeper to prevent it from going in,

Abbey increased their lead after 61 minutes with a superb solo effort from **LUKE BURBIDGE**, creating room on the edge of the penalty area to drill home a shot which went in off the inside of the post.

Luke Burbidge then turned provider in the 74th minute, skipping past a couple of defenders brilliantly to set up **MICKEY FINCH** for his second goal of the game.



Abbey's' Luke Burbidge was chosen for the Man of the Match award by Bournemouth Football League President Mike Fowler.



Abbey :- Luke Dawe, Sam Holland, Callum Perry, Sean Griffiths (Shane Orchard 80 mins), Jamie Moores, John Webb (Richie Sands 87 mins), Mickey Hubbard, Luke Burbidge (Brad Hill 77 mins), Mickey Finch, Max Wilcock, Luke Delaney (Jack Holland 68 mins).



Wiseguys :- Nathan Clarke, James Tunnicliffe (Jordan Gilbert 84 mins), Aaron Staples, Joe Sullivan, Mikell Carrington, Danny Little, Sam Ellaway (Jamie Stone 55 mins), Danny Tourh (Jay Saunders 67 mins), Domenic Panesar-Dower, Andy Gagan (Adam Tourh 74 mins), Steve Flynn (Sharam Sam-Daliri 77 mins).