

M.A. HART PICKFORD CUP FINAL

at Hurn Bridge

BOURNEMOUTH MANOR 2 QUEENS PARK ATHLETIC 4



Queens Park Athletic produced a massive upset when they got the better of M.A. HART PICKFORD CUP holders Bournemouth Manor 4-2 in Thursday night's final at Hurn Bridge.

The Division One promotion contenders have dedicated their success in the prestigious competition to the memory of former manager Mark Samson and their 42 year chairman Ben Scott, both of whom have tragically passed away in recent years.

Queens Park Athletic settled quickly, having most of the possession in the first half and they had a great chance to go in front when were awarded a penalty in the 25th minute. Harry Montacute played the ball forward from just inside his own half and Adam Clark's deft touch put it behind the Manor defence. Jack Robertson just got to the ball before Martin Smith but was unable to hold onto it and the Manor 'keeper brought the QPA striker down as he tried to capitalise. Robertson made amends however by getting down well to save Tom Pepper's penalty kick.

Queens Park took the lead in the 37th minute when, following Dean Mellor's corner from the left, the ball came to Lloyd Pearce on the opposite flank and his excellent delivery enabled **Martin Smith** to steer a header beyond the reach of the Manor 'keeper.

They doubled their lead on the stroke of half time when Adam Clark put Lloyd Pearce clear. Robertson blocked Pearce's attempt but **Martin Smith** pounced on the rebound and lobbed it over the 'keeper and into the net.

Manor halved the deficit in the one minute added time for stoppages. Jamie Morgan's cross from the right found Terry Foote who sent a powerful header against the QPA crossbar. The rebound fell to Luke Scrimshaw who went down under a challenge from Mike Wheeler and Manor skipper **Darren Spiers** clinically despatched the resultant spot kick with the last kick of the first half.

Manor began the second half purposefully and Terry Foote headed on for Brad Aspin to fire a 20 yard effort just wide of the post in the 54th minute and they were on terms a minute later when Foote again got the ball through to Aspin who was bowled over by QPA 'keeper Harry Shaw. **Darren Spiers** once again made no mistake with the penalty kick.

Queens Park regained the lead in the 65th minute when Lloyd Pearce raced down the right and whipped in a low cross to Tom Pepper at the far post. Pepper rolled the ball into the path of **Jonathan Hall** who steered it past the 'keeper and into the back of the net.

Manor suffered another setback two minutes later when Aspin received a second yellow card for a challenge on Pearce, leaving Manor to play the remaining 23 minutes with ten men.

Martin Sault got the ball through to Dan Pidgley in the 83rd minute but he was denied by Shaw and the QPA 'keeper then made a great one handed save from Mickey Finch. This was followed by a Manor corner which Shaw did well to hold under considerable pressure with Manor appealing that the ball had crossed the line.

A well deserved victory was assured for Queens Park in the 87th minute when Lloyd Pearce went past Dan Pidgley and crossed for **Adam Clark** to tuck the ball neatly inside the far post.

Queens Park Athletic striker **Martin Smith** was chosen for the **Man of the Match** award by BHFL President Mike Fowler.

Bournemouth Manor : Jack Robertson, Darren Miller (Martin Sault 52 mins), Colin Dand, Adam Janes (Dan Pidgley 62 mins), Sam Davis (Dave Saunders 72 mins), Tyrone Carkeet, Darren Spiers, Terry Foote (Shane Barney 70 mins), Brad Aspin, Luke Scrimshaw, Jamie Morgan (Mickey Finch 72 mins).

Queens Park Athletic : Harry Shaw, Brandon Doe (Gary Cole 88 mins), JJ Rayner, Harry Montacute, Adam Clark, Dean Mellor (Luke Hughes 80 mins), Mike Wheeler, Tom Pepper, Dan Merry (Jonathan Hall 60 mins), Lloyd Pearce, Martin Smith.