HAYWARD SUNDAY LEAGUE ROUND UP - SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2017

Abbey kept their DIVISION ONE title hopes alive with a crucial 5-1 victory over a depleted Priory Quays. The league leaders started their penultimate game with only eight men and were behind after just two minutes when Abbey's Sam Lanahan headed home from a corner. Their numbers had increased to ten midway through the first half but Lanahan doubled Abbey's lead on the stroke of half time and Dan Manuel added a third just after the break. Manny Ohameje pulled one back for Quays but any hopes of a revival for the ten men were dashed when Manuel scored his second of the game and Lanahan completed his hat-trick.

Talbot Rangers are twelve points behind Quays with six games in hand after giving NMO a 6-1 drubbing. Mark Pudney and Dominic Falco bagged two apiece for Rangers with Callum Palfrey and Marcus Cullen also on target while Matt Hillyar scored NMO's consolation goal.

Peter Old and Will Shaylor netted for East Christchurch SSC but they had to settle for a point when Joe Guerra and Lewis Baker-Stroud earned much improved Shoulder of Mutton a 2-2 draw. In the other Division One game Jamie Kane and Martin Johnson netted for BriT Sports but Kinson Con had a 3-2 majority thanks to John Webb's hat-trick.

Vienna Suttoners' DIVISION TWO promotion hopes suffered a setback when they took a heavy 6-0 tumble against Bournemouth Sports Mercury who surprised them with goals from Dean Norman (2), Dan Pine, Rob Sweeney, Dave Cavill, and Sam Danvers.

East Christchurch SSC Reserves' barren run in the New Year continued when JP Morgan subdued them 6-2 through Greg Jones (2), Estaban Villalba (2), Elliott Guest, and Gerard O'Mullan while a solitary strike from Marden Edwards' Dan Molyneaux was enough to clinch a 1-0 win over Magpies.

Robbie Cole plundered four and Ryan Ross notched a hat-trick when Poole Wanderers replace Bournemouth Electric Reserves in the runners up spot in DIVISION THREE after trouncing them 10-2. Tim Hall, Scott Burbidge, and Ollie Cottis were the other Wanderers marksmen with Paul Blenman and Carl Phillips providing some consolation for the Sparkies who only had eight men. AFC Fiveways ended their run of five successive defeats when they blitzed Richmond Park Rangers 6-1 with goals from Ali Paton (2), Ian Marshall (2), Matt Wells, and Richard Davies.

DIVISION FOUR leaders West Howe netted through Ryan Clark, Gareth Else, Ellis George, and Richie Whiting but nearest rivals Loch & Quay are now just two points behind with a game in hand after shading it 5-4 in the top of the table clash courtesy of Ollie Balmer's hat-trick and further goals from Charles Balmer and Simon Dyer.

Third placed Rossmore Mavericks hammered Vienna Suttoners Reserves 7-0 with goals from Ashley Irving (2), Lee Devlin (pen), Dale Walters, Reece Darby, Tom Mann, and Craig Rollinson and Bearwood Broncos were also 7-0 winners when they scuppered bottom placed Boscombe Celtic thanks to Jack Excell's hat-trick and two apiece from Reece Vincent and Josh Carter. Luke Cutler and Kyle Baker netted for AFC Burton Reserves but Shane Barney struck twice to earn Marden Edwards Reserves a 2-2 draw while West Mullen accounted for Scott V 3-0 courtesy of Matt Warden, Joe Warden, and an own goal.

Pilot continue to plot their course for the DIVISION FIVE title, cruising to a 10-0 triumph over Parkstone thanks to Karl Chalkley (2), Andy Knights, Aaron Turner, Callum Whitelaw, Luke Terry, and Steve Gilbert's four goal blast.

Nearest rivals Portchester battered tailenders Upton Sociedad 6-1 thanks to Joel Bevan's hat-trick and further goals from Lyam Teixceira (2) and Kieron Linton while third placed Morden had the edge 4-3 against Christchurch Starre through Dean Cunningham (2), Martin Haskell, and Jody Andrews.

Tyrrell Sampson rattled in four and Will Stone grabbed a hat-trick when DIVISION SIX pacesetters Vienna Suttoners "A" poleaxed Branksome Park Avenue 12-1 with Ollie Payne, Teddy Hills, Bradley Hamer-Brough, Bart Sliwia and Freddie Gay adding one each.

There's more silverware up for grabs when Vienna Suttoners "A" meet championship rivals Canford Rovers on Thursday night at Hurn Bridge (7.30pm kick off) in the M.A. Hart Nicholas Read Cup Final. Canford meanwhile were maintaining their promotion challenge with a 4-1 victory over Avon Social. Second placed AFC Wimborne Reserves were 5-0 winners against Tower Park thanks to Dean Houghton's hat-trick and a couple of goals from Matt Whitcher while Longfleet recorded their fourth successive league win when Kane Darbinson, Stuart MacFarlan, and James Horvath gave them the edge 3-2 against JP Morgan Reserves.

Redhill Rangers netted through Pete Valinski (2), Lee Thomas, and John Brown but Bobby Quinn's hat-trick and a couple of goals from Sam Broom swept them aside 5-4, giving Parkstone Athletic their first win of the season.

M.A. HART CUP COMPETITIONS ROUND UP - SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2017

Levi Ridealgh struck for AFC Burton in the fourth round of the M.A.HART ROBBINS CUP but it's unbeaten Division Two leaders Poole Borough UAB who go through to the quarter finals after winning 5-1 thanks to Sam Carter's hat-trick and further goals from Lee Green and Kyle Spyers.