

M.A.HART IN-EXCESS CUP FINAL
POOLE BOROUGH UAB 1-3 MARDEN EDWARDS
Thursday 13th April at Hurn Bridge 2017



Marden Edwards produced the shock result of this season's BHFL Cup Finals when they upended Hayward Sunday Division Two leaders Poole Borough UAB 3-1 in Thursday's M.A.Hart In-Excess Cup Final at Hurn Bridge.

Borough, unbeaten in the League so far this season, were stunned when their unfancied opponents rattled in three without reply in the first half. They rallied after the interval though and did pull one back, but their hopes of getting back on terms were dashed when Marden Edwards goalkeeper Christian Kent produced a series of excellent saves.

Kyle Graham fired over the Borough crossbar from 15 yards in the early minutes and he then put Ian Male clear but Karl Jones had narrowed the angle well and the shot was comfortably saved by the Borough goalkeeper.

At the other end, a low cross from Chris Squire tested the Marden defence before Graham was threatening the Borough goal again, climbing above the defence to head the ball narrowly wide of the post.



Marden opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when Fraser Read's inswinging corner from the right found it's way into the back of the Borough net with Dan Molyneaux appearing to get the final touch.

A lob from outside the penalty area by Marden's Ryan Daley in the 26th minute was tipped over by Jones, and the Borough 'keeper was then under pressure from another inswinging corner from Reid which bounced on his crossbar.

Molyneaux then played Male in to get off a shot which Jones was able to steer round the post for a corner and the Borough 'keeper did well to claw away the inswinging corner under pressure from Molyneaux.

Borough's Adam Raven swung a free kick towards the far post in the 38th minute towards Ryan Mabey whose effort was brilliantly saved by Christian Kent. Kyle Graham doubled Marden's lead in the 42nd minute, holding off Luke Middlewick before launching a stunning shot on the turn from the edge of the box which zipped into the net beyond the diving 'keeper.

Sam Carter had an opportunity to pull one back for Borough on the stroke of half time but he drilled his shot inches wide of the post and then, in stoppage time, Marden went three up when Dan Molyneaux got above Middlewick to head home Male's cross from the right.



Marden had the opportunity to increase their lead after the break when Daly put Graham through but he fired wide before Borough pulled one back on the hour when substitute Jordan Basing's cross to the far post was headed in by Lee Green.

Graham hit the post with a low shot in the 68th minute while, at the other end, Borough continued to battle to get back on terms but found Marden 'keeper Kent in excellent form. Molyneux had the opportunity to complete his hat-trick from the penalty spot in the 75th minute after he had been brought down by Jones but the Borough 'keeper dived to his left to save Molyneaux's spot kick.

Kent made a brilliant save to keep out Basing's close range header in the 86th minute and the Marden 'keeper produced another magnificent save in stoppage time, diving full length to turn Sam Carter's excellent volley away.

Marden Edwards goalkeeper Christian Kent was chosen for the Man of the Match award by BHFL President Mike Fowler.



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Poole Borough UAB :- Karl Jones, Luke Middlewick (Kieran Campbell 77 mins), Sam Burridge, Liam Meldrum, Tom Sonner (Joe Bennett 45 mins), Ryan Mabey, Lee Green, Adam Raven (Jordan Basing 45 mins), Sam Carter, Chris Squire, Kyle Spyers.

Marden Edwards :- Christian Kent, Alex Mackenzie, Fraser Reid, Lee Milton (Josh Webb 84 mins), Karl Milton, Niall Bolger-Wood, Leon Scott, Ryan Daly, Dan Molyneaux, Kyle Graham (Mohamed Al Rawas 90 mins), Ian Male (Jon Shaw 84 mins).

