

M.A. Hart Nicholas Read Cup Final

Thursday 10th March 2022

PARKSTONE ATHLETIC 5 NEW MILTON BOROUGH 0

Storm Graham ripped into New Milton Borough with devastating force when his four goals in twenty second half minutes put Parkstone Athletic on course for an emphatic 5-0 triumph in the M.A. HART NICHOLAS READ CUP FINAL at Hurn Bridge.

The 345 in attendance were treated to an excellent spectacle as the game began at a cracking pace. Borough goalkeeper Ollie Whitehouse distinguished himself twice in the opening 17 minutes, coming off his line bravely to deny Storm Graham.

Storm Graham looked as though he'd eventually got the better of the Borough 'keeper ten minutes before interval when he fired the ball past Whitehouse from close range but Borough's Alex Corbin blocked it on the line and 'skipper Edd Watts somehow managed to head it away.

Borough had an opportunity to open the scoring two minutes before the break when Toby Ambrose was put through on the left. He tried to steer the ball between Matt Angell and his far post but the Parkstone 'keeper got down well to save.

Parkstone attacked down the left again in stoppage time at the end of the first half and the ball was crossed to the far post where Callum Holden met it with a fierce volley. It looked a goal all the way until Ollie Whitehouse produced a miraculous save, flying across his goal to divert the ball against the post and away.

It was difficult to comprehend how such a hugely entertaining 45 minutes of attacking football had failed to produce a goal. That was soon to change though when the second half got under way.

It was just three minutes after the break when Ethan Fishlock produced a brilliant run on the left to set up a chance for **STORM GRAHAM** to clinically drill the ball inside the near post from the edge of the box.

Parkstone doubled their lead on the hour and it was **STORM GRAHAM** again who latched onto a ball played through the middle to slot it past the advancing 'keeper from just inside the penalty area

The Parkstone strike completed his hat-trick four minutes later. The industrious Kyle Joyce attacked down the left and squared the ball across the face of the goal for **STORM GRAHAM** to ram it home from close range.

There was to be no respite for Borough and it was just three minutes later that **STORM GRAHAM** rifled his fourth goal from the edge of the penalty area.

Borough must have breathed a sigh of relief when the Parkstone hit man was taken off in the 73rd minute but his replacement **GEORGE DEEM** got in on the act ten minutes from time, running in at the far post to convert a cross from the right.

Parkstone's four goal star Storm Graham was chosen by BFL President Mike Fowler for the man of the match award.





Parkstone Athletic : Matt Angell, Callum Holden (Jake Firth 62 mins), Alex Haynes (Will Weston 62 mins), Ryan Scadding, Ryan Stacey, Thomas Ebel, Louis McWilliams, Dan Haynes, Ethan Fishlock (Joe Moore 73 mins), Kyle Joyce (Billy Joyce), Storm Graham (George Deem 73 mins).



New Milton Borough : Ollie Whitehouse, Brad Drake, Joe Cragg (Tyler Dale 65 mins), Alex Corbin, Charlie King, Callum Read (Alex Frost 81 mins), Lee Corbin, Sam Froud (James Bates 70 mins), Edd Watts, Jamie Barrett (Hayden Owen 67 mins), Toby Ambrose (Kane Dickinson).