

M.A. HART BOURNEMOUTH LEAGUE ROUND UP - SUNDAY 23rd MARCH 2025

Alex Whitehouse's late winner for *East Christchurch SSC* against previously unbeaten reigning DIVISION ONE champions *FC Hajduk* has thrown the title race wide open.

East Christchurch SSC, who have a date with their noisy neighbours East Christchurch Athletic in the Mark Hart Sunday Senior Cup Final at Hurn Bridge on Thursday night, emerged 3-2 winners and take over from FC Hajduk on top of the table.

FC Hajduk took an early lead courtesy of an own goal but Alex Whitehouse put SSC on terms ten minutes into the second half with a blistering effort from the edge of the penalty area. Will Hodge restored Hajduk's lead and Lewis Sainval hit the post after rounding the 'keeper.

Levi Ridealgh levelled the scores for SSC with a 35 yard free kick in the 75th minute and Alex Whitehouse made it 3-2 in the dying minutes of the game with a deflected strike into the top corner.

Kraken Sports are also very much in contention. They were 6-3 winners against *East Christchurch Athletic* on Wednesday night under the lights at Victoria Park thanks to Ocean Smith's hat-trick, a Max Wilcock brace, and a goal from substitute Tyler Rudd. Luke Churchill, Mickey Finch, and Jamie Morgan were the Athletic scorers.

Then, on Sunday, *Kraken Sports* were 5-1 winners against *Rushmere* through Max Wilcock, Dan Naish, Brad Hill, and a couple of goals from Tyler Rudd. Mike Sill scored Rushmere's consolation goal.

Pacesetters *Westover Bournemouth* returned to winning ways after two successive defeats in DIVISION TWO when Brady Devlin and Alex Henley accounted for *Muscliff* 2-0.



Leon Collins was the four goal star when nearest rivals *New Forest Rangers* walloped *New Milton Town* 8-1. Kayde Dilnott, Tom Jarvis, Lee Cohen, and substitute Stephen Prior added one each for Rangers while Rhys Jessop scored New Milton's consolation goal.

Brogan Sims struck twice for *NMO* but *JP Morgan* had the upper hand 4-2 thanks to Dan Hayward, Ryan Roberts, and a couple of goals from Jhon Vera.

Meanwhile substitute Aaron Bradshaw's strike for *AFC Burton* was not quite enough to save them from a 2-1 defeat against bottom placed *West Howe* whose goals came via Carlos Galvis and Kingsly Korang.

Bournemouth Athletic are emerging as the big threat to DIVISION THREE leaders *Woodville Wanderers*. Tolulope Adesoji and Jack Dunsmore nabbed two each with Sharmer Hartman also on target as Athletic emerged 5-1 winners against *Bournemouth Sports* who replied through Rhys Roberts.



Jack Foden struck twice for *Parkstone Club* but they had to settle for a point when Brett Barrass and Sam Skidmore earned *A.P.R.* a 2-2 draw.

Meanwhile Ben Sullivan struck twice in *Bournemouth Electric's* 6-0 victory over *Bournemouth Manor Reserves* with Joe Sullivan, Ashley Ayley, Liam Crabb, and Marcus Cullen adding one each.

Ferndown Town hold top spot in DIVISION FOUR on goal difference after sweeping *Southside Vipers* aside 6-0 through Liam Cullen, Tommy Queen, Oliver Hebditch, Lewis Stroud, and a couple of goals from Mitch Hack.

Abel Tekeste struck twice when second placed *Boscombe Celtic* got the better of *CST South United* 5-3. Florin Bujol Solut, David Bratt, and Josh Beekman were the other Celtic marksmen with Adam Coley and two goal Rob Coley replying for CST.

Unbeaten *Bournemouth Electric Reserves* are just a point behind after their 4-1 victory over *Poole Wanderers* thanks to Dan Taylor, Bradley Johnson Bown, and a couple of goals from skipper Jake Harvey. Wanderers replied with an Adam Green header from a corner.

Churchill are virtually neck and neck with the Sparkies after their 3-1 success against *Nelson Athletic* through Jamie Michael Adams and a Liam Wallis brace.