

## Q1

**Paul Sharratt** scored after receiving a great pass on the right, broke past a defender and put the ball in from a tight angle. Great start.

Game was being played at a reasonable pace with ABs on top. **Conrad Evans (our Guest player)** was moved into midfield as he gave us extra legs. **Mike Verity** just passed to the umpire? **Robin Conway** intercepted a lifted pass on the left and started another attack from the back. **Peter Reid** introduced the ball into the circle, which was turned into a penalty corner, but ABs failed to convert.

**Paul Bateson** kept putting in great reverse stick passes keeping Jersey under pressure. However, ABs were unable to create anything against a stout Jersey defence. Jersey then built an attack from the back which resulted in a good pass into the circle, but the attacker failed to convert. End of the first quarter and ABs lead 1 – 0.

## Q2

Gold medallist **Mike Christie** started with a mazy run to nowhere. It looked good and the crowd were impressed. Hard pass into the circle by **Paul Bateson** just missed by **Richard Turner**. Excellent passing move down the right wing broken down by Jersey who countered to pierce our defence and score a fine goal, beating **Richard Boucher** who had little chance. Jersey 1 – 1 ABs.

Short corner to Jersey, **Allan Sutton** spectacular tackle, missed pass by Jersey goes harmlessly past the post. Lovely move between **Mike Christie, Paul Bateson and Pete Reid** resulted in a shot just past the post.

Great interception by **Mukesh Phakey** puts in **Paul Bateson**, hard shot just wide. As ABs maintained the pressure, **Paul Bateson** winds up for another shot just comes off a defender for a long corner. Steaming hot conditions ABs sweating like thoroughbreds. **Sharratt's** knee brace squeaking and clanking, fabulous tackle by **German Singh** clears the D. **Sharratt** asking the umpire where he plays, while whingeing about an absolutely correct decision. ABs keeping up the pressure, **Paramjit** plays a great ball into the D, just out of reach of **John Peirce**. End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter; 1 – 1.

## Q3

**Skipper Sharratt** puts 4 or 5 players at the top of the diamond?? No, we couldn't work it out either. So the team just ignored him and did their own thing.

Jersey started with some effective passing out from the back. Great ball across the D by **Mike Verity**, good chance narrowly missed by **John Peirce**. Jersey attack breaks down and **German** plays a great ball out to **Paul Bateson** who moves it quickly to **Mike Verity** with a simple pass to **John Pearce** who couldn't and didn't miss. "GOAL" Jersey 1 - 2 ABs. Short corner to Jersey passed well around the D but then lifted into **Mukesh**. Another short to Jersey well intercepted and ABs counter which was repulsed just before the

opposition D. **Mike Christie** good pass out to **Mike Verity** onto **Paul Bateson** who shot well wide of the right post. Excellent persistence by **Tony Taig** results in a free hit high up the pitch. Whistle goes for end of Q3. Jersey 1 – 2 ABs.

#### **Q4**

**Richard Turner** leads attack down the right to **Paul Bateson** crossed into the D but ABs fail to finish. Jersey then attack ball into the middle intercepted by **Mick Christie** who stumbles, then recovers with a great ball to **Paramjit** who attacks down the left, who should have passed to **Mike Verity** but decided to go for glory, only for his shot to just miss the left post.

AB short corner, injector out to **Robin Conway**, whose shot was saved but picked up by **Pete Reid** who fires it into the D and up pops **Mike Verity** who connects to steer the ball past a stranded keeper. ABs lead 3 – 1.

Jersey full back decides to go it himself, makes 40yds down the middle but no end result. **Paramjit** does one fancy move too many and play breaks down. **Paramjit** again breaks forward and plays a defence splitting ball through to **Paul Bateson** in the D whose half hit shot scores 4 – 1.

ABs attack again through **Mike Verity**, **Paul Bateson** and **Richard Turner** but no end result. More pressing, **Paul Bateson** shoots, the ball is deflected upwards off defenders stick, umpire blows against **Paul Bateson**, only the Umpire knows why. No one else can work it out.

Big scramble in the ABs D, **Richard Boucher** on the ground wriggles around and manages to save. Very impressive. Jersey does better in their next attack and roof a flick as **Richard** goes down.

Jersey 2 – 4 ABs.

End to end stuff in the closing minutes as ABs try to maintain possession and run the clock down. One final push results in a bit of jumble in the Jersey D; **Paramjit** gets the ball to **Paul Bateson** who just scrapes it in. But they all count!

Jersey 2 – 5 ABs.

**Man of the Match: Mike Verity.**

Paul Sharratt (Capt) Paul Bateson, Richard Boucher, Mike Christie, Robin Conway, Paramjit Hayre, Mukesh Phakey, John Peirce, Tom Ettling, Peter Reid, German Singh, Allan Sutton, Tony Taig, Richard Turner, Mike Verity, Conrad Evans (Guest player).

**Supporters** - Julia Bateson, Diane Boucher, Lynn Christie, Brian Conway, Karen Daly, Christine Ettling, Julia Greenhough, Jasbinder Hayre, Neeru Phakey, Glynis Reid, Raghvir Kaur Singh, Jenny Taig, Sandy Verity, Clive Kendall.

Note Takers:

Game 1: Mukesh Phakey, Tom Ettling, Richard Turner and 1 Other??

Overall Reporter: Peter Reid.