

David Bell Cup Final

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Thursday 3rd September saw hosts Shenton College take on defending champions Como Secondary College in the final of the David Bell Cup. A high-quality game was expected, with both teams being the two stand outs from the Semi Final day, and that was exactly what the final delivered.

There was early drama when the scoreboard stopped working after the warmup period, but the game started as scheduled, with Shenton having the early chances. Patrick Andrew scored the first goal of the game in the 10th minute from a penalty corner, and Michael Forman doubled Shenton's lead with a field goal in the 14th minute. Como's Daniel Cope took the score to 2-1 at quarter time, with a well-placed shot from a penalty corner after the siren.

It was Como who looked to be the stronger team when the second quarter commenced, and that pressure finally told when Daniel Cope scored again, this time through a field goal in the 27th minute. Another penalty corner to Como saw Shenton's goalkeeper Declan Brandwood make a terrific save to keep the scores level at half time.

Both teams came out fighting the third quarter, and Shenton looked to have regained their spark. Terrific attacking-style hockey from both teams saw the ball move from end-to-end, with plenty of chances being created. The deadlock was broken in the 37th minute, with Hunter Banyard scoring a field goal, then sprinting from the field to pad up in goals for Como. He was made to wait on the sideline whilst Shenton had back-to-back penalty corners, which they were unable to convert.

Como extended their lead two minutes into the fourth quarter with Daniel Cope scoring his third goal of the day. Shenton responded by pressing hard, and they were rewarded in the 54th minute when Patrick Andrew converted his second penalty corner of the day. The final five minutes flew by, with Shenton pressing hard to level the score, and Como doing everything they could to keep their lead.

The 4-3 score line was enough to see Como Secondary College claim the David Bell Cup for the 7th consecutive year. Daniel Cope from Como Secondary College was awarded the DIBS medal as player of the final.



Shenton College and Como Secondary College – David Bell Cup Finalists 2020



Como Secondary College – David Bell Cup Champions 2020