**Exwick Villa V Stoke Gabriel**

**Man of the match: Jordan Hopkins**.

**Cards and goals galore in a feisty clash between third and fourth.**

Ten men Stoke Gabriel level the scores on three occasions to earn a well earned draw at the Foxhayes Sport Ground on the first of March.

After going down to ten men early on Kris Davis scored the final goal of the afternoon to take a point back to the South Hams for Stoke.

The start of the game could not have been much worse for Stoke as after just forty five seconds the visitors were reduced to ten men as defender Si Laughton got sent off for a handball on the line. Harry Taylor left Stoke with a mountain to climb after smashing the penalty into the top right corner for a home advantage.

A man down but the Railwaymen seemed to get back on track quickly, when just sixteen minutes after the sending off Robbie Bowker's ball into the box was headed past Villa keeper Fred Tonkin by Ryan O'Callaghan.

After being pegged back Villa were chasing another goal in what seemed to become a tight game but a bit of luck at the back for Stoke kept Exwick out. Mark Ashworth cleared the ball off the line onto the post and back but the home team had no one there to poke into an empty net.

The home side took the lead again just after the break when a Oliver Bird ball into the box was headed past visiting keeper Aplin by Shaun Densham.

Stoke were given a free kick a couple of minutes after Villas goal when Aidan Barratt was dismissed for his second yellow after sliding in on winger Jordan Hopkins. Dean Stevens took the free kick passing it across to Bowker who let fly into the top corner of the goal to put the tie back on level terms.

For the remainder of the game it was a tight affair with ten men each and two goals each. Jordan Hopkins had a great chance with quarter of an hour still to go when he hit a first time volley just over the bar from a Jake White ball.

Exwick went back into the lead with just six minutes to go when Harry Taylor put the ball past Aplin and into the bottom corner but Stoke equalised with the final goal of the afternoon a minute later when Kris Davis headed a Bowker corner into the roof of the net.

Points shared in a top of the table clash with plenty of action to please the neutrals.

Exwick Villa: Fred Tonkin, Neil Pointing, Aidan Barratt, Christopher Clarke, Daniel Burwood, Fred Kingdom, Oliver Bird, Matthew Byrne, Shaun Densham, Harry Taylor, Callum Hoare, Eathan Chalk, George Rogers, Oliver Burns, Joe Grimes, Jimmy Lee Shaw

Stoke Gabriel: Dom Aplin, Jake White, Ryan O'Callaghan, Jamie Mills, Si Laughton, Mark Ashworth, Jordan Hopkins, Kris Davis, Dave Worthington, Robbie Bowker, Dean Stevens, Olly Critchlow, Tim Porter, Matt Zadel, Rick Lee