**Mousehole V Stoke Gabriel**

**Throgmorton Cup Round Three**

**Man of the match: Si Laughton**.

**Stoke knocked out on penalties again.**

 After a hundred and six mile trip Division One East side Stoke Gabriel arrived at Mousehole for a much delayed Throgmorton Cup round three tie on a windy day. Just before kick off a sighting was spotted up in the sky as from behind a cloud came a weird large yellow disc which is apparently called the sun and warmed up the ground. It was good to see it again making the game feel like an end of season match and not a February game where all around the county games were being called off due to the weather.

After over a month without any football it was never going to be an amazing game of football and with the wind preventing the ball travelling that far and players slipping over everywhere the game started off a scrappy affair.

It was Stoke who scored the opening goal of the game after half an hour when Dave Worthington found the ball at his feet to hit with the outside of his boot into the bottom corner past Dexter King to the delight of the few supporters who made the long journey west.

Just at the end of the first half Stoke could have easily doubled their lead as Olly Critchlow squared the ball to strike partner Dean Stevens to tap into an empty net but Stevens passed the ball back to Critchlow only to see the flag raised by the linesman on the far side.

Mousehole, who were shooting against the wind in the second half, were chasing an equaliser and came out the stronger team but just couldn't get that extra touch to get the ball moving up field. With Mousehole chasing the equaliser the game became end to end but neither team could get a goal until exactly forty five minutes after the opening goal when the equaliser came.

Jamie Mills lost the ball in the centre of the park and when Stoke keeper Dom Aplin came rushing out to clear the ball and miss kicked it due to a bobble in the pitch and all that Ross Duncan had to do was tap the ball into an empty net.

The game had gone to extra time.

Owain Barrett almost put the hosts ahead but was denied one on one by Dom Aplin and scorer Ross Duncan almost capitalised on an error by Si Laughton but could only watch his effort fly wide.

Penalties were looming and Stoke could face exiting their second cup of the season on penalties.

Mark Vercesi scored for 1-0, Tim Porter levelled for Stoke, Nick Pugliese scored 2-1, Ryan O'Calloghan saw his penalty saved by Dexter King, Owain Barrett scored for 3-1, Robbie Bowker made it 3-2, the ex professional Wayne Quinn made it 4-2, Si Laughton made it 4-3, Martin Moon scored Mousehole's fifth to win them the game.

 (Mousehole won 5-3 on kicks from the penalty mark)

Mousehole booked a place in the next round at home to either Elmore or Saltash, as for Stoke a hundred and six mile two hour plus trip back home.

Mousehole: Dexter King, Martin Moon, Owain Barrett, Simon Stevens, Dan Magee, Wayne Quinn, Nick Pugliese, Mark Vercesi, Matt Shiels, Wade Brown, Steve Burt, Karl Turner, Ezra Chapman, Ross Duncan

Stoke Gabriel: Dom Aplin, Jake White, Rob Bowker, Mark Ashworth, Si Laughton, Steve Bowker, Jordan Hopkins, Kris Davis, Dave Worthington, Olly Critchlow, Dean Stevens, Ryan O'Calloghan, Tim Porter, Jamie Mills