**Stoke Gabriel Res V Buckland Athletic Res**

**Herald Cup Semi Final at Dartmouth**

**Man of the match: Liam O'Callaghan**.

**Buckland Reserves progress to Herald Cup Final.**

Buckland Reserves will face Watcombe Wanderers at Coach Road, Newton Abbot in the Herald Cup Final after beating Stoke Gabriel Reserves on penalties on Wednesday night.

Stoke had to come from behind to take the tie into extra time after Jamie Clifford put Buckland ahead at the beginning of the second half.

Both teams played good passing football for the first twenty minutes until Stoke started to pile on the pressure playing higher up the field creating the better chances. Neil Last shot just wide as the Railway men heaped the pressure on the Buckland goal and when Matt White shot just over from distance the Railwaymen should of been ahead by the break.

With both teams going in at half time in stalemate after playing some decent football, one team had to go the step further and put the ball into the back of the net in the second half, as a winner was needed on the night with extra time and penalties if required.

The second half began and it was Buckland who went the step further by scoring a goal. A minute into the half and a left wing ball into the box was headed past Stoke keeper Adam Simpson by Jamie Clifford.

A response was what was needed if Stoke wanted to win and four minutes after Athletic's opener the side from the South Hams found the back of the net. Neil Last received the ball from the left which he turned and pinged off the post leading to a mini Poznan in the stand.

Matt Beer had a shot from range which led to a fine fingertip save from Simpson in the Stoke goal and down the other end Neil Last shot just wide whilst trying to claim his second of the match.

Stoke had the best chance to win the match when Buckland keeper Ryan Walton parried a shot from Matt Whitehouse and Iain Davidson headed the rebound just wide which meant extra time was going to be needed to separate the two sides.

Dan Easton had a shot denied by a great save from Buckland keeper Ryan Walton in extra time as neither team could score leading to a penalty shoot out.

Matt White hit the post for Stoke, Matt Beer sent his over the top, Joe Thompson saw his penalty saved low, Darren Vickary scored for 0-1, Iain Davidson sent his over the bar, Jamie Clifford scored down low for 0-2, Lee Fenner converted top corner for 1-2, Ben Robinson scored the winner in the top left corner.

 (Buckland Reserves won 3-1 on kicks from the penalty mark)

Stoke Gabriel Res: Adam Simpson, Luke Horrell, Liam O'Callaghan, Matt Whitehouse, Sheridan Gagg, Joe Thompson, Dan Easton, Matt White, Lee Fenner, Neil Last, Jack Pollard, Iain Davidson, Sam Crooks, Kurtley Hassall, Jake Moore,

Buckland Athletic Res: Ryan Walton, Ben Robinson, George Denbow, Darren Vickery, Karl Green, Ryan Harrison White, Jamie Clifford, Steven Holmes, Ben Smith, Matt Beer, Aaron Cowell, Luke Boyle, , ,