**Stoke Gabriel V Galmpton United**

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

**Stoke go top after feisty local derby.**

Stoke overtook Galmpton in the race for the title after a Good Friday home derby victory.

The top two teams in the league came head to head where Stoke came from behind to claim victory at their GJ Churchwood Memorial Ground.

A Good Friday local derby where the winner would go top was always going to be a feisty match in front of a crowd of one hundred and ninety three. Dean Stevens got booked after allegedly diving in the box and Dave Worthington hit over the bar as it looked like it would be one of those days where missed chances could cost you the match. It was Galmpton however who took the lead when Dan Rankin hit past the helpless Stoke keeper after Stoke defender Si Laughton sliced his clearance.

The game in the South Hams sunshine quietened down a bit as Dean Stevens saw his shot fly over the bar as both teams went in at the break with not much between them other than the goal.

The hosts came out the better team in the second half and equalised after just over a minute. Dave Worthington put the ball in from the left where Nick Milton, on his second debut for the club, headed past Galmpton keeper Matt Congdon.

Both teams battled on for all three points and when the Railwaymen scored again after Laughton headed home a Stevens cross, claiming his first goal of the season, it meant Galmpton had an uphill battle for the remainder of the match.

Galmpton couldn't find a way through the Stoke defence to get back on level terms and when the hosts scored again it looked like game over. Jordan Hopkins hit a shot from twenty five yards out which flew into the roof of the net giving Congdon in the United goal no chance.

A cracking game in the morning sunshine of the South Hams in what could be a major step to winning the title for Stoke as Galmpton need to win their last two games for any chance and even then rely on Stoke dropping points.

Stoke Gabriel: Dom Aplin, Mark Ashworth, Nick Milton, Robbie Bowker, Si Laughton, Olly Critchlow, Steve Bowker, Kris Davis, Jordan Hopkins, Dave Worthington, Dean Stevens, Ryan O'Callaghan, Liam O'Callaghan, Jamie Mills, Rick Lee, Neil Last

Galmpton United: Matt Congdon, Jamie Spence, Richard Ridley, Jamie Bonner, John Potter, Kevin Wiltshire, Kieran Parkin, Lloyd Clark, Matt Barkwell, Dan Rankin, Liam Jones, Neil Stephens, Richard Whatman, Alex Bayliss, Simon Primmer, Ashley Hoare