**Stoke Gabriel V Sidmouth Town**

**Man of the match: Dave Worthington**.

**Stoke turn game on its head as Bowker see red.**

Title chasing Stoke had to come from behind against struggling Sidmouth on Saturday before securing all three points as both teams finished with ten.

It only took six minutes for the first goal in this thrilling encounter as Dave Worthington headed home at the far post from a Tim Porter cross.

Ten minutes later and Sidmouth got a surprise equaliser as Andrew Isaac lobbed Dom Aplin after the ball took a slight deflection off the Stoke defender and into the back off the net and then things got worse for Stoke who were reduced to ten when Steve Bowker picked up a second yellow for a challenge on a Sidmouth midfielder.

The East Devon based team took advantage of Stoke only having ten and took the lead quarter of an hour into the second half when Aaron Doble put the ball past home keeper Dom Aplin from the edge of the box.

Going behind against the run of play certainly seemed to fire up Stoke to a new level of determination and their play improved from then on.

Stoke equalised just five minutes later when Dave Worthington put the ball through the legs of Jack Burgess in the Sidmouth goal and in the resulting celebrations Doble pushed Dave Worthington to the floor and received a straight red card for his actions.

The home side wrapped up the three points with fifteen minutes to go when Burgess saved sub Jordan Hopkins' shot and Dave Worthington slid the rebound onto the line where defender Mike Stamp tried to clear the ball but only to see it fly in top corner.

Three points when at times it looked like it was going to be one of them days when fate stepped in to conspire for a surprise result.

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

Sidmouth Town: Jack Burgess, Greg Chaplin, Matt Colson, Mike Pidgeon, Mike Stamp, Aaron Doble, Ben Cole, Doug Still, Andrew Isaac, Andrew Thompson, Dave Green, Darren Thomas, Nathan Brace, Patrick Thomas,