**Stoke Gabriel V Taunton Town**

**Man of the match:**  (.)

**Stoke lose last pre-Season friendly.**

Stoke played Taunton at their GJ Churchwood Memorial Ground knowing that anything other than a heavy defeat was successful against a team who play the likes of Paulton Rovers and Swindon Supermarine in the Southern League.

Taunton broke the deadlock proving their standard of play after just twenty minutes when Rodney Marsh pulled off a smart roulette to get past marker Craig Fenner and hit powerfully into the near post for 0-1. Stoke had some good chances for an equaliser but became a bit down hearted when Taunton doubled their lead with five minutes to go until the break after Chris Young converted a Lewis Tasker cross into the back of the net.

Stoke managed to pull one back before halftime from the spot after Gary Fisher’s two attempts at a cross were handled by Ben Mammola in the box. Gary Fisher placed the penalty into the top left corner giving Stoke hope.

Half Time: Stoke Gabriel 1 Taunton Town 2

Taunton pulled away from Stoke in the second half scoring twice. Ex-Stoke player Andy Robertson scored a low powerful strike past Dom Aplin and Chris Young scored his second of the match after escaping the offside trap. Stoke improved after going four one down but could only pull one back when a great diagonal ball by Ollie Booth found Robbie Bowker who slammed the ball into the bottom corner.

Full Time: Stoke Gabriel 2 Taunton Town 4

Stoke Gabriel: Dom Aplin, Robbie Bowker, Dan Harmer, Gary Fisher, Craig Fenner, Si Laughton, Mark Ashworth, Dave Worthington, Dean Stevens, Jamie Mills, Ryan O’Calloghan, Jake White, Ollie Booth, , , ,

Taunton Town: Lee Matthews, Jamie Short, Lewis Tasker, Lloyd Beech, Ben Mammola, Rob Norrish, Josh Wadham, Shane Kingston, Chris Young, Rodney Marsh, Craig Herrod, Simon Ingram, Andy Robertson, Steve Murray,