**Tavistock V Stoke Gabriel**

**Stevens hat trick steals the show.**

Stoke's top scorer from the previous season Dave Worthington returned for his first match of the season as Stoke looked for their first victory of their pre-season campaign.

The clubs golden boot winner almost opened his account early on for the season when his early shot after just a few minutes flew onto the bar.

The Railwaymen, who won promotion to the Premier League replacing relegated Tavistock, opened the scoring after twenty minutes when Dean Stevens won the ball off a daydreaming defender before finishing right footed into the bottom corner. Dean Stevens had a superb chance to double the lead just before the break when his free kick was saved at full strength superbly by the Tavistock keeper.

The visitors were given a penalty early on in the second half when the Tavistock defender was judged to have handled a Jake White cross. Stevens converted the penalty into the back of the net with his left foot to put Stoke into a commanding lead.

Stevens completed his hat-trick five minutes from time with a superb thirty yard strike from out on the left which flew into the top corner.

Tavistock: Martin Piper, Neil Kinsman, Harry Southcot, Dan Fawlett, Lewis Dore, Kevin Kendle, Carlton Farnham, Dave Hallet, Ian Rooke, Oscar Bennett, Lewis Edwards, , , , ,

Stoke Gabriel: Dom Aplin, Jake White, Ben Brown, Steve Bowker, Si Laughton, Gary Fisher, Sam Dicken, Neil Last, Dean Stevens, Robbie Bowker, Dave Worthington, Matt Micklewright, Frazer Clark, ,