**Stoke Gabriel V Appledore**

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

**Jordan Hopkins scores clubs first, hundredth and last league goals this campaign.**

The Last game of the season for Champions Stoke Gabriel in a soggy South Hams in front of an attendance of sixty nine started with a very respectful gesture from visitors Appledore as they performed a guard of honour for the hosts on their way out to the pitch.

With non-stop showers and gale force winds across the pitch it was always going to be a tough game for both sides and it was Appledore who came close to taking the lead when Mark Cann saw his volley superbly pushed over the bar by home keeper Dom Aplin.

The opener and only goal of the game came two minutes later though when Jordan Hopkins, who scored the clubs first league goal of the season at Sidmouth, put the champions into the lead scoring the one hundredth and last league goal of the season for the hosts. Hopkins pounced on a loose ball before taking it past Jake Westcott in the Appledore goal and placing in the bottom corner.

Dave Worthington saw a long range effort finely saved by Westcott in the visitors goal as the teams went in at the break with the wind ruling the game determining who long balls were passed to.

Both teams had chances in the second half but great keeping from both goalies prevented further addition to the scoresheet.

Stoke were awarded a penalty with ten minutes to go as a surging run into the box by Jake White was ended when the defender was tripped by Jamie Frickleton. Up stepped right back Jake White, still without a goal to his name this campaign, as he side footed the ball down the centre only to see the visiting keeper save smartly with one hand. In the dying minutes a Kris Davis ball into the box was fired onto the post by White as he looked in vain for his elusive goal.

The game finished with just the one goal between the two teams and the presentation saw Stoke lift the trophy and gain promotion to step six for the first time in their history.

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

Appledore: Jake Westcott, Mark Cann, Will Marsland, Jamie Frickleton, Jack Gilbert, Tex Lord, James Marsh, Sam Fishwick, Tom Marsh, Seth Hodorowski, Richard Chumbley, Keith Shapland, Courtney Hodorowski, , ,