**Stoke Gabriel V Budleigh Salterton**

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

**A Worthy win after a Worthy four goals for Worthy.**

A Budleigh team who beat Okehampton in a floodlit mid week match at Greenway Lane struggled to get a repeat of that victory at high flying Stoke.

The game was not as easy as the scoreline suggests for the Railwaymen in a thrilling encounter. Five minutes into the match and the game was alive with the first goal of the afternoon when keeper Jordan Hockold slipped and a Olly Critchlow ball found Dave Worthington to tap into an empty net. Not long after and it was two nil to the hosts as Worthington slotted the ball past the Budleigh keeper Hockold to claim his second of the match.

Two nil down but Budleigh looked for a way back into this game and less than a minute later down the other end of the pitch they almost got that chance when a Danny Williams shot was blocked and George Pannell's rebound was superbly saved by home keeper Dom Aplin.

Worthington was on top form and seventeen minutes in he scored his hat-trick. Robbie Bowker's shot after his run down the left was saved by keeper Hockold but the ball fell to Dave Worthington's feet to tap home.

Budleigh might be three nil down at this time in the match but they weren't holding back in defence. The team from East Devon almost scored after twenty minutes but George Pannell's first time volley flew just over the bar.

Half an hour into the game and Stoke had scored again through that man Dave Worthington after tapping in from close range once again after picking up Olly Critchlow's pass.

Budleigh found the back of the net before half time in a spell of five minutes dominated by the Robins. Mark Lever hit the ball into the roof of the net from close range to put the away team on the score sheet. A minute after their first goal and Budleigh scored again making people think of a possible famous comeback. Stoke keeper Aplin fumbled the ball and Danny Williams was there to tap in the rebound.

The second half? Well after a first half with six goals it was never going to be very special and it barely made me reach for my notepad. The only goal came after 71 minutes when Tim Porter jumped higher than his marker to head into the top corner but that was all. Five Two and full time.

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

Budleigh Salterton: Jordan Hockold, Tim Nield, Darren Carr, Carl Everest, Sam Woodin, Hugo Demetre, Josh Hill, George Pannell, Mark Lever, Danny Williams, Jack Greenslade, Callum Shipton, Karl Riddell,