**Stoke Gabriel V Exwick Villa**

**Stoke beat top of the table whilst also claiming tenth clean sheet.**

Third in the table Stoke, who have three games in hand, played host to top of the table Exwick Villa in front of a crowd of a hundred and one. Exwick, previously known as Exeter Civil Service were unbeaten until seven days previously as they lost their first league game of the season at Okehampton.

Stoke had the early chances of the match as Olly Critchlow shot just wide from a Dave Worthington cross.

Stoke were awarded a free kick after thirty five minutes but little did the supporters know that this free kick would lead to the only goal of the game. Matt Byrne at fault for giving away the free kick and up stood Dean Stevens. Surprisingly Dean Stevens didn't go direct his ball to the far post was headed back across goal before getting headed in by Olly Critchlow.

Player Manager of the home team Gary Fisher had a great chance to double the lead just before the break but could only watch as his driving effort whistled past the post

Half Time: Stoke Gabriel 1 Exwick Villa 0

Stoke's domination continued into the second half with Olly Critchlow shooting just wide from six yards out. Dean Stevens sent some more thunderbolts at the away keeper and Dave Worthington shot wide from distance on several occasions.

Dean Stevens sent a long range effort at Fred Tonkin in the visitors goal which was superbly saved by the shot stopper but to the surprise of all the Stoke players no corner was given as the linesman signalled for a goal kick.

Stoke were left clinging on for a victory after a late bombardment on the home goal but the home teams solid defence kept Exwick Villa at bay.

Full Time: Stoke Gabriel 1 Exwick Villa 0

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

Exwick Villa: Fred Tonkin, Daniel Burwood, Aidan Barrett, Christopher Clarke, Neil Pointing, Fred Kingdom, Matthew Byrnes, Harry Taylor, Shaun Densham, Jamie Densham, Callum Hoare, Jason Rees, Eathan Chalk, Oliver Bird, Daniel Jones,