

Devine's hat-trick proves costly

SEAN Devine scored the fifth-hat-trick of his career and was then asked to cough up for the matchball by hard-up Torquay.

His treble, in Tuesday's 4-0 LDV Trophy win in Devon, saw Wanderers book their place in tomorrow morning's second round draw and left Torquay feeling down on their luck.

His hat-trick was probably the luckiest of his career with two goals having an element of handball about them.

He said: "The first one I headed onto my hand and it went in, the second was alright. The third one I thought the guy was going to clear it. I blocked the ball to stop it hitting me in the face and it dropped nicely. I didn't hear any whistle so I turned and hit it.

"I was half expecting it to be ruled out but Darren Currie ran up and told me to get back to the middle because he had allowed it.

"I was flabbergasted but delighted."

Devine then faced a tougher task getting the ball because Torquay's apprentices are fined every time they lose a ball.

Devine said: "I'll have to take them out for a drink."

And he was delighted to get among the goals after being benched for the last six games.

He said: "I haven't enjoyed that. If you're going to settle for sitting on the bench you might as well pack up playing football."

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