

CRUSHED

That other bang-in-form team, **Morlands**, crushed **Imperial** 9—1, six of the goals coming in the second half and three, all from **Cedric Wildblood**, who scored four altogether, in the last 10 minutes.

Club matches: Bream 2 (Leonard Bickle), East Devon 0; E Devon II 2; Bream II 2 (Toitie, Brown); Bream A 0; E Devon III 1; Bristol 1 (Walls), Penarth 0; Penarth II 0; Bristol II 4 (Jacob 4); Bristol III 6 (Stokes 5, Barton-Smith 2, McCausland); Penarth III 1; Penarth IV 2; Bristol A 0 (Brooking 3, Hammond 2, Evans 2, Caddick, Chapple); Yatton III 4; Bristol B 4 (B Haigh 2, Aston 2); BAC 0; Llanishen 1; Bridgwater 4 (Bagg 3); Minehead 3 (Baker 3); Firebrands 2 (Ward p.f., Fielding); Gloucester City 3; Gloucester II 1; Firebrands II 0; Firebrands III 0; Gloucester III 2; Gloucester IV 4; Firebrands IV 1 (Wheeler); Frome 1; North Wilts 2; Morlands 0 (Wildblood 2, Hughes 2, Wyndham-Smith, Crees, Riste); Imperial I (Spencer); Imperial II 0; Morlands II 0; Morlands III 0; Westbury & United Banks II 2 (Hofman, Fairman); BAC IV 0; Imperial III 3 (Shindle 2, Dowden).

Unicorns take the lead

Unicorns went to the top of the Bristol and District Summer Hockey League with a 2—1 win over Portishead, thanks to goals by Richard Hanna and Peter Bridger, writes **JIM KEAY**. John Stanford hit back for Portishead and also put them ahead against N.S.C., who recovered to win 2—1.

League secretary Keith Lansdown scored his second goal in successive games since switching from full-back to centre-forward.

Latest results and tables:

Division I — Yards 0, Unicorns 2; Apaches 2, Bluebottles 1 (Jacobs); Portishead 1 (Stanford); Unicorns 2 (Hanna, Bridger); Portishead 1 (Stanford); N.S.C. 2 (Batistean, Lansdown); Blue bottles 4 (Fenton 2, Nixon, Banham); Marauders 0.

Division II — Imps 4 (Hinder 2, Spicer 2), Bath Buns 1 (Hughes); Loosuns 2, Tightsans 2; Bath Buns 2 (Samways, Weeks); Bath University 1; Loosuns 2; Bream 1.

Division III — Rascals 3, Nomads 2; R.N.A.S. Yeovilton 0; Stokers 1 (Smalles); Fleecers 2; Clevedon 3 (Cornish, Neal, McCausland).

Tables (including results notified up to Monday, June 4):

DIVISION I											
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps				
Unicorns	6	4	0	1	13	10	9	8			
Morlands	4	4	0	0	15	4	6	8			
N.S.C.	5	3	0	0	7	7	1	4			
Apaches	5	3	0	0	3	7	1	4			
B'ottles	3	1	0	0	10	9	3	3			
P'head	3	1	0	2	7	5	3	3			
Marauders	4	0	0	4	3	12	0	0			
Thornes	1	0	0	1	1	5	0	0			
Yards	2	0	0	2	1	7	0	0			

DIVISION II											
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps				
Imperial	5	4	1	0	15	6	6	6			
Tightsans	5	3	2	0	12	5	5	8			
Bath Buns	5	2	2	2	12	11	11	6			
Loo-Suns	3	1	2	2	5	13	4	4			
Torpid	3	0	3	0	9	5	7	1			
Frome	2	0	1	1	5	7	1	1			
Bream	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	0			
Bath Univ	4	0	0	4	1	7	0	0			

DIVISION III											
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps				
Clevedon	5	4	0	1	17	6	7	8			
Stokers	5	3	1	1	13	7	3	6			
Rascals	5	3	0	0	8	3	3	6			
Nomads	4	2	0	2	10	8	4	6			
R.N.A.S.	5	1	2	3	11	10	6	7			
Fleecers	4	0	1	2	3	4	6	2			
Bath Police	2	1	0	1	3	7	2	2			
Trippers	4	0	0	4	2	21	0	0			

After a scoreless first half Morlands went on a five-goal spree against Yeovil. Colin Creese with a deflection, started the scoring before Cedric Wildblood added two, and Richard Woodhouse and Paul Lukins hit one apiece.

Another 5-0 result was at Portishead where Jolyon Armstrong scored two for Firebrands and John Bretten, David Nelson and Shaun Holman shared the others.

Morlands trounce Exeter

Morlands 7
Exeter 0

A fine all-round performance by Morland's mens' hockey team gave them convincing 7—0 win against a disappointing Exeter side, with goals from C. Wildblood (3), R. Norton (2), H. Riste, and C. Crees.

Throughout the game they played open, attractive hockey, completely overwhelming Exeter. R. Norton opened the scoring after four minutes, and with Wildblood leading Morlands forward in style, more goals were inevitable.

Mid-way through the first half, H. Riste added another fine goal, and Wildblood made the half-time score 3—0.

Mention should be made of Morlands' often under-rated defence, who were rarely in trouble with Woodhead and Hughes playing well.

So far this season, four Morlands players have played for Somerset 1st XI, namely: C. Wildblood, C. Mantell, R. Woodhead and C. Barker.

Hi-fly Morlands hit five

Yeovil 0
Morlands 5

Five second half goals gave Morlands a convincing victory over Yeovil in this Somerset K.O. cup men's hockey match at Sherborne.

After a tense, goalless first half, Morlands' strikers showed their class with five well-worked goals. After C. Crees had opened the scoring, Morlands' forwards went to town with C. Wildblood (2), and R. Woodhead hitting fine goals. Then P. Lukins came on as substitute, and with his first hit for two months following injury he fired home a short corner to complete the scoring.

Having beaten Millfield 4—1 the previous day, this win brought Morlands' goal aggregate for the weekend to 9—1, thus "cancelling out" their unfortunate 8—1 defeat at the hands of Firebrands last week. The scorers against Millfield were C. Mantell (2) and R. Woodhead (2).

Morlands get through the blanket

Henleaze 1
Morlands 2

A last minute goal by H. Riste gave Morlands a somewhat fortunate win over Henleaze in a close hockey match at Henleaze school.

The home team started well and scored an early goal, but Morlands fought back and equalised through C. Crees just before the interval.

Throughout the match, Morlands' forwards found it hard to penetrate a blanket defence which smothered their attacking flair, but they played some good hockey, especially in defence where M. Fentum had a fine game.

A superb run by C. Barker late in the game had the Henleaze defence in trouble, and from the resulting play, H. Riste, following up well, shot home after C. Mantell had hit a post.

Fleecers win on a heavy pitch

Morlands Fleecers 1
Long Ashton 0

The Fleecers continue on their winning way. The team is unbeaten since October and although some of the games have lacked inspiration this is a sound club performance exactly in line with last season.

The heavy rain — much needed as it was — made the pitch at Failands particularly heavy, leading to numerous mistakes by most players on both sides. Fleecers got off to a fast and forceful start and were unfortunate not to be two goals up after ten minutes. It was not to be and Long Ashton settled down and by half-time had had several opportunities to score through mistakes by Fleecers defenders.

The second half started much as the first had ended, with Fleecers, trying to play their close passing game perfected on dry pitches. Long Ashton were more direct and quick to pounce on defensive errors. But it was somewhat against the run of play when Fleecers scored the one and only goal of the match through M. Evans driving the ball hard and high into the net.

On such a pitch no one player was distinguished but O. Malohe made some brilliant last ditch clearances. B. Hooks worked very hard to get the forwards moving and both C. Crees and T. Adlam put in good runs on the wing when given the opportunity.

Morlands second half rally

Morlands 1
West Gloucester 2

After being two goals down at half-time, Morlands Hockey XI rallied well in the second half and almost snatched a draw in this game, played on an all weather pitch at Millfield School.

Three regular players were absent due to extended New Year festivities, and the reshuffled Morlands side took some time to settle down. Meantime, West Gloucester had scored from a well struck, short corner and again, from a narrow angle, following a long corner.

In the second half, a good save by Wallace seemed to raise the spirits of Morlands, who slowly began to control the mid-field and get back into the game. Eventually, Crees scored with a clever deflection from a strong, two-handed shot by Lukins, but with only three minutes to go, Morlands could not force an equaliser.

The best performances of the day came from the galloping Bret, at full back, who returned to the side after several years absence, and from Ivor Coate who umpired the game single handed.