

First game Mid Som Vets

Bristol 3rds 4 goals from Daryl Livingstone and Colin Crees.

M/Somerset Vets 2
Mid Somerset Vets gave debuts to Dave Weydon and Tim Growden at Bristol in their first hockey match of the new season.

A brace of goals inside the first 10 minutes gave Bristol a lead which they held until the second half. Mid Somerset then took advantage of the new short corner rules and levelled the scores with

A close finish seemed likely, but Bristol scored a further two goals in the last 10 minutes before Mid Somerset were awarded a penalty flick as a result of another short corner move.

Weydon hit the wrong side of the post and Mid Somerset had to settle for a 4-2 defeat.

M Somerset Vets 0
Shepton Vets 3

Shepton Mallet had by far the best of the game and their victory was a fair reflection of the match.

The one good thing for Mid Somerset was the performance of 14-year-old Mike Francis in goal, who showed some good touches and excellent kicking.

Shepton scored their first goal 10 minutes before half-time and soon increased their lead to three goals in the second half.

M Somerset Vets ... 1
Taunton Vale 0

Mid Somerset Veterans pulled off a memorable victory against a strong Taunton Vale side on grass at Glastonbury.

Despite early Taunton pressure, the visitors were caught on the break after 20 minutes when cross from left winger Tony Holland was converted into a goal by right winger Colin Crees.

Constant second half pressure from Taunton was thwarted by a new defensive partnership which included Howard Harrison at full back, who had a dominant game against his old club.

Mike England had a good game in goal and on the only occasion he was beaten, Tim Oliver was on hand to save the day.

This 1-0 victory was undoubtedly their best win since Mid Somerset started playing Veterans fixtures one year ago.

Chard Vets 1
M Somerset Vets 1

After two successive defeats, Mid Somerset Vets returned to form on the shale pitch at Holyrood School, Chard, with a deserved draw.

The visitors got off to the best possible start with a well-taken goal by right winger Colin Crees inside the first 10 minutes of the game.

Chard levelled before half-time, and, although they dominated the second half, were unable to score.

The second half remained goal-less and the game ended as a draw. This Saturday the Vets are at home to Taunton.

Chippenham Vets ... 2
M-Somerset Vets ... 1

A long away fixture and an early start gave Mid Somerset team problems, but Chippenham came to the rescue with some players, and a good game followed.

Mid Somerset looked dangerous early on with a number of attacks, the best of which was a good effort from skipper Jim Bryson.

It was no surprise when Mid Somerset took the lead, thanks to a goal from a guest player. The home side equalised before half-time.

Chippenham came more into the game in the second half, and a defensive misunderstanding saw them take the lead early in the half.

Both teams had further chances to score but the goalkeepers could not be beaten and the game ended in a one goal victory for the Chipmunks team.

M/Somerset Vets 5
Portishead 3rd 2

Mid Somerset Vets gained revenge for last season's 3-0 defeat at Portishead with a 5-2 home victory on a sticky grass pitch at St Dunstan's School, Glastonbury.

Portishead scored an early goal and were denied a second thanks to some fine goalkeeping from Mike England. By half-time Mid Somerset had levelled the scores with a Malcolm Chorlton goal.

Playing with the slope in the second half, Mid Somerset took control with goals from open play from Dave Weydon and a second from Chorlton after Howard Harrison hit the crossbar.

Portishead pulled a goal back but Mid Somerset scored two more, through skipper Jim Bryson and winger Colin Crees, to record the team's first win of the season.

This Saturday the Vets are at home to West Gloucester.

Mid Somerset Vets ... 6
Phillipians 0

Mid Somerset Vets entertained a youthful Phillipians side on a heavy grass pitch at Glastonbury.

Mid Somerset's winger Colin Crees scored in the last minute of the half, and the second half was all one way traffic as the home side turned their superiority into goals.

John Price, on his debut, scored the second goal, while Crees scored his second. Sandwiched between two individual goals from Robbie Vowles, was Daryl Livingstone's goal.

Mid Somerset are looking to increase the playing strength of the club. Anyone interested in playing hockey is asked to ring secretary Nick Ivory for further details, on Glastonbury 831169.

Taunton CS 3rd ... 2
M-Somerset Vets ... 2

This match was transferred to the shale pitch at Taunton Vale after the grass pitch at Glastonbury was unplayable.

Mid Somerset played the first half with only 10 men, as one of the team failed to turn up, but they were un-

lucky to be a goal down at half-time.

Dave Purchase guested for the second half, and his presence made a big difference.

He laid on the equalising goal for skipper Jim Bryson who, after hitting the post, knocked the rebound into the net.

The roles were reversed 10 minutes later when Bryson laid on the second goal for Purchase to give Mid's the lead.

Taunton grabbed an equaliser in the last five minutes, with a goal for their winger, and the game ended as a 2-2 draw.

Hockey

Single-goal defeat for Vets

M Somerset Vets 0
W Gloucester V's 1

Mid Somerset Vets conceded a goal in the first 10 minutes for the third consecutive game, but were unable to score themselves.

Mid Somerset's two best chances came in the first half - Colin Crees had a shot well saved by the goalkeeper in the first few minutes, while a fine run by Howard Harrison failed to produce a goal after he had beaten the goalkeeper.

West Gloucester had the better of the game, but there was some good defensive work from full backs Ron Barlow and Bill Wych, while goalkeeper Mike England made some important stops.

Mid Somerset's only short corner came late in the game, but they were unable to take advantage and the game ended with the one goal separating the teams.

This Saturday the Vets are at home to Shepton Vets, at Tor Leisure, starting at 2pm.

M/Somerset Vets ... 0
Frome Vets 2

This game was played in a steady drizzle and on a heavy pitch, but despite the poor conditions, the veteran teams of Mid Somerset and Frome produced an attack-

ing game, with both sides having numerous chances to score goals.

It was the visitors who took an early lead when the Frome left winger Andy Liggett scored against his former club. Mid Somerset were then guilty of some glaring misses, and only had themselves to blame for not equalising by half-time.

Richard Potticary had a fine game at full back in his first game of the season, and Mid Somerset held out until the last minute of the match, when Frome scored a second goal.

Vets feel their age at Yeovil

Yeovil Veterans 6
M-Somerset Vets 1

Mid-Somerset Vets' original fixture against Imperial was cancelled during the week as the opposition were unable to raise a team. But this game was organised at short notice against a strong Yeovil team on the football club's new astro-turf pitch at Huish Park.

Yeovil's younger side and superior fitness soon told as they

raced into a four-goal lead at half-time. The second half was better as Mid-Somerset held their own, but they did concede a further two goals.

In between, Howard Harrison scored a fine individual goal, but the final score of 6-1 was a fair reflection of the game.

Mid Somerset will have an early chance to avenge this defeat, as the two teams meet again at Glastonbury in two weeks time.