

HOCKEY 1993/4

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● The Bridgwater and Mid Somerset 2nd XIs played a friendly which ended at 0-0. Again the goalkeepers took the greatest credit. Ian Francis, father of first team keeper Mike, had a splendid game, supported by full-backs Mark Smith and Colin Crees.

18/9/93

M-Somerset 3rd XI	... 4
Bristol 3rd XI	... 2

There was an early setback for the 3rd XI on the astro at Ed-

garley, but they were rewarded with two individual goals from Paul Stephens and Richard Pavey in the first half.

Pavey added a third goal in the second half, but Bristol then scored twice before Mid Somerset made the game safe with a fourth goal from Colin Crees.

Mids thus gained revenge for a defeat by the same score in the first game of last season.

The Mallets ran riot at Tor Leisure Centre, beating Mid Somerset 5-1. Richard Trott scored four goals, Mike Thompson got the other.

18/9/93

M-Somerset 3rd XI	... 1
Portishead 3rd XI	... 4

Mid Somerset entertained a youthful Portishead side in a 3rd XI game on the astro at Edgarley.

One down at half-time, Mid Somerset went two behind early in the second half, but after some good work by John Sawyer, winger Colin Crees pulled a goal back.

However, Portishead scored a third almost immediately afterwards, and a fourth in the last minute of the game gave them a rather flattering victory.

9/10/93

M-Somerset 3rd XI	... 1
Shepton Mallets	... 5

The game was won by Shepton's Veterans side inside the first 20 minutes, when they scored four goals from open play.

Mid Somerset captain Bill Wych then made a couple of positional changes which stemmed the flow of goals and brought Mid Somerset back into the game.

They pulled a goal back through Daryl Livingstone in the second half, and had another disallowed, before the Mallets completed the scoring with a fifth goal.

25/9/93

Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 2
Brean 3rd XI	... 1

There was a deserved home victory on grass for the 3rd XI, who dominated the first half and scored two fine goals from Dave Waydon and Russell Trenchard.

The highlights of the second half were a fine goal-line clearance from Mids' Bill Balter, and several short corners which the home team were unable to convert.

● The team is in urgent need of a goalkeeper.

Would anyone interested please contact captain Bill Wych on Glastonbury 833255.

2/10/93

Millfield Colts	... 4
Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 3

Mid Somerset 3rd XI only have themselves to blame for not beating the Colts, when they threw away a two goal lead on a poor grass pitch at Millfield.

Early in the second half, Mids were winning 3-1 thanks to goals from Alan Wilton, Mike Whittaker and teenager Mark Johnson.

But some poor defending allowed the Colts to score three goals near the end of the game to win by the odd goal in seven.

30/10/93

Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 4
Yatton 4th XI	... 1

On an astro pitch at Clifton College, Mid Somerset 3rd XI took an early lead through centre forward Jim Byson, and this lead was maintained until Yatton equalised 10 minutes into the second half.

But two well-struck goals from Colin Crees and another from Matthew Wood (son of full back David), gave Mids a well-deserved victory.

23/10/93

Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 1
Firebrands Sparks	... 4

This 3rd XI game started at midday with a scratch side and only 10 players. As in previous weeks, Mid Somerset created several chances which they were unable to convert, their only goal coming from teenager Mike Davis.

6/11/93

Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 2
Frome 3rd XI	... 0

Mid Somerset 3rd XI's defence kept a clean sheet for the first time this season, which helped the team to achieve their second consecutive victory as they beat Frome by two goals.

Both came in the second half, Colin Crees converting a right wing cross from Tony Holland, and teenage debutant Neth Pemberton scoring after a poor clearance from the Frome goalkeeper.

13/11/93

Mid Somerset 2nd XI	... 0
North Devon 2nd XI	... 4

The wind and rain only compounded Mid Somerset's misery on Saturday as they went down to a North Devon side they would normally have beaten.

Taking the field with only 10 men, and having other changes forced on them due to injuries and other commitments, Mids knew they had an uphill battle. In a patchy performance, they conceded two goals in each half, and went away into a wet carnival night reflecting on what might have been.

20/11/93

Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 0
Chard Vets	... 2

Playing on grass at Tor Leisure, Mids 3rd XI only have themselves to blame for letting in two early goals through poor defensive work.

The roles were reversed in the second half, as Mid Somerset dominated, but for the second week running they were unable to score a goal.

The two best chances fell to Jim Bryson and debutant Paul Fairbrother, both chances being saved by the Chard goalkeeper.

27/11/93

Taunton C S 3rd XI	... 5
Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 0

An early start meant some non-availability due to work commitments and Mids started the game without a recognised defender and five schoolboys.

A hamstring injury after 20 minutes reduced the team to ten players for one of the strongest fixtures of the season.

The youngsters never gave up and several attacks were thwarted by a defence which worked very hard.

4/12/93

Firebrands Vets	... 4
Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 2

On Firebrands' astro-turf at Failand, Mid Somerset did extremely well to level the scores after conceding two goals to some clinical finishing.

Paul Fairbrother and Ian Clements scored their first goals of the season as Mids drew level five minutes into the second half.

The highlight of the game was the goalkeeping of skipper Bill Wych, normally a full-back.

Despite his heroics, Mids conceded two further

goals late in the game, but this was a good result against a strong and very experienced team.

11/12/93

Imperial 3rd XI	... 1
Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 1

After losing their last four games, Mid Somerset 3rd XI stopped the rot with an encouraging performance on grass against Imperial, at Bristol.

Mids conceded a goal in the first 10 minutes, but equalised in the last 10 minutes when Andrew Ailston scored his first goal for the club.

Mids goalkeeper Tom Medlycott had a promising debut in a result which, surprisingly, was the teams' first drawn game of the season.

8/1/94

Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 3
Frome Vets	... 3

A month's lay-off for Mid Somerset 3rd XI was evident on the astro turf at Millfield School, Street, as a lethargic first half saw them concede two goals.

However, the second half was different, and after two goals from Nick Malone and one from Ian Clement, Mids took the lead.

Frome soon equalised, and though the final 15 minutes saw

chances for both sides, neither could snatch the winning goal.

22/1/94

Bridgwater 3rd XI	... 2
Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 2

Mid Somerset left with only eight players due to late withdrawals, and picked up two players at Bridg-

water, to start the game one man short. They were effectively reduced to only nine when Ian Clements injured his hand.

However, this did not stop Mid Somerset from taking the lead thanks to Jason Bridgwater's goal. He also scored the equaliser from a penalty flick after the home side had netted twice in the second half.

A draw was a good result for Mid Somerset, although they did have the better chances to win the game.

29/1/94

Taunton Vale 4th XI	... 0
Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 0

Mid Somerset 3rd XI's unbeaten run now stretches back to December 4, and by managing not to concede a goal for only the second time this season, they came away from Taunton with a draw.

Mids dominated the first half and had a number of chances to score, but the home side made a positional change at half-time which brought Taunton more into the game.

Mid Somerset's fourth consecutive draw was still a fair result in an enjoyable game played in the right spirit.

5/2/94

Weston-s-M 3rd XI	... 2
Mid Somerset 3rd XI	... 0

Weston started this game with a 14-

match unbeaten run stretching back to October and overcame a good Mid Somerset performance to add another game to their tally.

2/2/94

Taunton CS 2nd XI	... 2
Mid Somerset 2nd XI	... 0

A change of venue meant an away match on the Astroturf at Taunton. With many changes forced on Mids through the unavailability of players, and Nat Pemberton pulling a hamstring in the warm-up, the promotion-chasing Civil Service side started with a big advantage.

For all their misfortunes, Mids reorganised and played like terriers, especially Nick Ivory, who had an outstanding and inspirational game in his new role as left-back.

At half-time the game was still goalless, but after the break Taunton launched attack after attack on the Mids goal as they saw their promotion prospects slipping away.

A solid and composed Mids defence continued to play with the same resolve as in the first half, while creating problems at the other end with some spirited running by Dean Davis and breaks out of defence by Mike Davis.

With minutes to go, the home side's persistence finally paid off when their centre forward struck twice, but although Mids lost, this was their most spirited performance of the season.