

Mid Somerset II.....2  
North Somerset II.....1

After waiting 21 games for a victory last season, Mid-Somerset have fared better this year, winning two of their first three games.

The second victory at home to North Somerset (a new team formed from Brean and Portishead) was well deserved. Mids took the lead in the first half after a fluent move from defence to attack found Malcolm Chorlton, who beat the advancing goalkeeper from the edge of the circle.

Mids kept their lead until late in the game when Mike Lilley equalised for the visitors, but from a short corner routine in the last five minutes Alan Wilton gave Mids victory.

Mids would welcome any new members to attend training at Shepton Mallet Leisure Centre on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm.

Mid Somerset 2nd XI.....2  
Exmouth 2nd XI.....3

It was an exciting first five minutes of the new league season for Mids as Jon Sawyer raced away in the first minute in a solo attack, but failed to score, and this was followed by a succession of five short corners which the home side were unable to convert.

Exmouth took an early lead as a result of a deflection from a defender's stick and later added a second for a two-goal half-time lead.

Mids came out fighting in the second half and two similar moves out of defence and down the right wing resulted in goals for Sawyer and Ed Medlycott, the second goal coming when Mids were reduced to 10 men. A point for a draw would have been a deserved result, but Exmouth had other ideas and scored five minutes from time for a narrow victory.

Chudleigh 2nd XI.....6  
Mid Somerset 2nd XI.....2

With 1st team calls and non-availability, Mids travelled to Totnes with only 10 players, which included three goalkeepers.

Unfortunately, not one of the three had a pair of kickers and teenager Nick Senior, who volunteered to keep goal, was under a severe handicap, which gave Chudleigh ample opportunities to score.

Despite this Mids gave a commendable performance, particularly in the first half, when a goal from a short corner by Dave Yelland reduced the deficit to two goals to one.

Chudleigh's four second half goals gave them a commanding lead, but Mids rallied in the last 10 minutes. Yelland had a penalty flick brilliantly saved by the goalkeeper, while debutant Pete Cameron scored a consolation second from a narrow angle.

Mid Somerset 2nd XI.....3  
Minehead 2nd XI.....2

This home game had to be played at Gillingham due to the non-availability of the local pitch, and started nearly one hour late as a car from Minehead broke down. Mids took an early lead as Malcolm Chorlton won the race to score off the keeper's

pads, but Minehead managed to equalise before Des Switzer added a second from the back of the circle after a cross from the right.

With a one goal half-time lead, a defensive lapse enabled the visitors to draw level for a second time, but Mids fought back and were rewarded with the best goal of the game when Jon Sawyer turned past a defender and hit an unstoppable shot past the keeper. This was a deserved result for Mids, their first league win of the season. Teenager Mike Edmunds, from Cheddar, made a useful debut, while the team were also grateful to Rodney Chorlton, who came to watch but ended up playing.

South East Div I: Bridgwater A 1 Ottery Crickets A 0, Exmouth 10 Sidmouth A 0, Mid-Somerset 2 Torbay A 1, Taunton Vale B 5 Bridport Hawks 2, Yeovil B 0 Chard 5.

South East Div II: Chard A 0 Taunton CS 6, Dawlish A 6 Shepton Mallet A 3, Exeter Hornets A 2 Exeter Univ B 1, Ottery Crickets B 2 North Devon 2, Seale Hayne 2 East Devon A 5.

South East Div III: Bridgwater B 1 Taunton CS A 1, Bridport Hawks A 0 Chudleigh A 5, Exeter Hornets B 5 Exmouth A 0, North Devon A 1 Minehead A 3.

South East Div IV: East Devon B 1 Yeovil C 5, Minehead B 1 Ottery Crickets C 2, Shepton Mallet B 5 Dawlish B 1, Sidmouth B 0 Isca C 9, Taunton CS B 2 Bridgwater C 0.

South East Div I: Bridport Hawks 2 Chard 3, Exmouth 5 Ottery Crickets A 2, Sidmouth A 1 Torbay A 1, Taunton Vale B 4 Mid-Somerset 1.

Div II: Chard A 1 Dawlish A 1, Exeter Hornets A 5 North Devon 1, Taunton CS 3 East Devon A 2.

Div III: Bridgwater B 1 Exeter Hornets B 2, Mid-Somerset A 2 Exmouth A 3, North Devon A 5 Bridport Hawks A 0, Taunton CS A 2 Chudleigh A 2, Torbay 3 Minehead A 1.

Div IV: Dawlish B 0 Isca C 10, East Devon B 8 Sidmouth B 0, Minehead B 1 Taunton CS B 1, Shepton Mallet B 3 Ottery Crickets C 0, Yeovil C 6 Bridgwater C 1.

South East Div I: Chard 9 Sidmouth A 0, Ottery Crickets A 1 Bridport Hawks 6, Torbay A 0 Taunton Vale B 2, Yeovil B 0 Exmouth 7.

Div II: Dawlish A 3 Ottery Crickets B 2, East Devon A 0 Exeter Univ B 2, North Devon 4 Taunton CS 2, Seale Hayne 8 Exeter Hornets A 2, Shepton Mallet A 1 Chard A 0.

Div III: Bridport Hawks A 3 Torbay B 2, Chudleigh A 6 Mid-Somerset A 2, Exeter Hornets B 1 North Devon A 1, Exmouth A 2 Bridgwater B 1, Minehead A 1 Taunton CS A 1.

Div IV: Bridgwater C 1 Dawlish B 6, Isca C 6 East Devon B 3, Ottery Crickets C 0 Yeovil C 1, Sidmouth B 1 Minehead B 6, Taunton CS B 3 Shepton Mallet B 2.

South East Div I: Bridgwater A 8 Torbay A 2, Exmouth 4 Bridport Hawks 0, Sidmouth A 0 Ottery Crickets A 3, Taunton Vale B 0 Chard 3, Yeovil B 4 Mid-Som 1.

Exeter Univ B 0 North Devon 1, Seale Hayne 2 Dawlish A 3.

Div III: Bridgwater B 3 Chudleigh A 0, Bridport Hawks A 2 Exeter Hornets B 2, Mid Somerset A 3 Minehead A 2, North Devon A 1 Exmouth A 5, Torbay B 4 Taunton CS A 3.

Div IV: Dawlish B 2 Ottery Crickets C 1, East Devon B 3, Bridgwater C 2, Minehead B 0 Isca C 5, Shepton Mallet B 1 Yeovil C 3, Taunton CS B 8 Sidmouth B 0.

South East Div I: Bridport Hawks 3 Bridgwater A 0, Chard 1 Mid-Somerset 2, Ottery Crickets A 0 Yeovil B 1, Sidmouth A 0 Taunton Vale B 0, Torbay A 0 Exmouth 3.

South East Div II: East Devon A 2 Dawlish A 1, Exeter Univ B 0 Chard A 3, North Devon 5 Seale Hayne 0 w/o. Shepton Mallet A 1 Exeter Hornets A 1, Taunton CS 8 Ottery Crickets B 0.

South East Div III: Chudleigh A 2 Exeter Hornets B 5, Exmouth A 10 Torbay B 0, Mid-Somerset A 2 Bridgwater B 2, Minehead A 2 Bridport Hawks A 0, Taunton CS A 1 North Devon A 0.

South East Div IV: Bridgwater C 3 Sidmouth B 1, Dawlish B 3 East Devon B 1, Isca C 9 Shepton Mallet B 0, Ottery Crickets C 0 Taunton CS B 5, Yeovil C 5 Minehead B 2.

Taunton CS 2nd XI.....2  
Mid Somerset 2nd XI.....1

The Civil Service were confident of an easy game after winning last season's corresponding fixture 5-0, but Mids gave the home side a tough ride and any result was possible right up to the final whistle. The score was one each going into the last quarter of the game, Malcolm Chorlton equalising from a short corner, after Taunton had taken a first half lead.

The game then came to life as Civil Service were awarded two penalty flicks. Both hit the post, the first for a goal, while the second bounced clear. Mids counter-attacked and had two disallowed goals before being awarded a flick of their own. Unfortunately, Jon Sawyer missed the target and, despite applying a great deal of pressure, Mids were unable to draw level

and Taunton were very relieved when the final whistle blew.

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

After struggling for players all season, Mids found themselves with a squad of 14 players for the local derby at home to Bridgwater. Mids had the best of the first 20 minutes and were unlucky not to take the lead after David Yelland grazed the crossbar following a short corner, and Jon Sawyer had a goal

disallowed rather unluckily. Bridgwater responded with the first goal of the game but Mids equalised before half-time when Malcolm Chorlton scored with a well-placed shot.

The use of three rolling substitutes seemed to affect Mids and the second half produced some of the poorest hockey of the season. However, Mids managed to salvage a point with the last hit of the game, when Yelland converted a short corner with a flick into the roof of the net.

Mid Somerset 2nd XI.....3  
North Devon 2nd XI.....0

Mid Somerset dominated the first half to such an extent that goalkeeper Andy Cameron and defenders Gary Squire and Colin Crees were virtual spectators, as North Devon struggled to mount an attack of any significance. This allowed the midfield to dominate the game, with a succession of crosses into the circle from Des Switzer and Steve Dowden. However, Mids failed to turn their superiority into goals and could only manage a one-

goal half-time lead, thanks to Paul Salvidge following up a poor clearance in the fifth minute.

However, Mids were rewarded in the second half, as they continued to pressure the North Devon defence. Jon Sawyer scored from a simple tap in after a good move down the right and Squire abandoned his defensive duties to score the third goal when he was left unmarked in the circle. This was a deserved second league win of the season for Mid Somerset.

Bridport Hawks 2nd XI.....2  
Mid Somerset 2nd XI.....1

Mid Somerset took a very inexperienced side to Colyton to play Bridport Hawks, including six players with only 12 games between them for the club. Despite this, Mids played some good hockey and looked the more threatening team in the first half.

Richard Horsham, making a playing return to the club after an absence of 13 years was unlucky not to score when he hit the post. Shortly after John Sawyer scored the opening goal after good work down the right.

Mids had a chance to increase the lead from a penalty flick in the second half but the goalkeeper saved Sawyer's shot. Bridport responded with a succession of short corners and eventually equalised while Nick Edmunds had a goal bound shot saved by the keeper.

With eight minutes remaining Bridport scored a rather fortuitous winning goal to leave Mids very disappointed that they did not get at least a point from this game.

Mid Somerset 2nd XI.....2  
Exeter Hornets B.....3

This game was played at Wells Cathedral School, Mids fourth venue of the season, and they entertained the league leaders who had an impressive record of five victories and three draws. Mids gave themselves a mountain to climb by conceding an early goal, but gave themselves hope when Malcolm Chorlton converted an equalising penalty flick in the second half.

Exeter Hornets then scored twice before a fine move started in defence involving Crees, Cameron and Chorlton found Jon Sawyer in the circle, who scored with a reverse stick shot. Mids maintained plenty of pressure in the last minutes, the best chance falling to John Price, but his shot hit the side netting. A great game of hockey with Mids losing by the odd goal. Special mention must be made of Cheddar teenagers Robbie Branch and Nick Edmunds who have quickly adapted to club hockey.

Exmouth 2nd XI.....6  
Mid-Somerset 2nd XI.....1

It was a traumatic week, with Mids second XI, starting with the resignation of the captain, followed by a short-notice attempt by Exmouth to bring the game forward.

However, thanks to Maladin Bysrazor Mids left with a full side and Exmouth redeemed themselves by providing two umpires. The only problem now was no regular goalkeeper, but Paul Salvage came to the rescue. But Exmouth took an early two-goal lead. It took 20 minutes for the visitors to settle, before John Price pulled a goal back, but the home side then built up a three-goal half-time lead.

The best two chances for Mids fell to Des Switzer who had two shots well saved, but Mids left themselves exposed at the back and despite some good stops by Salvidge, Exmouth scored two more goals.

South East Div I: Bridport Hawks 2 Yeovil B 1, Chard 10 Torbay A 0, Exmouth 8 Taunton Vale B 1, Ottery Crickets A w/o 5-0 Mid-Somerset, Sidmouth A 0 Bridgwater A 1.

Div II: East Devon A 2 Shepton Mallet A 1, Exeter Hornets A 8 Chard A 2, Exeter Univ B 0 Ottery Crickets B 2, North Devon 4 Dawlish A 1, Taunton CS 10 Seale Hayne 2.

Div III: Churleigh A 5 Exmouth A 1, Mid Somerset A 3 North Devon A 0, Minehead A 1 Exeter Hornets B 2, Taunton CSA 2 Bridport Hawks A 0, Torbay B 2 Bridgwater B 4.

South East Div IV: Bridgwater C 0 Isca C 2, Dawlish B 5 Minehead B 2, Ottery Crickets C 0 Sidmouth B 1, Shepton Mallet B 6 Easton Devon B 3, Yeovil C 5 Taunton CS B 0.

South East Div I: Chard 4 Exmouth 5, Mid-Somerset 2 Bridport Hawks 1, Torbay A 1 Ottery Crickets A 2, Yeovil B 0 Sidmouth A 4.

Div II: Dawlish A 0 Taunton CS 11, East Devon A 0 Exeter Hornets A 0, Ottery Crickets B 5 Chard A 1, Seale Hayne 1, Exeter Univ B 1, Shepton Mallet A 3 N Devon 0.

Div III: Bridport Hawks A 2 Mid-Somerset A 1, Chudleigh A 4 Torbay B 1, Exeter Hornets B 2 Taunton CS A 2, Exmouth A 4 Minehead A 0, N Devon A 0 Bridgwater B 7.

Div IV: Bridgwater C 1 Shepton Mallet B 4, Taunton CS B 3 Dawlish B 2.

South East Div I: Bridport Hawks 4 Torbay A 0, Exmouth 5 Bridgwater A 0, Ottery Crickets A 2 Chard 1, Sidmouth A 1 Mid-Somerset 3, Taunton Vale B 6 Yeovil B 0.

South East Div II: Chard A 4 Seale Hayne 4, Exeter Hornets A 2 Ottery Crickets B 0, Exeter Univ B 4 Dawlish A 1, North Devon 2 East Devon A 0, Taunton CS 1 Shepton Mallet A 3.

South East Div III: Mid-Somerset A 2 Exeter Hornets B 3, Minehead A 3 Chudleigh A 2, Taunton CS A 4 Exmouth A 1, Torbay B 2 North Devon A 4.

South East Div IV: Dawlish B W/O 0 Sidmouth B 5, East Devon B 3 Taunton CS B 2, Ottery Crickets B 1 Bridgwater C 1, Shepton

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South East Div II: Dawlish A 0 Chard A 1, East Devon 0 Taunton CS 5, N Devon 3 Exeter Hornets A 2, Shepton Mallet A 4 Exeter Univ B 0.

South East Div III: Bridport Hawks A 2 N Devon A 2, Chudleigh A 3 Taunton CS A 0, Exeter Hornets B 1 bridgwater B 0, Exmouth A 6 Mid-Somerset A 1, Minehead A 7 Torbay B 1.

South East Div IV: Bridgwater C 0 Yeovil C 1, Ottery Crickets C 5 Shepton Mallet B 4, Taunton CS B 0 Minehead B 3.