

Mid Somerset A .....2  
Bridgwater B .....2

The return league fixture with Bridgwater saw many similarities with the first fixture. The game was played at Edgarley for a second time. Mids came from a goal behind to earn a draw, and the equalising goal was scored by David Yelland who flicked a short corner into the roof of the net.

Bridgwater started the game very confidently after their six-goal victory the previous week, and they took an early lead when they scored following a short corner. However, Mids came back into the game and a through ball from the defence found Roger Hildon, who ran from the 25-yard line into the D and scored with a well-struck shot. Bridgwater regained the lead in controversial circumstances with a hotly disputed goal, which was allowed to stand after the impies conferred.

A goal down at half-time, Mids played well in the second half and scored a deserved equaliser when Yelland converted one of his trademark short corner flicks. The defence never looked troubled but despite plenty of pressure, Mids were unable to score the third goal that would have given them valuable points.

North East Div V: Bath Buccs C 7 W-u Edge A 1, Firebrands D 2 Bath Buccs D 2, Westbury/UB C 0 Bristol Univ C 2.

South East Div I: Bridgwater A 6 Sidmouth A 0, Mid-Som 2 Ottery Crickets A 4, Taunton Vale B 0 Exmouth 7, Torbay A 1 Chard 1, Yeovil B 1 Bridport Hawks 1.

South East Div II: Chard A 0 Exeter Hornets A 5, Dawlish A 3 N Devon 3, Ottery Crickets B 2 Exeter Univ B 0, Seale Hayne 0, Taunton CS 10, Shep Mallet A 1 E Devon A 3.

SOUTH EAST DIV I

Exmouth	15	1	0	92	8	46
Chard	12	1	3	46	17	37
Bridport Hwks	8	3	5	43	34	27
Bridgwater A	9	0	7	44	33	27
Ottery Crick A	7	4	4	31	25	25
Mid-Somerset	7	0	9	26	47	21
Taunton VB	3	3	3	15	15	12
Yeovil B	3	2	5	15	31	11
Torbay A	1	2	7	10	34	5

South East Div III: Bridgwater B 5 Torbay B 0, Bridport Hawks A 0 Taunton CS A 3, Exeter Hornets B 5 Minehead A 1, Exmouth A 3 Chudleigh A 8; N Devon A 3 Mid-Somerset A 1.

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

South East Div 1: Chard 4 Ottery Crickets A 1, Mid-Somerset 2 Sidmouth A 0, Torbay A 2 Bridport Hawks 1, Yeovil B 4 Taunton Vale B 0, Div 2: Dawlish A 5 Exeter Univ B 0, East Devon A 1 North Devon 1, Ottery St Mary B 1 Exeter Hornets A 8, Seale Hayne 0 Chard A 2, Shepton Mallet A 2 Taunton CS 7, Div 3: Bridport Hawks A 1 Bridgwater B 4, Chudleigh A 4 Minehead A 2, Exeter Hornets B 5 Mid-Somerset A 1, Exmouth A 3 Taunton CS A 3, North Devon A 3 Torbay B 0, Div 4: Bridgwater C 2 Ottery Crickets C 0, Isca C 1 Yeovil C 1, Minehead B 0 Shepton Mallet B 6, Sidmouth B 5, Dawlish B 0, Taunton CS B 0 East Devon B 2.

Mid Somerset A .....4  
Frome A .....0

With the league season being over, Mids returned to

friendly fixtures with a home game against Frome. They took the opportunity to play a number of youngsters and gave debuts to Joe Norris and Andy Renouf. Apart from three players, Malcolm Chorlton, Jon Sawyer and Colin Cree, the team comprised of either schoolboys or students. The youngsters combined well and there were a number of good moves which resulted in a lot of pressure on the Frome goal. The team was eventually rewarded when Robbie Branch opened the scoring and this was soon followed with the second goal from Matt Horsham.

Frome came more into the game in the second half but goalkeeper Martin McBlain was rarely troubled. Horsham scored Mids' third goal and captain Chorlton the fourth as Mids recorded a comfortable victory. Although Frome gave Mids plenty of room to play flowing hockey the youngsters adapted well to the game and the club hope that they can build on this for the future.

Mid Somerset 1st XI .....8  
Mid Somerset Chairman's XI .....2

This contest brought a fitting end to the season, with the only difference between the two sides being the speed of attack and finishing of the 1st XI. Although the scoreline suggests otherwise, possession and goal opportunities were evenly shared, but the veteran attack of the guests found it difficult to break down resolute defending, particularly from Gary Squire and keeper Jason Evans.

The game saw hat-tricks registered for Pete McGillivray and Ashley Spearing, with Steve Plant scoring two. Mike Baker and Paul Salvidge notched up consolation goals.

● Drawing a close to the season, the club's annual event was well attended. The captains' reports reflected the progress made during the season for both 1st and 2nd teams, where there is now scope to improve on the league positions achieved this last year.

Awards were handed out to Pete McGillivray (player of the season), Matt Horsham (young player of the season), Tom Petherbridge (most improved player) and Mark Smith (clubman of the year).

All members should note that the AGM of the men's section is at Tor Leisure Centre on Wednesday, May 6, at 7.30pm.

North Devon A .....3  
Mid Somerset A .....1

This was an important game for both teams at the foot of the table, and North Devon took the opportunity to strengthen their team with some 1st-teamers. This included the centre-forward, who proved to be the difference between the sides. He scored a hat-trick including an unstoppable reverse flick into the roof of the net from the edge of the circle.

Despite this, Mids had opportunities to score. In the first half John Price and Roger Hildon both had a one on one breakaway but both failed to find the target, while a short corner saw Mids have a number of

shots which North managed to scramble clear. Mids dominated the first 20 minutes of the second half, their best chance falling to Des Switzer. Their pressure was rewarded when a through ball from Price found Jon Sawyer, who scored with a well-hit shot. The last opportunity fell to Maladin Bysrazor, who narrowly missed the target.

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

Div II: Chard A 2 Ottery Crickets B 2, Exeter Hornets A 14 East Devon A 0, Exeter Univ B 6 Seale Hayne 1, North Devon 3 Shepton Mallet A 2, Taunton CS 3 Dawlish A 2.

Div III: Bridgwater B 4 N Devon A 3, Mid-Somerset A 6 Bridport Hawks A 1, Minehead A 8 Exmouth A 0, Taunton CSA 3 Exeter Hornets B 3, Torbay B 2 Chudleigh A 4.

Div IV: Dawlish B 1 Taunton CSB 2, East Devon B 4 Minehead B 1, Ottery Crickets C 1 Isca C 4, Shepton Mallet B 1 Bridgwater C 0, Yeovil C 7 Chudleigh A 0.

Chard II 4 Minehead II 0, Cheltenham III 1 Almondsbury III 2, Chepstow II 1 Lydney II 6, Chippenham 6 Cirencester 3, Chippenham Vets 0 Mid-Somerset II 2, Cirencester 3 Bath Buccs III 6, Cirencester Vets 5 North Wilts II 1, Dawlish III 6 Okehampton II 0, East Devon 4 Ottery Crickets 2, East Devon II 2 North Devon II 7, Firebrands III 1 Yatton 2, Firebrands Sparks 3 Yatton II 2.

Mid-Somerset 6 Long Ashton 2, Newport III 3 Bridgend II 3, Newquay II 1 Turo II 1, North Somerset 0 Westbury/UB II 1, Old Bristolians 1 Swindon 0, Old Bristolians III 3 Swindon III 4, PGSOB 2 Exeter Hornets 4, North III 9 North III 3.

Chippenham Chipmunks .....0  
Mid Somerset A .....2

Mids made the long trip to Chippenham to play their Vets' team and for the second consecutive game managed to keep a clean sheet, and came away from the match with a two-goal victory. The home side took

complete control of the first 15 minutes of the game, but against the run of play, Mids took the lead when captain Malcolm Chorlton was sent clear and calmly slipped the ball past the advancing goalkeeper to open the scoring. With the confidence of a goal, Mids took control of the game and despite some strange umpiring decisions, they never looked like relinquishing their lead.

The highlight of the second half was the second goal, which would have been a strong contender for goal of the season. The move started with a 16-yard hit to the wing, and the ball travelled the full length of the pitch before a well-hit cross found John Price in front of goal, who took the opportunity to score. Not one Chippenham player touched the ball and it made the game safe for Mids.

Mid Somerset A .....6  
Bridport Hawks A .....1

With both teams occupying two of the bottom three places in the league, this was a game which neither side could afford to lose. For the losers relegation was an almost certainty, so Mids were looking forward to avenging the one-goal defeat earlier in the season. However, the game was a big anti-climax and the predictable result happened when Bridport turned up without a full compliment of players and no umpire.

Mids scored three first-half goals through Jon Sawyer, Nick Edmunds and Matt Horsham, and although Bridport pulled a goal back from a short corner, Mids commanded the game.

The second half was all one way as Mids surprised the goal, but the keeper made a number of good saves. Mids scored three more, through Malcolm Chorlton, Maladin Bysrazor and a second of the game from Horsham. Bridport's problems were compounded in the second half with the dismissal of one of

their defenders for violent conduct. The five-goal winning margin helped Mids' goal difference and with only one league game remaining, they are now hopeful of avoiding relegation.

Exeter Hornets B .....5  
Mid Somerset A .....1

Mids travelled to Tiverton for the final league game of the season to play the league champions, Exeter Hornets, who had not lost a game all season. However, Mids knew that they would finish above the two relegation places, so with both teams free from the pressures of their league positions, a fast-flowing game followed.

With a number of attacks from both sides, the difference between the teams was the finishing. Mids held out for half an hour thanks to some staunch defending from Paul Salvidge, Colin Cree and Dave Yelland. The home team eventually took the lead from a penalty flick and arrived at half-time with a three-goal advantage.

Mids continued with a fair share of the play in the second half. There was a number of prompting runs from teenager Robbie Branch and Mids were eventually rewarded with a goal from Jon Sawyer, after the umpire played the advantage rule well. A four-goal defeat did not truly reflect the contribution Mids made to this game, but although defeated, they came away from the match knowing that relegation, which was a distinct possibility before Christmas, had been avoided.

Mid Somerset A .....0  
North Somerset A .....1

This was a disappointing end to the season for Mid Somerset 2nds. Their run of three successive victories was brought to an end by their opponents from Portishead in a competitive game which was settled by a very untidy goal midway through the second half. Mids deserved a draw from this game, but once again lacked the vital finishing touch in front of goal. They were also unlucky not to be awarded a penalty stroke when the North Somerset goalkeeper sat on a shot from Jon Sawyer.

The final playing record for the season from 27 games played resulted in 11 victories, two draws and 14 defeats.

● The club dinner has been arranged for April 18 and anyone interested in attending should contact Alan Wilton, tel: (01458) 833568. The AGM has been arranged for Wednesday, May 6, at the Tor Leisure Centre, Glastonbury, starting at 7.30pm.

West of England League

South East Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
ECV Hornets A	18	15	2	1	87	18	47
Taunton CS	18	14	0	4	99	24	42
North Devon	18	9	6	3	41	30	33
Shepton A	18	9	1	8	48	36	28
Ottery Crckts B	18	7	5	6	32	44	26
East Devon A	18	7	5	6	22	44	26
Dawlish A	18	5	3	10	34	59	18
Chard A	18	4	4	10	31	54	16
Exeter Uni B	18	4	2	12	27	61	14
Seale Hayne	18	0	4	14	21	82	4

South East Division 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
ECV Hornets B	18	13	5	0	55	24	44
Bridgwater B	18	11	4	3	57	20	37
Chudleigh A	18	11	3	4	69	34	36
Taunton CSA	18	9	6	3	48	33	33
Exmouth A	18	9	2	7	52	46	29
Minehead A	18	8	1	9	47	44	25
North Devon A	18	4	3	11	36	52	15
Mid Somerset A	18	4	2	12	35	50	14

Torbay A 18 4 0 14 26 72 12  
Bridport Hks A 18 3 2 13 18 68 11

South East Division 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Isca C	18	16	1	1	118	16	49
Yeovil & Shn C	18	13	2	3	60	20	41
Shepton B	18	12	2	4	60	35	38
East Devon B	18	10	2	6	61	54	32
Taunton CS B	18	9	2	7	39	43	29
Dawlish B	18	7	0	11	31	68	21
Bridgwater C	18	4	4	10	18	36	16
Minehead B	18	4	3	11	30	50	15
Ottery Crckts C	18	3	2	13	23	53	11
Sidmouth B	18	3	0	15	22	87	9

South Division 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Newquay	18	15	1	2	86	19	46
Shepton Mallet	18	13	1	4	65	27	40
Bodmin	18	12	2	4	62	28	38
USHC	18	11	2	5	59	23	35
Taunton Vale A	18	8	3	7	40	35	27
PGSOB	18	8	1	9	32	46	25
Okehampton	18	6	1	11	47	57	19
OPM	18	5	1	12	38	58	16
Exeter Uni A	18	3	3	12	25	41	12
Plymouth A	18	1	1	16	19	139	4