



Mid Somerset Men's I, pictured before Saturday's 1-0 win against Exeter University

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LTOR - BACK
 MALCOLM CHORLTON
 TERRY PETHERBRIDGE
 JON LAURIJSSON
 CHARLIE MEDLEYCOTT
 SIMON BUTLER
 STEVE COWLING
 MIKE EDMONDS

LTOR - FRONT
 STEVE PLANT
 PETE MCGILVARY
 BRIAN MALONE
 AES SWITZER

Bridgwater B 0
Mid-Somerset Men's II 3

On paper this should have been a difficult derby game for Mids, playing against a team which played in a higher division last season, but the game was so one-sided that the final scoreline does not reflect the superiority of the visitors.

Goalkeeper Ian Francis had a very quiet game, only touching the ball on two occasions, while the back four were rarely troubled and were able to make several ventures up the field.

From one of these Paul Salvidge scored the third goal in the last five minutes, but throughout the game Mids had trouble finding the back of the net. All the forwards had shots saved or near misses as the Bridgwater goalkeeper earned the man of the match accolade.

Mids' first two goals were scored by Jon Sawyer and Jim Kench, but they were unable to increase this lead until Salvidge pounced.

This was a good victory and a clean sheet for the Mid Somerset side with plenty of positive aspects which can be taken from this game. However they know they will have to play better to maintain their good start to the league campaign.

Mid Somerset Men's II 3
Seale Hayne 5

This was a disappointing first league defeat of the season for Mids' second string against the students of the Agricultural College of Seale Hayne.

However, Mids have only themselves to blame, as they failed to convert several opportunities to score.

Instead two defensive errors were penalised by the Seale left winger, which gave the visitors a two goal half-time lead.

Midway through the second half, after the visitors had increased their lead to 4-1, Mids responded with their best spell of the game.

Malcolm Chorlton scored his second goal and skipper Steve Dowden scored a third. With ten minutes remaining, Mids pushed forward in the hope of getting a draw, but once again left themselves exposed at the back, and Seale scored a fifth goal to win the game.

East Devon B 7
Mid-Somerset Men's II 0

This was Mid-Somerset's biggest defeat of the season in a game that will probably be remembered more for the adverse weather rather than the result.

With the score goalless after 15 minutes, the torrential rain and gale force winds made the visibility impossible, and the umpires stopped the game until the rain relented and the pitch drained of water.

When the game re-started, it was East Devon who dominated and took a two goal half-time lead, thanks to a fortunate deflection and a well taken second.

In the second half Mids created as many chances as their more experienced opponents, but couldn't match their opponents' ability to put the ball into the back of the net.

East Devon were very quick at getting men forward and the defence was often over-run with keeper Ian Francis providing a valiant last line of defence.

There was one good goal-line clearance from a short corner strike by defender Colin Crees.

There was no doubt that East Devon deserved to win this game, although the final score was probably a little flattering.

South East Div I: Mid Somerset 1 Exeter Univ B 0, North Devon 9 Ottery Crickets A 2, Taunton Vale B 3 Yeovil B 3.

South East Div II: Bridgwater A 8 Torbay A 0, Chard 5 Ottery Crickets B 0, Dawlish A 1 Exeter Hornets B 1, Exmouth A 4 Sidmouth A 1, Isca C 2 East Devon A 1.

South East Div III: Bridgwater B 2 Isca D 0, East Devon B 7 Mid Somerset A 0, Minehead A 4 North Devon A 4, Seale Hayne 0 Chudleigh A 4, Yeovil C 1 Taunton CS A 3.

South-East Div 1: Chudleigh 1 Taunton Vale B 0, Exeter Univ B 6 Ottery Crickets A 3, Mid Somerset 3 Bridport Hawks 1, North Devon 2 ECV Hornets B 1, Taunton CS 3 Yeovil & Sher B 0.

South-East Div 2: Bridgwater A 15 Ottery Crickets B 0, Chard A 0 East Devon A 7, Dawlish A 2 Sidmouth A 1, ECV Hornets B 1 Torbay A 3, Exmouth A 0 Isca C 6.

South-East Div 3: Bridgwater B 0 Mid Somerset A 3, East Devon B 4 Minehead A 1, Isca D 2 Taunton CS A 5, Seale Hayne 4 North Devon A 3, Yeovil & Sher C 2 Chudleigh A 0.

South-East Div 4: North Devon B v Sidmouth B w/o, Torbay B 5 Bridgwater C 2.

South East Div I: Bridport Hawks 5 Taunton Vale B 3, Exeter Hornets A 1 Chudleigh 4, Exeter Univ B 3 Taunton CS 0, N Devon 4 Mid-Somerset 0, Ottery Crickets A 1 Yeovil B 2.

South East Div II: Bridgwater A 4 Dawlish A 0, Exeter Hornets B 1 Chard A 0, Ottery Crickets B 0 Exmouth A 7, Sidmouth A 1 Isca C 6, Torbay A 2 East Devon A 4.

South East Div III: Chudleigh A 2 Easton Devon B 0, Isca D 3 Seale Hayne 1, Mid-somerset A 5 Minehead A 2, Taunton CS A 1 N Devon A 1, Yeovil C 4 Bridgwater B 5.

South East Div IV: Dawlish B 1 Taunton CS B 1, Exmouth B 2 Torbay B 0.

Mids bounce back in style

Mid Somerset Men's II 5
Minehead Men's I 2

Mid-Somerset bounced back from last week's defeat at East Devon to produce a season's best performance in a 5-2 win over Minehead.

Mids got off to the best possible start when Jim Kench opened the scoring after only four minutes, netting after the ball rebounded off the post. He added a second towards the end of the half, after some desperate Minehead defending failed to clear the ball.

Minehead managed to pull one goal back, when a mis-hit centre fooled the Mids defence and ended up in the goal.

The home side continued to dominate the game in the second half, and the squad of 13 players was rotated so that all played an equal amount of time.

Two goals for Mike Davies, the second following an excellent cross from Robbie Branch, put Mids in command, while the fifth goal was scored by Malcolm Chorlton, after a well worked short corner routine.

Mids gave a debut to Dan Durston and there was a welcome return from injury by Mark Smith.

North Devon Men's II 2
Mid-Somerset Men's II 4

Mid-Somerset gained their third away win from only four games with a 4-2 victory over North Devon at Barnstaple.

Once again Mids dominated the early exchanges but were unable to score the opening goal that they play deserved and from a rare break away the Mids defence found themselves outnumbered and North's right winger scored from a narrow angle. Mids soon replied with the persistence of John Sawyer which saw him score the equalising goal.

Steve Plant then gave Mids the lead with a crisp shot, but the home side soon replied, before Sawyer scored his second of the game, following a good run by Steve Cowling, to give his team a three goals to two half time lead.

Mids looked stronger in defence in the second half as a result of a positional change, and with the midfield dominating play, Mids had chances to

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S. E. Div III: Bridgwater B 1 Taunton C. S. A 6, East Devon B 2 Isca D 1, Minehead A 0 Chudleigh A 0, North Devon A 2, Mid-Somerset A 4, Seale Hayne 2 Yeovil C P.

S. E. Div V: Exeter Hornets C 5 Sidmouth B 1, North Devon B 1 Dawlish B 2, Taunton C.S. B 6 Bridgwater C 2.

Mid Somerset Men's III 1
Chard Men's III 7

For the first time in a number of seasons Mid Somerset have fielded a third team - so far enjoying a mixed start to their life in the Chard Friendly League.

The side is made up of a number of youths who attend the mid-week training sessions and some experienced players who have returned to club hockey to help and encourage the youngsters.

So far in the league Mids have lost to Bridgwater and drew 3-3 with Minehead in earlier games then on Saturday they came up against a very experienced Chard side, made up almost entirely of veteran players.

Although the result was never in doubt, Mids applied themselves well and can take credit from their performance.

Jonathan Crees scored Mids' goal, while fellow teenagers Simon Lord, Ben Steel and the Tucker brothers showed that the club have some exciting potential to work with.

increase their lead.

Dowden, Laurijsson and Chorlton all had chances to score, but it was Plant with his second goal that made the game safe for Mids, with 10 minutes remaining.

This was a good result for Mids but the real test comes on Saturday with another away game, against the unbeaten leaders Taunton Civil Service.