

**Taunton Civil Service 2nds 6**  
**Mid Somerset 2nds 0**

Taunton Civil Service made it seven wins from eight games with a comfortable victory over third placed Mid-Somerset in this top of the table clash at Taunton. The home team got off to the best of starts with the opening goal inside three minutes, but despite this, Mids played some of their best hockey of the season. They passed the ball around well and midfielders Steve Dowden and Shaun Plenty prompted a number of attacks, but once again the side lacked the

killer touch in front of goal. Taunton's second goal came as a result of a short corner, after Mids cleared two shots off the line, but failed to clear the third.

At half time Mids were confident that they could come back into the game, but pushed too far forward in the second half, which enabled Taunton to score another two goals in as many minutes. Their right winger Paul Lord scored a second half hat-trick, which enabled his team to record a six goal victory and keep their lead at the top of the table.

**SE Div 1:** Exeter Hornets A 1 Yeovil B 1, Mid-Somerset 3 Taunton CS 3, North Devon 1 Chudleigh 2, SE Div 2: Bridgwater A 8 Exmouth A0, Dawlish A Chard A 1, Exeter Hornets B 1 Isca C 6, Torbay A 1 Sidmouth A 0.

**SE Div 3:** Bridgwater B w/o 5-0 Seale Hayne, Chudleigh A 3 North Devon A 2, Isca D 1 Minehead A 1, Taunton CSA 6 Mid-Somerset A 0.

**SE Div 4:** Dawlish B w/o 5-0 Bridgwater C, East Devon C 2 Exeter Hornets C 2, North Devon B 0 Torbay B 4, Sidmouth B 1 Taunton CSB 3.

**Bristol YMCA 2nds 2**  
**Mid-Somerset 2nds 2**

This was very much a game of two halves, in a friendly match played at Golden Hill, Bristol. The first half went to Mid-Somerset whose confidence gained from the previous two league victories showed as they confidently passed the ball around.

The only thing lacking was goals and by half time Mids only had a slender one goal

lead, when Jim Kench scored after a good cross from Robbie Branch. Both Kench and Jon Sawyer had enough chances to score first half hat-tricks, but let themselves down with poor finishing.

The second half was a complete reversal of the first. YMCA came back into the game after equalising early in the second period. They scored his second, but Kench also scored his second from a cross shot following a short corner. A draw was undoubtedly a fair result, but Mids could have won this game with better finishing.

# Form team thrashed

**Mid-Somerset Men's II 7**  
**Chudleigh Men's II 1**

Chudleigh arrived at Wells undefeated in their last five games which included four victories, and were very much the form team in the league.

However, Mids got off to the best possible start with a Mike Davis goal inside three minutes and then Jon Sawyer added a second after 10 minutes.

These two goals gave Mids a lot of confidence and they produced their best hockey of the season while shutting out the opposition completely. Goalkeeper Harry Frost made no contribution to the game until the last five minutes when Chudleigh won three successive short corners and from the last scored a consolation goal.

In between, Mike Davis was unstoppable and as well as completing a deserved hat-trick, he also had a hand in the other goals.

Jon Sawyer also bagged a hat-trick, while the best goal of Mids' seven was scored by Steve Dowden. Davis rang to the by-line and pushed the ball back to his skipper, who hit the backboard with a good clean hit.

This victory was Mids' biggest league win for a number of seasons, and at the halfway stage of the league season they have 16 points with five victories from nine games.

**Mid Somerset Men's II 7**  
**Isca Men's 'D' 2**

For the second consecutive week Mids scored seven goals in a league match to complete a notable double over Exeter side Isca side from Exeter.

Once again Mids had the benefit of an early goal, when defender Gary Squire was left unmarked at the top of the circle, and he shot home.

His team soon added a second with a reverse stick shot from Dan Durston, his first goal for the club. Isca found it difficult to counteract the midfield distribution of Mark Brearley, who was playing his first game of the season after a long injury lay-off. It was Brearley who scored from a short corner to give Mids a 3-0 half-time lead.

Skipper Steve Dowden scored his side's fourth goal early in the second half, but Isca hit back and scored two themselves to give them some hope.

However, Mids kept up the pressure on the Isca defence, and first half scorers Squire, Brearley and Durston all managed to score a second goal each as Mids coasted to a comfortable victory to consolidate their place in the division.

The club wish to thank Paul Salvidge who volunteered to step down from playing and umpire the match after Isca failed to bring an umpire to Wells.

There is now a break from league hockey until mid-January and Mids return to friendly games over the Christmas/New Year period.

**South East Div I:** Bridport Hawks 3 Exeter Univ B 1, Chudleigh 3 Taunton CS 2, Taunton Vale B 2 Mid Somerset 2, Yeovil B 1 North Devon 2.

**South East Div II:** East Devon A 5 Bridgwater A 2, Exmouth A 1 Chard A 0, Isca C 2 Dawlish A 0, Sidmouth A 3 Exeter Hornets B 0, Torbay A 1 Ottery Crickets B 0.

**South East Div III:** Mid Somerset A 7 Isca D 2, Minehead A 0 Bridgwater B 2, North Devon A 2 Yeovil C 11, Taunton CSA 5 Chudleigh A 1.

**South East Div IV:** Dawlish B 6 East Devon C 0, Exeter Hornets C 1, Torbay B 2, Sidmouth B 0 Exmouth B 2, Taunton CSB 5 North Devon B 1.

**SE Div 1:** Taunton CS 3 Exeter Hornets A 5, **SE Div III:** East Devon B 5 Seale Hayne 0, Seale Hayne 1 Yeovil C 7, **SW Div I:** Plymouth A 2 Okehampton 0, **SW Div II:** Bude 2 Okehampton A 1.

**SE Div I:** Chudleigh 6 Mid-Somerset 0, Yeovil B 3 Exeter Univ B 5.

**SE Div II:** Chard A 2 Torbay A 2, East Devon A 6 Exeter Hornets B 2, Exmouth A 3 Dawlish A 3, Isca G 3 Bridgwater A 0, Sidmouth A 3 Ottery Crickets B 2.

**SE Div III:** East Devon B 4 Bridgwater B 0, Mid Somerset A 7 Chudleigh A 1, North Devon A 1 Isca D 0.

**South East Div I**

Chudleigh	9	8	0	1	38	12	24
North Devon	8	4	2	2	20	9	14
Taunton CS	8	4	2	2	19	12	14
Taunton Vale B	9	4	2	3	19	26	14
Bridport Hawks	8	4	1	3	27	19	13
ECV Hornets A	7	2	3	2	19	16	9
Mid-Somerset	9	9	2	3	4	16	29
Exeter Univ B	9	2	0	7	14	35	6
Yeovil & Sherborne B	9	1	1	7	15	29	4

**South East Div II**

Isca C	10	10	0	0	49	6	30
Bridgwater A	10	8	0	2	65	11	24
East Devon A	10	7	1	2	37	18	22
Torbay A	10	5	1	4	13	22	16
Dawlish A	10	4	3	3	20	19	15
ECV Hornets B	10	4	1	5	19	26	13
Exmouth A	10	3	1	6	18	26	10
Sidmouth A	10	3	0	7	10	27	9
Chard A	10	2	1	7	11	35	7
Ottery Crickets B	10	0	0	10	5	57	0

**South East Div III**

Taunton CS A	9	8	1	0	40	10	25
East Devon B	9	6	1	2	28	9	19
Mid-Somerset A	10	6	1	3	33	28	19
Chudleigh A	10	4	1	5	17	25	13
North Devon A	10	3	3	4	27	21	12
Bridgwater B	10	4	0	6	18	31	12
Yeovil & Sherborne C	9	3	1	5	15	17	10
Isca D	10	3	1	6	18	23	10
Minehead A	10	2	3	5	17	31	9
Seale Hayne	7	2	0	5	11	29	6

**Mid Somerset 2nd XI 1**  
**Shepton Mallet 2nd XI 1**

After a three-week break for Christmas and the new year, the season resumed with a local derby at the Blue School, Wells.

It was a game of two halves with Mids taking the first and Shepton taking the second. Shaun Plenty had the best chances for Mids, but there were also good shots from Jon Sawyer, Jim Kench and Gary Squire from a couple of short corners. Mids took a deserved lead just before half-time, when the Shepton keeper sat on the ball and from the resulting penalty flick skipper Steve Dowden opened the scoring.

In the second half Shepton launched several attacks, but the Mids defence stood firm. The turning point of the game came in the last 10 minutes when Dowden was sent off and Shepton took advantage of having an extra player on the pitch.

They pushed extra players forward and

with only one minute of the game remaining they managed to score an equalising goal.

Jon Sawyer had one last chance, but his shot was saved by the keeper, as the game ended in a one-all draw.

and Robbie Branch. Davies added a second as Mids finished the first half with a six goal advantage.

In the second half Mids failed to match the commitment of the first half and although they had the majority of possession they were unable to turn their superiority into goals.

The Bridgwater keeper made some good saves and was lucky not to concede a couple of penalty strokes when he sat on the ball.

Branch scored the only goal of the second half with a fine individual shot and Mids completed their second consecutive league game without conceding a goal. Mids keeper Harry Frost made no contribution to make to the match, other than collecting the ball which had gone out of play.

**Yeovil C 0**  
**Mid-Somerset Men's II 2**

Matt Pope made the most of his new role up front for Mid Somerset, scoring the goals to give his side victory against Yeovil as the league programme resumed.

But it was the home side that made the early running, forcing two good saves from Mids keeper Harry Frost. Mids also had chances to score and from a short corner midway through the half, a cross shot from Jim Kench was tapped over the line by Matt Pope. Before half-time Pope added a second with a crisp shot.

At the start of the second half Yeovil were determined to come back into the game, but Mids defended well, with the wing halves Paul Salvidge and Phil Ballam-Whitfield having good games.

Two goal-line clearances from Colin Crees ensured that Mids kept a clean sheet for only the second time in a league game this winter.

The victory was their seventh league win and arguably their best of the season. The game was well umpired by the two Yeovil officials.

**WEST MEN'S HOCKEY**

**SOUTH EAST DIV I**

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Chudleigh	9	0	1	41	14	27
N Devon	5	3	2	33	21	18
Bridport Hawks	5	2	3	31	21	17
Taunton Vale B	4	3	3	21	28	15
Taunton CS	4	2	4	24	20	14
Exeter Hornets	3	3	2	19	21	12
Mid-Somerset	2	4	4	18	31	10
Exeter Univ B	2	0	8	15	38	6
Yeovil B	1	1	8	16	31	4

**SOUTH EAST DIV II**

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Isca C	11	0	0	51	6	33
E Devon A	8	1	2	42	20	25
Bridgwater A	8	0	3	67	16	24
Torbay A	6	1	4	13	23	19
Dawlish A	4	3	4	20	21	15
Exmouth A	4	1	6	19	26	13
Exeter Hornets B	4	1	6	19	29	13
Sidmouth A	4	0	7	13	27	12
Chard A	2	1	8	11	36	7
Ottery Cricket B	0	0	11	5	58	0

**SOUTH EAST DIV III**

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Taunton CSA	9	1	0	45	11	28
East Devon B	7	1	2	33	9	22
Mid Somerset A	7	1	3	40	30	22
North Devon A	4	3	4	29	22	15
Bridgwater B	5	0	6	20	31	15
Yeovil C	4	1	6	23	20	14
Chudleigh A	4	1	6	18	30	13
Isca D	3	1	7	20	30	10
Minehead A	2	3	6	17	33	9
Seale Hayne	2	0	7	12	41	6

**SOUTH EAST DIV IV**

	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Torbay B	8	0	2	34	10	24
Taunton CS B	6	2	2	29	11	20
Dawlish B	6	1	4	28	19	19
Exmouth B	5	3	2	21	11	18
Exeter Hornets C	5	1	4	29	20	16
N Devon B	4	0	6	29	24	12
Bridgwater C	3	1	4	18	30	10
Sidmouth B	1	1	8	10	33	4
E Devon C	0	3	7	11	49	3

**Mid-Somerset Men's II 7**  
**Bridgwater Men's III 0**

The result of this game was assured after only 15 minutes' play, as Mid Somerset raced into a three goal lead in this local derby at Wells.

Mids were much quicker to the ball in the early stages and their incisive passing and strong forward play left Bridgwater chasing shadows.

Jon Sawyer gave Mids the lead inside five minutes and this was followed by goals from Steve Dowden and Mike Davies. The defence were also able to push forward with further goals coming from Gary Squire