

Seale Hayne Men's 3**Mid-Somerset Men's II 5**

Despite having to call upon five players who played in last week's third eleven match, Mid-Somerset's run of consecutive victories in the league was extended to five as they gained revenge over bottom of the table Seale Hayne at Teignmouth College.

Simon Bethell, Gavin Patey and teenager Simon Lord stepped into the team, and they got off to another good start, with Jim Kench opening the scoring, then regaining it after the home side equalised. Malcolm Chorlton got this one.

Following this came the goal of the game, or even the season, from half back Robbie Branch.

Mids only led 3-2 at the break, but in the second half dominated, with Seale only threatening on the odd breakaway. Steve Dowden scored Mids' fourth goal from a penalty stroke after the keeper caught the ball, then Simon Lord completed the scoring with a goal on his debut.

Mid-Somerset will have to be at their best this weekend if they want to extend their winning run. They entertain top-of-the-table East Devon at Wells, starting 1.30pm.

Minehead Men's II 1**Mid-Somerset Men's II 1**

A goal in the dying seconds of the game denied Mid-Somerset their seventh consecutive league victory against Minehead.

Mids only had themselves to blame though. This was, perhaps, their most inept display of the season.

They had all the play in the second half, but failed to breach the home side's back four.

Minehead only had one short corner during the game, and in the second half Mids' teenage debutant goalkeeper Chris Tucker was a total spectator.

The first half was very even. Mids' best chance went to Jon Sawyer, but he failed to hit the target, while Minehead threatened on occasions.

The visitors took the lead early in the second half after a good run from Shaun Plenty enabled Sawyer to make up for his earlier miss with the opening goal.

Despite having their skipper sent off for five minutes when he raised his stick at an opponent, Mids continued to press forward, but were unable to get the second goal which would have assured victory.

The best chance fell to Jim Kench, but his shot was well saved. Minehead pressed forward in the dying seconds, and no sooner had they scored, the umpire blew the final whistle.

Mids need to win two of their last three games to be sure of promotion

and the campaign continues on Saturday with a home game against in-form North Devon, starting 1.30 pm at Wells.

South East Div I: Chudleigh 1 Exeter Hornets A 1, Mid-Somerset 4 North Devon 0, Taunton CS 8 Exeter Univ B 0.

South East Div II: East Devon A 4 Torbay A 0, Exmouth A 4 Ottery Crickets B 1, Isca C 5 Sidmouth A 0.

South East Div III: Bridgwater B 0 Yeovil C 4, East Devon B 0 Chudleigh A 2, Minehead A 1 Mid-Somerset A 1, North Devon A 3 Taunton CS A 3, Seale Hayne 0 Isca D 6.

South East Div IV: Exeter Hornets 5 Bridgwater C 3, Taunton CS B w/o Dawlish B 5-0, Torbay B 1 Exmouth B 1.

South East Div I

Chudleigh	11	10	0	1	47	14	30
Taunton CS	12	7	2	3	39	19	23
ECV Hornets A	11	6	3	2	37	24	21
Bridport Hawks	12	5	3	4	32	26	18
North Devon	12	4	5	3	26	16	17
Taunton Vale B	11	4	2	5	20	34	14
Mid-Somerset	12	3	3	6	23	36	12
Exeter Univ B	11	2	1	8	16	42	7
Yeovil & Sh B	12	1	1	10	19	48	4

South East Div II

Isca C	13	13	0	0	57	8	39
Bridgwater A	13	11	0	2	82	12	33
East Devon A	12	9	1	2	47	20	28
Dawlish A	13	5	4	4	27	25	19
ECV Hornets B	13	5	2	6	24	39	17
Torbay A	13	5	1	7	16	31	16
Exmouth A	12	4	1	7	22	29	13
Sidmouth A	13	4	1	8	16	33	13
Chard A	13	2	1	10	14	49	7
Ottery Crickets B	13	0	1	12	9	68	1

South East Div III

Taunton CS A	12	10	1	1	48	13	31
Mid-Somerset A	13	9	1	3	47	31	28
East Devon B	13	8	1	4	37	15	25
North Devon A	13	6	3	4	37	23	21
Chudleigh A	13	5	3	5	27	33	18
Yeovil & Sherborne C	13	5	2	6	33	21	17
Bridgwater B	13	4	1	8	22	43	13
Minehead A	13	3	3	7	20	35	12
Isca D	13	3	1	9	22	43	10
Seale-Hayne	12	3	0	9	17	53	9

Mid-Somerset Men's II 4**North Devon Men's II 1**

Mid-Somerset have won promotion back to South East Division Two after a three-year absence.

They ensured their return with victory over North Devon, one of only two sides who could deny Mids promotion before the game.

With so much at stake for both teams, it was a credit to the players from both sides that the game was played in the best of spirits.

The home side started the game well and took a deserved lead when Mike Brearley converted a short corner, but North equalised through Andy Rodway, then Jon Laurijsson restored the lead, again from a short corner.

Mids played good hockey, passing the ball around to players in space, and threatened the North goal on numerous occasions, only to be denied by some excellent goalkeeping by Chris Sprotson.

However, he was unable to prevent Mike Davis adding Mids' third and in the last five minutes, Laurijsson added his second to complete victory.

With only two league games remaining Mids have a seven point advantage over the third placed side and therefore gained promotion as runners-up in the league to Taunton Civil Service. These two sides meet in this Saturday's game at Wells, push-back 1.30 pm.

Taunton CS Men's IV 8**Mid-Somerset Men's III 4**

Although this was a high scoring game, Mids can consider themselves unfortunate to lose, as Taunton were struggling for a side and fielded a number who had just played for their second team.

The goal scorers for Mids were Simon Bethell, Jonathan Crees, Simon Lord and Matt Pope.

Mid-Somerset Veterans 2**Robinsons Veterans 1**

Having previously beaten Weston in the first round of the Somerset County Cup for Veterans (over 35s), Mids had a home game against Robinsons in the next round.

Mids were expecting another tough encounter, but once again played very well as a team and scored two goals from Steve Cox and Malcolm Chorlton to progress into the quarter finals.

Keeper Terry Petherbridge made an excellent goalline clearance late in the game to ensure Mids victory.

Weston SM Veterans 4**Mid Somerset Veterans 5**

Both sides went goal crazy in the second half of this Somerset County Cup match for veterans (more than 35 years of age) after the first half remained goalless.

The visitors took the lead against the Premier Division opponents before falling behind twice and then coming back on level terms at 3-3. The Mids scorers were Jon Sawyer, Malcolm Chorlton and Steve Dowden (penalty stroke).

The game could have gone either way, but Darryl Livingstone scored the fourth and Sawyer netted again to set up a thrilling victory.

Weston scored again in the last five minutes, but the visitors held on to earn a home tie against Clevedon or Robinsons in the next round.

South East Div I: Chudleigh 7 Yeovil B 1, North Devon 1 Exeter Univ B 1, Taunton CS 4 Bridport Hawks 1, Taunton Vale B 4 Ottery Crickets A 5.

Div II: Bridgwater A 9 Exeter Hornets B 0, Chard A 1 Sidmouth A 3, Dawlish A 4 Ottery Crickets B 2, Exmouth A 5 East Devon A 0, Isca C 3 Torbay A 0.

Div III: Bridgwater B 3 Chudleigh A 3, East Devon B 1 North Devon A 2, Minehead A 0 Taunton CS A 2, Seale Hayne 3 Mid-Somerset A 5, Yeovil C 10 Isca D 0.

South East Div I: Bridport Hawks 1 Chudleigh 5, Exeter Hornets A 4 Taunton CS 1, Yeovil B 2 Taunton Vale B 5.

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

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

South East Div IV: Exmouth B 2 North Devon B 0, Taunton CS B 0 Exeter Hornets C 0.

South East Div I: Bridport Hawks 3 Yeovil B 2, Exeter Hornets A 5 Taunton Vale B 0, North Devon 2 Taunton CS 3.

South East Div II: Bridgwater A 5 Chard 0 w/o, Exeter Hornets B 1 Exmouth A 1, Sidmouth A 2 East Devon A 8, Torbay A 1 Dawlish A 3.

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

South East Div IV: Bridgwater C 0 Taunton CS B 3, Dawlish B 5 North Devon B 0, Sidmouth B 1 Exeter Hornets C 1.

Mid-Somerset Men's II 1**Taunton CS Men's II 2**

Mid-Somerset lost their three-month unbeaten record on Saturday when the two promoted teams met in the penultimate league game of the season at Wells.

League champions Taunton were the last team to defeat Mids, way back in November, therefore completed a double over the second placed side in a tightly fought encounter.

The first half was scoreless, the highlights being a goal-line clearance from defender Ian Francis, and a good run and shot from Dan Durston that was saved by the Taunton keeper.

All the goals came towards the end of the second period. The visitors took the lead through their right winger Gary Bond, who soon after, added a second with a cross shot from the edge of the circle.

Mids pulled a goal back almost immediately when Jim Kench's shot was directed into the goal by Dan Durston. The home side tried hard for the equaliser but were unable to unlock a tight defence, which has only conceded a goal a game throughout the whole season.

Mids complete their League programme this weekend with an away fixture at third placed Chudleigh, leaving Glastonbury at 11.30 am.

Mid Somerset Men's II 3**East Devon B 0**

Mids extended their winning sequence to six with an emphatic home win over third placed East Devon, and in doing so opened up a six point gap between the two sides.

Mids gained ample revenge for the defeat earlier in the season by the Devon-based visitors, but the early exchanges were very even and East Devon showed plenty of determination.

Mids played the more direct hockey and were rewarded midway through the half with a fine goal from Jon Sawyer. This was soon followed by an equally good goal from Shaun Plenty, which very much put Mids in the driving seat.

A positional change at half-time gave Mids an extra defender as they were determined to hang on to their lead.

However, they had to play the last 15 minutes one player short due to an injury, but still managed to take the game to East Devon with some threatening runs down the wing from Mike Davis.

It was from one of these runs that Sawyer tapped in the third goal in the dying seconds of the game to give Mids victory.

With only four league games remaining a promotion place is very much in the offing and the campaign continues on Saturday with an away game at Minehead.

Chudleigh Men's II 1**Mid-Somerset Men's II 2**

Mid-Somerset ended their league campaign in style, recording their 12th victory of the season against third placed Chudleigh.

However, for the first 60 minutes of the game, Chudleigh dominated in all areas, but only had a one-goal lead to show for their efforts, thanks to some fine goalkeeping from teenager Chris Tucker.

As well as some fine saves, he also saved a penalty stroke after upending the centre forward. The only other highlight for Mids in the first hour was a goal-line clearance from Paul Salvage.

The game turned completely in the last 15 minutes, when Mids equalised through Jon Sawyer, as a result of a well taken short corner routine. Steve Cox and Jim Kench combined to set up Sawyer's opportunity from close range.

The visitors then took the game to Chudleigh, and it was not long before they took the lead, when skipper Steve Dowden found the back of the net.

The home side had now lost their interest in the game and Mids were able to end their league in style.

Their final points total of 38 enabled them to finish runners-up in the league. The final playing record being won 12, drew 2, lost 4.

South-East Div I: Chudleigh 1 North Devon 2, Taunton CS 8 Mid-Somerset 0, Taunton Vale B 4 Exeter Univ B 5, Yeovil B 1 Exeter Hornets A 9.

South-East Div II: Chard A 1 Dawlish A 4, East Devon A 11 Ottery Crickets B 0, Isca C 1 Exeter Hornets B 0, Sidmouth A 0 Torbay A 1.

South-East Div III: East Devon B 5 Yeovil C 2, Mid-Somerset A 1 Taunton CS A 2, Bridgwater B 0, North Devon A 2 Chudleigh A 0.

South-East Div IV: Exeter Hornets C 4 East Devon C 2, Taunton CS B 2 Sidmouth B 0, Torbay B 0 North Devon B 0.

South East Div I: Exeter Hornets A 3 Bridport Hawks 1, Mid-Somerset 0 Chudleigh 1, North Devon 3 Taunton Vale B 0, Ottery Crickets A 1 Taunton CS 1.

South East Div II: Bridgwater A 2 Isca C 1, Dawlish A 3 Exmouth A 1, Exeter Hornets B 0 East Devon A 10, Ottery Crickets B 1 Sidmouth A 1, Torbay A 3 Chard A 1.

South East Div III: Bridgwater B 6 East Devon B 0, Chudleigh A 1 Mid-Somerset A 2, Yeovil C 3 Minehead A 2.