

Mid-Somerset 3rd XI 1
Exeter Hornets 4th XI 0

Exeter Hornets turned up two hours early for this game due to an error by their fixture secretary. But full credit to their team for waiting until the official start time and fulfilling the fixture.

It was Mids who took the game to their opponents and, although Hornets rarely threatened to score, the home side were unable to turn their superiority into goals.

There was plenty of midfield domination, particularly through Mike Edmonds and Mark Salvidge, but it was Mark's namesake Paul who gave Mids the lead midway through the first half. He had two other clear-cut first half opportunities to score, but failed on both occasions.

Mids dominated the second-half and their pressure resulted in half a dozen short corners. But despite trying different options a second goal was not forthcoming.

Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 1
East Devon 2nd XI 3

East Devon are the runaway league leaders with an impressive record of 11 wins and one draw this season.

But they left Wells feeling very lucky that they had added to their impressive record.

For the first 20 minutes they showed why they are at the top of the table, scoring in the second minute thanks to a deflection and from a short corner after 20 minutes.

However, after this Mids more than matched their opponents and can consider themselves unlucky to have not taken anything from the game.

Paul Salvidge and Alex Bown had first half opportunities to reduce the arrears, but it was in the first minute of the second half when Mids' goal arrived.

A good cross from Mark Salvidge found Luke Branley, whose first-time shot found the back of the net.

Mids continued to take the game to their opponents, who began to lose control of the match.

The home side were unlucky not to equalise after some good work by Simon Lord, but Branley was unable to match his earlier effort.

East Devon got an undeserved third goal in the last five minutes of the game, and they were pleased to hear the final whistle.

Ottery Crickets 2nds 5
Mid-Somerset 2nds 1

This was very much a game of men against boys. Mids fielded a team including seven youngsters under 13 years of age, while Ottery fielded a side made up of nine veterans, and it was ultimately their greater experience which won the game for them.

Indeed former player Mike Baker only recognised one of Mids players. The home side had the better of the early exchanges and it was against the run of play that Mids took the lead.

A good cross from the right wing by Jonathan Crees found Luke Branley, who confidently took the ball into the circle and smashed the ball past the Ottery keeper.

However, it did not take the home side long to reply and they

accumulated a three goals to one half-time lead. Mids tried hard to reduce the arrears in the second half, with some good midfield running from Robbie Branch and Mike Edmonds, but further goals were not forthcoming.

Although a final score line of five goals to one flattered Ottery, Mids would be the first to admit that the greater experience of the home side deserved to win this game.

Mid-Somerset 3rds 1
Minehead 3rds 2

There was a goal-less first-half thanks to the goalkeeping heroics of Dave Nash, who had a free Saturday from rugby with Castle Cary.

All the goals came in the second half. Mids took the lead through Alex Bown and he was unlucky not to add to his tally, as was his brother Tony.

However, it was the visitors who finished strongly and they eventually managed to beat Nash with two efforts, and travelled back to Minehead with a two goals to one victory.

South East Div I

Taunton CS	14	9	3	2	55	22	30
Taunton Vale A	14	9	2	3	42	26	29
Isca C	14	8	4	2	37	20	29
Bridport Hawks	14	6	3	5	41	33	21
ECV Hornets A	14	5	6	3	33	25	21
Exeter Uni B	14	5	4	5	28	26	19
North Devon	14	4	6	6	31	29	17
Bridgwater A	14	3	7	4	23	28	16
Mid Somerset	14	1	2	11	16	62	6
Taunton Vale B	14	0	4	10	20	64	4

South East Div II

East Devon A	13	12	1	0	54	12	37
Torbay A	13	9	2	2	45	14	29
Taunton CS A	13	9	0	5	49	23	27
Sidmouth A	13	8	0	6	35	23	24
Yeovil & Sherb B	13	8	0	6	31	25	24
ECV Hornets B	13	6	2	6	21	23	20
Dawlish A	13	6	1	7	30	26	19
Ottery Crickets A	13	3	1	10	21	57	10
Mid Somerset A	13	2	1	11	18	80	7
Exmouth A	13	2	0	12	17	58	6

South East Div III

North Devon A	13	12	0	2	65	11	36
Yeovil & Sherb C	13	9	1	4	40	25	27
Minehead A	13	8	3	4	26	24	27
Chard A	13	7	2	6	39	29	23
Isca D	13	6	2	6	30	31	20
East Devon B	13	6	2	7	31	34	20
Chudleigh A	13	5	5	4	19	22	20
Exmouth B	13	6	1	8	31	38	16
Torbay B	13	5	1	10	20	42	13
Bridgwater B	13	4	3	8	18	32	12
Taunton CS B	13	3	2	9	22	53	11

South East Div IV

Exeter Uni C	16	14	1	1	89	17	43
Torbay C	16	11	2	3	47	20	35
Bridport Hawks A	16	10	4	2	50	18	34
Seale-Hayne	16	9	2	5	64	29	29
Minehead B	16	7	4	5	30	45	25
Dawlish B	16	6	3	7	41	30	21
Sidmouth B	16	6	0	10	17	45	18
North Devon B	16	4	1	11	29	51	13
Bridgwater C	16	4	1	11	26	60	13
ECV Hornets C	16	4	1	11	19	69	13
East Devon C	16	3	2	11	22	48	11

South East Div I

Isca C	13	8	4	1	35	17	28
Taunton CS	13	8	3	2	50	22	27
Taunton Vale A	13	8	2	3	39	24	26
ECV Hornets A	13	4	6	3	28	23	18
North Devon	13	4	5	4	31	24	17
Exeter Uni B	13	4	4	5	26	25	16
Bridgwater A	13	3	7	2	20	21	16
Bridport Hawks	13	2	4	3	28	29	15
Mid Somerset	13	1	2	10	13	47	5
Taunton Vale B	13	0	4	9	18	56	4

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Torbay A	13	9	2	2	45	14	29
Taunton CS A	13	9	0	4	46	19	27
Sidmouth A	13	7	0	6	31	20	21
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Dawlish A	13	5	1	7	26	24	16
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Exmouth A	13	2	0	11	15	54	6

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Yeovil & Sherb C	13	8	1	4	37	25	25
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Isca D	13	6	2	5	30	28	20
East Devon B	13	6	2	6	30	31	20
Chudleigh A	13	5	5	4	19	22	20
Exmouth B	13	5	1	7	30	36	16
Torbay B	13	4	1	9	18	39	13
Bridgwater B	13	4	3	3	18	32	12
Taunton CS B	13	3	2	9	22	53	11

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Seale-Hayne	15	8	2	5	62	28	26
Mid Somerset B	15	7	1	6	33	38	22
Minehead B	15	6	4	5	28	44	22
Dawlish B	15	6	3	6	40	28	21
Sidmouth B	15	5	0	10	15	45	15
Bridgwater C	15	4	1	10	25	58	13
ECV Hornets C	15	4	1	10	18	54	13
East Devon C	15	3	2	10	21	40	11
North Devon B	15	3	1	11	25	50	10

Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 0
Exmouth 2nd XI 1

Before this game a win for both sides was a must if either was to avoid relegation.

With two teams from three to be relegated - the other being Ottery Crickets - a tight game ensued. But there was plenty of good hockey, which resulted in the visitors winning with the only goal of the game.

It was Exmouth who had the best of the early exchanges, with Mid-Somerset only threatening occasionally.

The all-important goal came five minutes before half-time after an attack down the left-wing resulted in Graham Douglas shooting past the helpless goalkeeper Bob Seddon.

Mids created several chances in the second half but strikers Shaun Plenty and Simon Lord were unable to find the back of the net.

Their best chance came from a penalty flick, awarded when Plenty was up-ended. But on getting to his feet his weak shot was easily saved.

Mids' defence held firm in the second half, Mark Smith having a good game at left-back. But despite continuous pressure, the attack could not find the equalising goal that Mids' play deserved.

Dawlish 3rd XI 1
Mid-Somerset 3rd XI 3

Mid-Somerset's thirds pulled off another unexpected result with a deserved victory at Dawlish, to complete a double over the Devon side.

For the second consecutive week there was a debutant goalkeeper for the team. This time it was Mark Seward, who proved his worth to the side with some excellent stops.

The backline of Richard Horsham, Alan Wilton, Paul Salvidge and John Wareham played well to shut out the Dawlish attack, whose only goal came from a penalty stroke.

Mids breached the Dawlish defence on three occasions. There was a brace of goals for John Price and one for Mike Davies, as Mids completed a 3-1 victory.

Sidmouth 2nd XI 1
Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 0

For the second week running Mid-Somerset's seconds lost by the odd goal.

This time it was against Sidmouth on the school pitch at Colyton.

With availability for the away game being poor, skipper Jon Sawyer deserves great credit for getting a side to travel. He was rewarded with a battling performance and a team that was unfortunate not to be rewarded with a point.

The only goal came early in the first half with a shot from the edge of the circle and, as hard as Mids tried, they were once again unable to find the back of the net.

Several short corners were not converted and when Sidmouth did attack the defence held firm, with Mark Smith once again having a fine game in the back four and Steve Cowling in midfield.

Mid-Somerset 3rd XI 3
North Devon 3rd XI 2

After beating Dawlish last week, Mid-Somerset's third XI completed a double over opponents from Devon with a win against North Devon.

The star of the show was forward Mike Davis, scoring a hat-trick.

The game started off well for Mids as Davis scored his first early in the game with a rasping hit from the edge of the D. But by half-time North Devon had taken the lead after a short corner, followed by the easiest goal of the season for their left-winger, who only had to tap the ball into an open goal.

Mids responded well in the second half despite some physical defending from North Devon, who eventually had a man sent off for this very reason.

However, by this time Mids had restored their lead after Davis converted a penalty stroke when a goal-bound shot had been kicked off the line.

This was followed by the winning goal, Davis showing some good stickwork after being put through by Martin White.

A special mention also for goalkeeper Mark Seward who made some good saves in only his second game for Mid-Somerset.