

## Mid-Somerset 2nd XI

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## Dawlish 2nd XI

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In the penultimate league game of the season, Mid-Somerset were looking to avenge their defeat in Devon, but had to settle for a point in a game of two halves.

Mids undoubtedly won the first period with a fine team display which resulted in two goals, but Dawlish were a completely different team in the second half and

deserved a share of the points.

The highlight of the first half was a fine individual goal from Mike Davis, who broke away from the halfway line and rounded the goalkeeper to score.

Mids should have increased their lead, but teenagers Simon Lord and Andy Moorhouse both missed scoring opportunities.

The second goal came after another run by Davis. He set up Lord, whose goalbound shot was stopped on the line by a Dawlish foot.

Skipper Jon Sawyer converted the resulting penalty-flick.

Dawlish pulled a goal back with the last hit of the first half, the umpire blowing for half-time before the game could restart.

In the second half, they exerted tremendous pressure on the Mids defence but the backline managed to withstand all their efforts. That was until the visitors managed to convert a short corner, the ball being deflected off the keeper's stick and past the last line of defence.

Just as Mids are coming to terms with a higher standard of hockey as a result of last season's promotion, a draw was not enough to prevent a return to Division Three next season.

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## Seale Hayne

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The students from the agricultural college at Newton Abbott completed a double over Mid-Somerset thirds to maintain their promotion challenge in an uninspiring game which Seale Hayne dominated.

## South East Div I

Taunton Vale A	17	12	2	3	53	30	38
Isca C	17	10	5	2	45	24	35
Taunton CS	17	9	5	3	61	30	32
Bridport Hawks	17	8	3	6	50	38	27
ECV Hornets A	17	5	7	5	37	32	22
Exeter University B	17	6	4	7	34	31	22
North Devon	17	5	6	6	36	37	21
Bridgwater A	17	4	8	5	28	32	20
Taunton Vale B	17	1	5	11	22	70	8
Mid-Somerset	17	1	3	13	16	58	6

## South East Div II

East Devon A	17	15	2	0	68	15	47
Torbay A	17	12	2	3	55	22	38
Taunton CS A	17	11	1	5	58	25	34
Yeovil & Sherb B	17	10	0	7	40	30	30
Sidmouth A	17	9	0	8	38	28	27
Dawlish A	17	7	2	8	35	35	23
ECV Hornets B	17	6	2	9	27	38	20
Ottery Crickets A	17	4	1	12	26	65	13
Exmouth A	17	3	0	14	23	68	9
Mid-Somerset A	17	2	2	13	20	64	8

## South East Div III

North Devon A	17	15	0	2	80	11	45
Yeovil & Sherb C	17	11	2	4	48	27	35
Minehead A	18	10	3	5	32	30	33
Chudleigh A	17	7	6	4	25	24	27
Chard A	17	7	2	8	42	35	23
East Devon B	18	7	2	9	36	40	23
Isca D	17	6	3	8	33	37	21
Exmouth B	17	6	1	10	34	49	19
Torbay B	18	5	2	11	25	48	17
Bridgwater B	17	4	4	9	24	37	16
Taunton CS B	17	3	3	11	23	64	12

## South East Div IV

Exeter University C	19	16	2	1	103	19	50
Torbay C	19	13	3	3	53	23	42
Bridport Hawks A	19	12	4	3	57	21	40
Seale-Hayne	19	10	4	5	71	33	34
Mid Somerset B	19	9	1	9	40	51	28
Minehead B	19	8	4	7	34	58	28
Dawlish B	19	7	3	9	43	34	24
ECV Hornets C	19	6	1	12	29	66	19
Sidmouth B	19	6	0	13	18	51	18
North Devon B	19	5	2	12	36	57	17
East Devon C	19	4	3	12	25	54	15
Bridgwater C	19	4	1	14	28	70	13

## Mid-Somerset Hockey Club

Mid Somerset Hockey Club's three teams had their matches, due to be played on Saturday, postponed by their opponents because of the foot and mouth outbreak.

The fixtures were: first XI home v Taunton Civil Service first XI, second XI away v Taunton Civil Service second XI, third XI away v Sidmouth third XI.

The civil servants have a number of players on emergency duties, due to the crisis.

## Mids draw friendly

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### Old Bristolians 2nd XI

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With the league season finished, Mid-Somerset entertained Old Bristolians seconds in a friendly at Wells.

In an excellent game of hockey, the honours were shared in a 2-2 draw.

The visitors had the best of the early exchanges and it was against the run of play when Mids scored the opening goal. It resulted from a short corner, when good work from Mike Davis presented winger Matt Pope with an easy opportunity, from which he duly scored.

However, this lead was short lived as Old Bristolians soon equalised.

They then took the lead when their skipper converted a penalty stroke which was awarded when their attacker was taken out by the Mids goalkeeper. However, Mark Seward soon redeemed himself with an excellent diving save.

Mids dominated the second half with the visitors unable to create any chances of their own.

Midfielder Dan Durston and winger Matt Pope set up opportunities for the Mids attack, but the home side had to wait until the final 10 minutes of the game before equalising. Again the goal resulted from a short corner, but this time Davis was on hand to convert the opportunity himself.

Soon after, Malcolm Chorlton had an excellent opportunity to win the game for Mids, but his shot sped past the wrong side of the post.

# Determined Mids win

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## Taunton Civil Service

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Three weeks ago, Taunton Civil Service cancelled this league fixture due to the foot and mouth crisis.

But they insisted on rearranging the game when the final league tables revealed a win would put them in the play-off spot.

Having won the first meeting of the sides, Taunton were confident they could get the required victory, but they came across a Mid-Somerset side determined to make them work and their bustling centre-forward Terry Petherbridge.

Playing with confidence and control, Mids quickly gained the upper hand. They moved the ball accurately and with pace, hitting the opposition on the break and showing the form that could have kept them in the division had all the players been available most weeks.

Petherbridge scored a hat-trick within the first 20 minutes of the game and, after this, the game was effectively over.

Both Petherbridge, Mike Davis, Martin White and Luke Bramley caused the opposition no end of problems with their slick passing and skilful stick work.

Needing four goals to secure a play-off place, Taunton changed their formation and pushed forward. This gave Mids plenty of chances to increase their goal tally, but the Taunton goalkeeper made some good saves.

They managed to pull one back and got a consolation second in the dying minutes.

Mids secured a fine victory, denying their opponents the play-off opportunity and giving Isca the place instead.

The home side's defence was again at its best, the pairing of Andy Rogers and Gary Squire making very few errors and giving the midfield confidence to push forward in support when given the chance.

Mids were left to reflect on what could have been, had this level of performance been achieved in their previous games. Instead they have suffered relegation, but there is a feeling of good times to come.

With an average of 20 to 30 youth players attending training at Wells Blue School, at least 12 of whom have already made an appearance in the senior sides, Mids' intentions are clear. That is to gain promotion at the first attempt by using players who make themselves available every week and want to be part of the club.

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## Bristol YMCA 2nd XI

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This was a cracking game of hockey with plenty of goals and a result that could have gone either way.

The first half was even with some desperate defending from both sides, but Mid-Somerset reached half-time with a one-goal lead.

John Price took advantage of some good umpiring to round the YMCA defence and score from the edge of the circle.

However, it was in the second half that the game took off.

Simon Lord, who had missed two earlier opportunities, made amends when he beat the goalkeeper, who had saved his previous shot, to put Mids two up.

YMCA levelled midway through the second half with a well-struck reverse-stick shot from there their centre forward.

Mids' best goal came shortly after, when a run down the right-wing from Malcolm Chorlton ended in a cross that was blasted into the net by Lord for his second.

Mids restored there two-goal advantage when another cross from the right was met by Gavin Patey, who cracked the backboard with another good shot.

YMCA rallied and pulled a goal back, but Mids deserved their 4-3 victory.

## North Bristol 3rd XI

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This was a game arranged through the emergency fixture bureau, played at the University of the West of England in Bristol.

The game was even for the first 20 minutes and Mid-Somerset more than matched their opponents, who play at a higher league level. However, it was the home side who took the lead with a speculative shot from the edge of the box, but Mids soon equalised when Mike Davis scored from close range after some scrappy approach play.

North Bristol's play was dominated by their central midfielder player who scored with a lucky deflection from a short corner and then released his right-winger to set up a third goal.

Mids responded well but Jon Sawyer had a goal disallowed, which would have reduced the half-time arrears to one goal.

Bristol soon added a fourth goal early in the second half, but Mids responded with the best goal of the game.

A pass from Jonathan Crees released Davis on a run and his cross found an unmarked John Price at the far post to score Mids' second.

But this was as good as it got for Mids, two poor defensive errors enabled North Bristol to win 6-2.

## North Somerset 2nd XI

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In the penultimate game of the season, Mid-Somerset put in one of their most nept performances of the season in the rain at Portishead.

Mids' best spell was in the first 15 minutes of the game, but half-chances for Simon Lord, John Price, Mark Salvidge and Andy Moorhouse, failed to produce a goal.

North Somerset responded with a goal direct from a short corner and after this they gained confidence which allowed their midfield to dominate the game. A second goal followed before half-time.

North Somerset dominated the second half but only added one to their total.

Teenage defender Dan Richards was Mids' most dependable defender and helped to keep the opponents in check.