

Mids out of luck

Mids make play-off final

White does his stuff for Mids men

1 Andy Berry, but held on until the dying minutes when Tavistock equalised. This brought 30 minutes of extra-time, the first half of which was goalless, while midway through the second goal of the season. Berry had a second yellow card with four minutes remaining, but Mids held on to qualify for the final play-off game against Isca, where a place in Division Two South is up for grabs.

2 (after extra-time) Mids were drawn away to Tavistock in the first of two possible play-off games and were forced into extra-time when they conceded a goal in the last minute of the game. However, after leading for most of the game, they regained their composure to score the vital goal in extra-time and progress to the final this Saturday against Isca EC, at Exeter University (leaving Street at 12.30 pm).

4 Tavistock shaded the first half but were unable to score and half-time arrived goalless. Mids then changed their formation from 4-4-2 to 4-3-3 and brought on Mike Davis on the wing. His injection of pace changed the game and Mids were able to open the scoring when Martin White cut in from the right and scored with a reverse stick shot. Mids made it difficult for themselves with the sending offs of both Brian Malone and

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Action from Mids 2nds versus Shepton Mallet 3rds - Mids won 4-0 to avenge their defeat at the hands of their local rivals earlier this season

The second half was much the same as the first. Mids' keeper Mark Seaward was well protected by the defence and had little to do apart from diving to push one shot around the post. Two second half strikes from Branley enabled him to complete his hat-trick and complete a good day for Mids in their penultimate game of the season.

The team travel to Chard on Saturday for their final game, leaving Glastonbury at 1.30 pm.

5 Mid Somerset 3rds
3 Shepton Mallet 4ths

A high scoring entertaining local derby, with

1 ISCA EC
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Despite a tremendous victory by four goals to one, away to ISCA EC in the final play-off game, Mid Somerset still did not gain promotion to South Division One.

The geographical anomalies of playing in a pyramid league structure have resulted in a knock-on effect following East Devon losing a play-off game for Premier Division three. As a result, both teams knew before this game had started that victory for ISCA would still result in relegation, and victory for Mid Somerset would not gain them promotion.

The only small hope for Mids is that one team from South Two or higher will drop out of the league and Mids could take their place, but this is unlikely.

In the game Martin White opened the scoring for Mids, but ISCA soon equalised. After this Mids dominated the game. The second was scored by Pete McGilvary following a short corner, and the third by Steve Dowden following a pass from McGilvary. The first half ended with ISCA down to nine players and Mids to ten, after the umpires sent players off. The Mids offender being Mike Davis.

In the second half White scored his second of the game and Mids fourth and there the goals finished as Mids ended their season on a high. It is a real shame that after two fine play-off victories away in Devon, Mids still did not earn a promotion that was so richly deserved.

8 Mid Somerset XI
2 Chard XI

As Chard were only being able to raise one team, Mids fielded an eleven made up of second and third team players. Mids dominated the first half and had so many chances that they could have rattled up a cricket score. The star for Chard was their young goalkeeper who pulled off a number of fine saves. However, the second half started with the game still goalless, but once the first goal was scored the floodgates opened.

There may have been no goals in the first half, but there were ten in the second. Ian Bloomfield scored four including a penalty stroke, Jody Wells scored two and there was one piece for skipper Jon Sawyer and Greg Durston.

Chard did score two consolation goals towards the end of the game. Andy Swain was involved in both, setting up the first after a fine run and scoring the second from a penalty stroke. This was the last game of the winter season which closes on Saturday, with a Chairman's day followed by the club dinner in the evening.

Hockey

Mid Somerset Hockey Club

The winter hockey season ended on Saturday when the 1st XI drew one-all with a Chairman's Invitation XI. The under-18s were then beaten by five goals to two by a Club XI. The club dinner was held the same evening at the Riverside Gardens at Coxley. The annual awards were presented as follows:

Ment's award winners: 1st XI

player of year - Andy Rogers, 2nd XI player of year - Jon Sawyer, 3rd XI player of year - Gavin Patey, most improved player - Mark Salvidge (runners-up Martin White and Jonathan Crees), most promising young player - Stephen Tinning, clubman of the year - Steve Dowden.

Ladies' award winners: Player of Year - Claire Malone, top goal scorer - Katie House, most improved young player - Sam Percival, players' player of the year - Ange Finnion.