

There was no second team game on Saturday as opponents Philippians had to play a re-arranged league game.

Shepton Mallet Men's II 2
Mid Somerset Men's II 2

This was another closely fought local derby, decided by an equalising goal in the last two minutes of the game.

In the corresponding game earlier in the

season, it was Shepton who scored in the last minute to earn a draw, but in the return game on Saturday, it was Mids who scored late in the game.

The opening exchanges were very even, Shepton's best two chances fell to their skipper Nick James, while Mids' best chances fell to Steve Cox, who hit the post, and to Roger Lord from a short corner strike.

Shepton took a one goal half-time lead, thanks to their centre forward.

Mids equalised early in the second half when a Malcolm Chorlton cross was deflected into the goal by Jon Sawyer, before Shepton retook the lead.

With the minutes ticking away the home side thought they had the game won. However, a shot from teenager Simon Lord fouled Sawyer, whose second goal of the game earned his team a deserved draw.

Mid Somerset Men's II 2
Bristol YMCA Men's II 2

Although this was a competitive end of season friendly, with the scoreline being the same as it was when the two last met earlier in the season, but this encounter will be best remembered for the weather.

A violent hailstorm turned the pitch white and the umpires took the players off the field as the pitch markings were not visible. At this stage of the game YMCA had just equalised after Mids had taken the lead from a short corner, Gary Squire pushing the ball across the top of the circle for Mike Edmunds to score.

Mids had two other good scoring chances in the first half, from Jim Kench and Jon Laurijsson, while Mids' teenage keeper Chris Tucker made two excellent saves at the other end.

Mids scored the best goal of the game early in the second half when Edmunds and skipper Steve Dowden exchanged a number of passes on a run down the right, which finally resulted in Dowden scoring.

Defender Colin Crees made an excellent goal-line clearance to maintain the home side's lead, but the visitors equalised with seven minutes remaining when a shot took a deflection off a defenders stick.

A draw was probably a fair result and Mids main-

tained their record of only one defeat in the last four months.

Mid-Somerset Men's I 2
North Somerset Men's I 3

Mids can count themselves unlucky to lose this, their penultimate game of the winter season, against promoted Portishead-based side North Somerset.

In the first half Mids had numerous opportunities to score from open play and short corners, but failed to convert their chances.

All the forwards had shooting chances, but with poor finishing and good goalkeeping, North Somerset were let off the hook and managed to take a two goal half-time lead.

The home side's play was more direct in the second half, and they managed to pull a goal back when Dan Durston shot into an empty goal.

A further goal for the visitors was followed by a short corner strike from Mark Brearley, which once

again reduced the arrears to one goal. Unfortunately, Mids were unable to get back on level terms and suffered a narrow defeat.

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Mid-Somerset XI 5

In the traditional end of season game which precedes the annual club dinner, a Chairman's XI, consisting mainly of the successful promoted second eleven, played a club side consisting of the first and third eleven players.

In an entertaining and high scoring game, it was the Chairman's side who came out on top. The goalscorers were Jon Sawyer, Gary Squire, Shaun

Plenty, Steve Dowden, Jim Kench (penalty flick), Simon Lord and a hat-trick from Terry Petherbridge.

The club side's scorers were Rob Frampton (penalty flick) Mike Davis, Dan Durston and a brace from Matt Pope.

The annual club awards were presented at the dinner.

Award winners:

Player of the year – Des Switzer;
Most improved player – James Butler;
Young player – Chris Tucker;
Clubman of the year – Paul Salvidge.