

# Comprehensive wins as Mids make a good start

## Mid-Somerset Hockey Club

The start of the league hockey season brought comprehensive victories for Mid-Somerset's first and second XIs to give the club one of their best starts for a number of years.

The first XI opened with an away game at Bridport. Mids dominated the first 20 minutes and the home side found it difficult to get into the game.

Andy Berry opened the scoring and this was followed by further goals from Mike Davis and Pete McGilvary.

These were the first goals of the season for all three players and it gave their team a comfortable three-goal half-time lead.

Davis added a second to give Mids a 4-0 lead before Bridport pulled one back in the final 10 minutes.

Berry added Mids' fifth before the home side completed the scoring to make the final score 5-2.

There was a similar scoreline at Wells where the second XI entertained Ottery Crickets seconds.

Both sides fielded a number of youngsters, but it was the Mids juniors who took the honours.

Greg Durston dominated the right side of mid-field and up front Luke Branley scored a fine hat-trick.

Ian Broomfield fortuitously opened the scoring after Dan Durston mishit his shot, before Branley scored the first of his three with a cracking shot.

Two goals up at half-time, Mids continued to dominate the play with some good approach work.

Broomfield added his second and Branley completed his treble before Ottery started to threaten the Mids goal.

They scored twice in the last 10 minutes, before Dan Durston scored Mids' sixth, with another cracking shot, after a fine run and pass from his brother Greg.



Two Mid-Somerset second XI players fight to win possession against Ottery

Mids were deserved winners, 6-2.

Mid-Somerset thirds opened their season with a difficult game at Teignmouth against the Agricultural College of Seale Hayne.

The students lived up to their name in a bruising and physical encounter.

Mids twice took the lead, first through Gavin Patey and secondly from Malcolm Chorlton, but each time Seale Hayne responded and they eventu-

ally won 3-2.

Jonathan Crees had a good game in his new role at full-back, winning a number of important tackles.

● On Saturday (October 13), the first XI entertain Exeter Hornets at Wells, starting at 1.30pm. The seconds are away to Yeovil, leaving Glastonbury at 10.30 am, while the thirds also play Exeter Hornets, at Wells, with a 3pm start.

ADAM DUBS + GREG DURSTON (R) FOR MIDS

## Mid-Somerset 2 Taunton Vale 3rd XI 1

Mid-Somerset extended their winning run on Saturday to four matches, with a solid performance against a side at the opposite end of the table.

Goals from vice-captain Mike Davis and centre-forward Terry Petherbridge gave them the early advantage. But Taunton hit back midway through the second half.

This was a game Mids were always in control of and they had many opportunities to extend their lead.

However, there were some moments in the last five minutes when Taunton looked like equalising.

There was a first-team debut for promising teenager Adam Dudd, captain Steve Dowden made his first league appearance this season following injury.

The result leaves Mids top of the table and four points clear of second place North Devon who only managed a draw against Torbay.

● On Saturday (November 3), Mid-Somerset travel to Lymington to face East Devon, meeting at 11.45am at Street.

## Sidmouth 8 Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 0

Mid-Somerset's second XI travelled to Colyton for this league game.

Although this was the biggest defeat of the season the result did not truly reflect the game. Good play from Simon Lord, Phil White and Luke Branley in the Mids forward line unfortunately did not result in many shots on target, leaving the team goal-less.

Mids' defence could not cope with Sidmouth's number four who, having played for their first team last season, controlled the mid-field and scored two fine solo goals.

Tireless work from captain Jon Sawyer still did not produce the attacking play Mids hoped for.

Owing to a lack of players due to half-term, the third XI game was cancelled.

● On Saturday (November 3), Mid-Somerset's second and third XIs are at home at Wells Blue School, starting at 1.30pm and 3pm respectively.

## South-East Div I

Mid-Somerset	4	4	0	0	13	6	12
North Devon	4	2	2	0	10	4	8
Taunton CS	4	2	1	1	12	7	7
ECV Hornets A	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Torbay A	4	1	2	1	10	7	5
Exeter University B	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Bridgwater A	4	1	1	2	7	10	4
Bridport Hawks	4	1	0	3	9	13	3
Taunton Vale B	4	0	1	3	5	12	1
East Devon A	3	0	1	2	3	11	1

## South-East Div II

Dawlish A	4	4	0	0	26	2	12
Taunton CS A	4	4	0	0	14	2	12
Sidmouth A	4	3	0	1	13	5	9
Yeovil & Sherborne B	3	2	0	1	10	4	6
Yeovil & Sherborne C	4	2	0	2	8	13	6
North Devon A	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Ottery Crickets A	4	1	0	3	8	13	3
ECV Hornets B	4	1	0	3	6	14	3
Mid-Somerset A	4	1	0	3	7	18	3
Exmouth A	4	0	0	4	2	19	0

## South-East Div III

Exeter University C	4	4	0	0	26	1	12
Isca D	4	4	0	0	16	4	12
East Devon B	4	3	1	0	15	6	10
Chudleigh A	3	1	0	2	4	9	3
Chard A	4	1	0	3	4	13	3
Bridport Hawks A	2	0	1	1	3	6	1
Torbay B	3	0	1	2	7	11	1
Minehead A	3	0	1	2	2	17	1
Bridgwater B	3	0	0	3	2	12	0
Exmouth B	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

## South-East Div V

Isca E	4	3	1	0	9	1	10
Bridgwater C	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
Chard B	4	2	0	2	8	6	6
North Devon B	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
Sidmouth B	3	1	0	2	4	10	3
Bridgwater D	4	0	0	4	0	6	0

## Mid-Somerset 3 North Devon 1

After last week's disappointing defeat, Mid-Somerset's first team were looking to return to winning ways with a top of the table clash against North Devon.

And they did not disappoint, with a deserved victory despite finishing the game with only nine players on the pitch.

The early pressure was all Mids as Pete McGilvary, Mike Davis and Dan Durston all had shots saved. It was against the run of play when the North Devon skipper opened the scoring after 15 minutes after Mids had failed to clear a short-corner.

Mids responded with Terry Petherbridge setting up McGilvary whose shot was well saved. Soon after, Davis made a run down the right and this time McGilvary opened the scoring for Mids with a fine shot.

Davis then made another run down the right-wing and his cross was met by Roger Knife who swept the ball into the roof of the net.

Mids fully deserved their half-time lead but were forced to change their line-up in the second half with injuries to Gary Squire (hand) and Steve Dowden (back).

The best move of the game saw the third goal for the home team as another run by Petherbridge set up Knife whose shot was well saved, but Davis picked up the rebound and dispatched it into the back of the net.

Brian Malone's goal-line clearance prevented the visitors from pulling one back from a short-corner and the rest of the half was uneventful until the final 10 minutes.

Davis and Durston were both dismissed and Mids were left to desperately defend until the final whistle. They held on to beat their nearest rivals 3-1 to consolidate their position at the top of the league.

● On Saturday (November 17), Mid-Somerset's game is at Exeter University (leaving Street at 10am).

● Mid-Somerset's seconds travelled to Sherborne for an early morning game against Yeovil. But the home team had changed the time and venue without telling Mids of the new arrangements. The game will now be played on December 15.

This Saturday, Mids' seconds entertain Exeter Crickets at Wells Blue School (1.30pm).

● Mid-Somerset third XI made the 90-mile trip to Paignton to play Torbay and were grateful to youngsters Luke Branley and Martin White who made the aborted trip to Yeovil and returned to travel away with the thirds.

Mids were kept in the game by some good saves from goalkeeper Michael Collins, but eventually succumbed to a 2-0 defeat.

The thirds entertain Dawlish at Wells Cathedral School on Saturday (11.30am).