

# Hat-trick of defeats in disappointing Saturday at

## Mid-Somerset Hockey Club

This was the most disappointing Saturday of the season for Mid-Somerset as all three teams lost for the first time.

The biggest surprise was the first team, who surrendered their 100 per cent record when they lost by the only goal at Lympstone Camp to present the home side with their first win of the campaign.

The game could have been different, but Mids had a Roger Knife goal disallowed after 10 minutes. After that they never got into the game.

Goalkeeper Mark Seward said he did not have one save to make and it was one of the easiest games he has played in.

East Devon's winning goal came five minutes before half-time.

The seconds slipped to their fourth defeat of the season at home to North Devon, but only had themselves to blame.

North Devon dominated the first 10 minutes and, after a succession of short-corners, they took the lead.

After this Mids took the game to their opponents, but despite their domination they were unable to take the chances.

The best efforts fell to Luke Branley, who ran from his own 22 to bring a fine save from the keeper on one occasion, with Greg Durston putting the next shot wide.

Mids pushed forward in the last few minutes looking for an equaliser, but paid the penalty as North added two breakthrough goals in the final five minutes to win 3-0.

The thirds had the heaviest defeat, but were unfortunate to be up against the experienced veterans from Taunton Civil Service.

They scored three goals in the opening 15 minutes and never loosened their grip on the game, eventually scoring seven without reply.

Mids' youngsters had a torrid time from their older opponents but the experience will hold them in good stead for the future.

There was a welcome first appearance for many years, after a serious injury, by Mike Gooden.

● On Saturday (November 10), the first XI have an important top of the table clash at home with North Devon (1.30 pm). The seconds travel to Sherborne (leaving Glastonbury at 9am). The third team make the trip to Torbay (leaving Glastonbury at 1.45 pm).



A Mid-Somerset second XI player (far left) goes on the attack against North Devon

Photo by Jason Bryant

GREG DURSTON (LEFT)  
IAN BLOOMFIELD (RIGHT)

### Exeter University 3rd XI

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### Mid Somerset Men's 1st XI

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After last weeks fine victory in the top of the table clash against North Devon which opened up a four point gap at the top of the league, Mids found themselves with an equally difficult away game at Exeter University.

The students once again produced a fast and equally skilful performance, to betray their lowly league position and emerge victorious by four goals to two.

The students took an early lead but Mids levelled the scores, when Luke Branley scored his first goal in the first team. The university scored two more, before Roger Knife pulled a goal back with a shot from the edge of the circle, but his good work was soon undone as he was later sent off for minutes for dangerous play. The students added fourth in the last five minutes.

There is another away day on Saturday, when the team travel to Torbay, leaving Street at 11.45am.

### Mid Somerset Men's 2nd XI Exeter Hornets 3rd XI

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The second XI game was a tale of two halves. Mids unfortunately lost the first half by such a margin that despite a good second half turn around, they were unable to recover their first half losses.

Five first half shots from Exeter Hornets brought five goals and Mids were desperately trying to recover. A positional change to the front three for the second half soon brought a reward as Gareth Searey scored with a reverse sweep shot. A run from Steve Cox, set up an easy chance for Ian Bloomfield at the far post for the second, while Cox himself scored Mids third when he beat the keeper from a narrow angle. The second half score was 3-1 to Mids, and the other plus points were the midfield performances of Dan Durston and Adam Dudd. Mids will be looking for their second league win of the season on Saturday, when they entertain bottom of the table Exmouth, at Wells at 1.30pm.

### Mid Somerset Mens 3rd XI Dawlish 3rd XI

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The thirds were also defeated on Saturday when they lost at home to Dawlish by three goals to nil.

After losing the three previous games, the decision not to play the youngsters failed to reverse their losing run. The thirds entertain the students of Seale Hayne at Wells on Saturday at 3pm.

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### South East Div I

Mid Somerset	6	5	0	1	16	8	15
North Devon	6	3	2	1	14	7	11
ECV Hornets A	6	3	2	1	16	11	11
Bridport Hawks	6	3	0	3	18	16	9
Taunton CS	6	2	2	2	17	16	8
Torbay A	6	2	2	2	13	12	8
Bridgwater A	6	2	2	2	10	11	8
Exeter University B	6	2	1	3	10	12	7
East Devon A	6	1	2	3	5	15	5
Taunton Vale B	6	0	1	5	7	18	1

### South East Div II

Dawlish A	6	5	0	1	32	5	15
Sidmouth A	6	5	0	1	23	7	15
Taunton CS A	6	5	0	1	19	9	15
Yeovil & Sherborne B	5	4	0	1	15	7	12
North Devon A	5	2	0	3	6	8	6
Ottery Crickets A	6	2	0	4	12	17	6
ECV Hornets B	6	2	0	4	12	19	6
Yeovil & Sherborne C	6	2	0	4	9	18	6
Mid Somerset A	5	1	0	4	7	21	3
Exmouth A	5	0	0	5	3	27	0

### South East Div III

East Devon B	6	5	1	0	21	8	16
Exeter University C	5	5	0	0	31	2	15
Isca B	5	4	0	1	17	9	12
Bridport Hawks A	3	1	1	1	9	6	4
Chudleigh A	4	1	1	2	5	10	4
Bridgwater B	5	1	0	4	8	16	3
Chard A	5	1	0	4	8	16	3
Torbay B	5	0	2	3	10	17	2
Minehead A	4	0	1	3	2	23	1

### South East Div IV

Taunton CS B	6	6	0	0	31	2	18
Minehead B	6	4	0	2	10	10	12
Torbay C	6	3	2	1	13	9	11
Seale-Hayne	6	3	1	2	8	13	10
Dawlish B	6	3	0	3	18	8	9
Mid Somerset B	5	1	0	4	10	15	3
ECV Hornets C	6	1	0	5	5	26	3
East Devon C	5	0	1	4	1	13	1

### South East Div VI

Isca E	6	4	2	0	12	2	14
Bridgwater C	6	3	1	2	11	9	10
North Devon B	6	3	1	2	11	11	10
Sidmouth B	6	2	1	3	7	14	7
Chard B	6	2	0	4	12	13	6
Bridgwater D	6	1	1	4	4	8	4

### West Clubs

### Women's League

Sedgemoor I	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
White Eagles	6	5	1	0	22	4	16
Taunton Vale II	6	5	1	0	14	5	16
Wells	6	4	1	1	13	8	13
ECV Hornets	6	3	1	2	14	5	10
Weston-s-Mare	6	3	1	2	16	12	10
Winscombe II	6	3	0	3	14	7	9
Cheddar	6	2	0	4	13	23	6
Chard	6	1	1	4	5	14	4
Yeovil & Sherborne II	6	1	0	5	10	24	3
Taunton CS	6	0	0	6	3	22	0

### Sedgemoor II

Mid Somerset	6	5	0	1	20	7	15
Norton Down	6	5	0	1	13	2	15
White Eagles II	6	4	2	0	18	4	14
Honiton Hornets	6	4	1	1	18	10	13
Burnham-on-Sea	6	2	2	2	8	8	8
Taw Valley II	6	2	1	3	13	11	7
Yeovil & Sherborne III	6	1	1	4	7	8	4
White Eagles III	6	1	1	4	3	23	4
ECV Hornets II	6	0	2	4	4	16	2
Taunton Vale III	6	0	2	4	3	18	2