

Torbay 2nds 3
Mid Somerset 1st XI 4

Mids were looking to improve their away record with the long trip to Torbay, but had keeper Mark Seward, defenders Gary Squire and Brian Malone and forward Terry Petherbridge unavailable.

Michael Collins made his first team debut in goal. Mids got off to the best of starts with a goal inside three minutes but the lead was short-lived as Torbay were quick to equalise.

Roger Knife restored the lead, but complacency and the failure to clear balls from defence allowed the home team to take a 3-2 half-time lead.

In the second half Mids worked much harder and were rewarded with a second of the match for both Knife and Branley.

Knife, Mids leading goal scorer this season, scored midway through the second half while a minute later Branley scored his third goal in only his second first team game to give Mids the lead. Despite a few scares Mids defence held out without conceding another, to record a 4-3 victory. This was a good result for Mids and consolidated their position at the top of South East Division 1. After two away games Mids return to Wells on Saturday when they entertain Bridgwater at 1.30pm.

Both the seconds and the thirds had their games cancelled by the opposition, who were both unable to raise sides. This weekend the seconds travel to Dawlish leaving Glastonbury at 12.30pm and the thirds travel to Exeter Hornets, leaving Glastonbury at 1.45pm.

South East Div I

Mid Somerset	7	5	0	2	18	12	15
North Devon	7	4	2	1	16	8	14
ECV Hornets A	6	3	2	1	16	11	11
Bridport Hawks	7	3	1	3	19	17	10
Exeter University B	7	3	1	3	14	14	10
Taunton CS	7	2	3	2	19	18	9
Torbay A	7	2	3	2	15	14	9
Bridgwater A	7	2	2	3	11	13	8
East Devon A	7	1	3	3	6	16	6
Taunton Vale B	6	0	1	5	7	18	1

South East Div II

Dawlish A	6	5	0	1	32	5	15
Yeovil & Sher B	6	5	0	1	27	8	15
Sidmouth A	7	5	0	2	25	11	15
Taunton CS A	7	5	0	2	20	13	15
North Devon A	6	3	0	3	13	8	9
Ottery Crickets A	7	3	0	4	16	19	9
ECV Hornets B	7	3	0	4	18	22	9
Yeovil & Sherborne C	7	3	0	4	13	19	9
Mid Somerset A	6	1	0	5	10	27	3
Exmouth A	7	0	0	7	4	46	0

South East Div III

East Devon B	7	6	1	0	26	12	19
Exeter University C	6	5	0	1	35	7	15
Isca D	6	5	0	1	21	9	15
Bridport Hawks A	5	2	2	1	17	9	8
Torbay B	6	1	2	3	12	18	5
Chudleigh A	6	1	2	3	7	13	5
Minehead A	6	1	1	4	3	27	4
Bridgwater B	6	1	0	5	9	22	3
Chard A	6	1	0	5	6	19	3

South East Div IV

Taunton CS B	7	6	0	1	31	5	18
Minehead B	7	5	0	2	13	12	15
Torbay C	7	4	2	1	16	9	14
Dawlish B	7	4	0	3	21	9	12
Seale-Hayne	7	3	1	3	10	16	10
ECV Hornets C	7	2	0	5	12	27	6
Mid Somerset B	6	1	0	5	11	18	3
East Devon C	6	0	1	5	2	20	1

South East Div V

Isca E	7	4	2	1	12	7	14
North Devon B	7	4	1	2	16	11	13
Bridgwater C	6	3	1	2	11	9	10
Bridgwater D	7	2	1	4	6	9	7
Sidmouth B	7	2	1	4	8	16	7
Chard B	6	2	0	4	12	13	6

Mid Somerset 1st XI 4
Bridport Hawks 1st XI 2

In their last league game before the mid season break, Mids completed the double over Bridport Hawks and in doing so consolidate their lead at the top of South East Division One.

The highlight of the game was the conversion of two short corners by defender Andy Rogers, his first goals of the season. However, it was the Hawks who took an early lead before the brace from Rogers gave Mids a two goals to one half-time lead.

The second half saw Bridport draw level from a short corner before the contest really began. Mids regained the lead after a raid down the left wing set up a goal for Luke Branley, forcing the Hawks to push forward in search of an equaliser. In the dying seconds of the game the Hawks defence was left exposed, as a Mids attack consisting of four forwards overwhelmed the two remaining Bridport defenders, Branley setting up Mids fourth goal for diving finish by Roger Knife at the far post. There was no time to restart as the Umpires blew the final whistle. They now have a four point lead over second in the table North Devon.

Ottery Crickets 2nd XI 2
Mid Somerset 2nd XI 0

Mids second team travelled to Ottery St Mary to play Exeter Crickets, who they beat in the corresponding fixture at the start of the season.

Strengthened by the inclusion of Brain Malone, Steve Dowden and Dan Durston, Mids were confident of repeating their early season success. But Ottery were also a much changed team, with several of their players from the first game now playing in their third team. Ottery dominated the early periods and keeper Michael Collins kept the opposition out with a fine early save. However, Ottery were awarded a rather fortuitous penalty stroke from which they took the lead and they soon added a second, to take a two goal lead at half time.

The second half saw a lack of scoring opportunities for both sides, with play dominant in the midfield. Mids had two half chances falling to Ian Bloomfield from a short corner and Simon Lord, but the second half remained goalless and Ottery gained their revenge.

The second team play a rearranged league match at Yeovil on Saturday, leaving Glastonbury at 2.15pm. The Vets team entertain Shepton Mallet Vets at Wells starting at 1.30pm.

South East Div I

Mid Somerset	9	7	0	2	24	16	21
North Devon	8	5	2	1	18	8	17
ECV Hornets A	8	4	2	2	22	15	14
Bridport Hawks	9	4	1	4	25	21	13
Bridgwater A	9	3	2	4	17	17	11
Taunton Vale B	9	3	1	5	22	20	10
Taunton CS	9	2	4	3	20	23	10
Exeter University B	9	3	1	5	18	25	10
Torbay A	9	2	3	4	18	25	9
East Devon A	9	1	4	4	7	21	7

South East Div II

Dawlish A	9	7	1	1	45	10	22
Sidmouth A	9	7	0	2	32	14	21
Taunton CS A	9	6	0	3	25	19	18
Yeovil & Sherb B	8	5	1	2	29	13	16
Ottery Crickets A	9	5	0	4	21	19	15
North Devon A	9	4	0	5	18	16	12
ECV Hornets B	8	3	0	5	20	25	9
Yeovil & Sherb C	9	3	0	6	14	25	9
Mid Somerset A	8	2	0	6	16	32	6
Exmouth A	8	0	0	8	4	51	0

South East Div III

East Devon B	8	7	1	0	30	13	22
Exeter University C	8	7	0	1	49	8	21
Isca D	8	6	0	2	19	13	18
Bridport Hawks A	8	3	2	3	26	19	10
Torbay B	8	2	2	4	18	29	8
Bridgwater B	7	2	0	5	13	23	6
Chudleigh A	7	1	2	4	7	20	5
Minehead A	7	1	1	5	4	31	4
Chard A	7	1	0	6	8	28	3

South East Div IV

Torbay C	9	6	2	1	21	11	20
Taunton CS B	9	6	0	3	34	12	18
Dawlish B	9	5	0	4	23	11	15
Minehead B	9	5	0	4	13	16	15
Seale-Hayne	8	4	1	3	15	18	13
ECV Hornets C	8	3	0	5	14	27	9
East Devon C	8	1	1	6	6	24	4
Mid Somerset B	6	1	0	5	11	18	3

South East Div V

North Devon B	9	6	1	2	22	12	19
Isca E	8	5	2	1	15	7	17
Bridgwater C	9	3	3	3	13	14	12
Sidmouth B	9	3	1	5	11	20	10
Bridgwater D	9	2	2	5	9	13	8
Chard B	8	2	1	5	12	16	7

Mid Somerset 1st XI 2
Bridgwater 2nd XI 1

Mids entertained Bridgwater in this local derby with the visitors on a high after a convincing win against Exeter University the previous week.

It was Mids who had the best opportunities in the opening minutes, Mike Davis broke away on two occasions, but his shots were saved by the Bridgwater keeper. Mids had a further chance in the first half after a Pete McGilvary shot rebounded to Luke Branley, whose shot was saved by the keeper.

On 28 minutes and against the run of play Bridgwater opened the scoring, a lead that would remain intact through to half time.

The best move of the game saw Mids equalise early in the second half. The ball was received by Branley in the circle, who unselfishly passed to an unmarked Terry Petherbridge, who shot into an open goal.

Mid-way through the half Mids took the lead from a short corner. Midfielder Andy Berry scoring with a reverse stick sweep shot.

Taunton Civil Service 1st 2 Mid Somerset 1st 3
Mid Somerset 2nds 0 Taunton Civil Service 2nds 4
Minehead 3rds 2 Mid Somerset 3rds 1

There was another terrific result for Mid Somerset 's first eleven as they won their third successive league victory to consolidate their position at the top of their division. An away game at Taunton Civil Service is never an easy proposition, but Mids took a decisive early lead which they never relinquished and eventually won by three goals to two. Mids raced into a three goal lead. The first was scored by acting captain Mike Davies who reacted quickly to a short corner strike by Pete McGilvary, which the keeper saved, the second was scored by McGilvary himself direct from a short corner strike, while the third was a contender for the goal of the season. Davis picked up the ball from his own 22 and passed to Roger Knife, who ran into the D and slipped the ball to Terry Petherbridge, who shot into an empty net. At three nil up Mids were coasting, but a defensive mistake and a short corner enabled Civil Service to pull two goals back before half time. Keeper Mark Seward made some good saves to prevent the home side from equalising.

The second half was goalless and Mids were able to hold onto their 100% record of winning all their league games to date. They are the only side in the League to do this.

The Second eleven had a disappointing result home to Taunton Civil Service, losing by four goals to nil. At no time during the game did Mids look likely to match their opponents. They scored two goals in each half. Mids best chances fell to Dan Durston and Luke Branley who both shot wide in the first half. There was some promising hockey from teenage midfielders Adam Dudd and Andy Moorhouse, who was making his first appearance of the season.

The thirds travelled to Minehead and came up against a strong team which included a number of players from last years second team, which had been disbanded. They took a two goal lead in the first ten minutes, but despite having numerous short corners, Mids defended well, with Paul Salvidge and Alan Wilton prominent, and did not concede another goal. Mids pulled one goal back when Gavin Patey's shot was tapped over the line by Simon Lord. Skipper Malcolm Chorton admitted after the game that the better team won and the final score of two goals to one, was fair.

Shepton Mallet 2nd XI 1
Mid Somerset 1st XI 1

After the Christmas break, the hockey season reconvened with local derby games between Mid Somerset and rivals Shepton Mallet.

In three evenly contested games, the honours were shared with both Clubs winning one game each and drawing the other. Mids first team played at Shepton, against their seconds and after a goalless first half, Mids opened the scoring through Roger Knife. He also hit the post before Shepton equalised with 10 minutes remaining, when their centre forward had a simple tap in after a good cross from the right. Mids defence of Andy Rogers, Gary Squire and Mark Salvidge had a solid game at the back.

Mid Somerset 2nd XI 0
Shepton Mallet 2nd XI 1

Mids seconds entertained Shepton 3rds at Wells, and once again there was a goalless first half.

Mids had the better chances and forwards Ian Bloomfield, Gareth Searey and skipper Jon Sawyer were all guilty of missing chances which they would normally have scored from. Shepton dominated the second half and with only 10 minutes remaining scored from a short corner to give themselves a one goal victory.

Mid Somerset 3rd XI 4
Shepton Mallet 4th XI 3

The thirds entertained Shepton fourths at the Cathedral School and in a high scoring game emerged winners by the odd goal.

Mids built up a three goal lead, thanks to a brace of goals from Simon Lord and a tap in for Gavin Patey, after a fine run and cross from Matt Pope. Shepton fought back well and drew level at three goals each, after Mark Hutchinson scored a well taken hat-trick. The winning goal came from Patey with ten minutes of the game remaining.

● Training recommences this week at the Blue School, on Thursday evenings. The juniors at 6.30 pm, the seniors meeting at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Saturday's games are against Old Bristolians. The firsts play at Wells at 1.30 pm, the seconds travel to Failand leaving Glastonbury at 9.30am, while the thirds are home at Wells with a 3.00pm start.

The final minutes became scrappy and a player from both teams were sent off for separate incidents (Roger Knife for Mids). The home side held on for victory maintaining their lead at the top of the table.

Mids play at home again on Saturday, against Bridport starting at 1.30 pm. This is the last league match before the mid-season break.

Dawlish 2nd XI 5
Mid Somerset 2nd XI 1

This was a difficult away game against league leaders Dawlish, a team with a most impressive goals-for record this season. Mids acquitted themselves well and after falling behind early, were level for some time when teenager Simon Lord equalised with a well struck shot from a short corner.

Mids were three one down at half time and then lost Gareth Searey with a foot injury, leaving the Mids to play most of the second half with only ten players.

Despite conceding two further goals, there were some good performances from the youngsters, particularly Ben Richards in defence and Stephen Tinnion who made his 2nd IX debut. The team travel to Ottery Crickets on Saturday leaving Glastonbury at 1.15 pm.

● Mid Somerset 3rd XI's fixture with Exeter Hornets 4th XI was cancelled.