

Mid Somerset 1st XI	1
Old Bristolians 1st XI	2

This was going to be a difficult friendly for Mids 1st XI, with Old Bristolians playing in a higher league than them, but it provided a valuable work out before the league campaign recommences on Saturday.

The game was decided in the last 10 minutes when Old Bristolians were awarded a short corner. They stopped the ball and shot from outside the circle.

The ball took a slight deflection off the keepers pads and went in the goal, without another attacker touching the ball. Rather than giving a short corner, the neutral umpire awarded a goal.

However, in the remaining time, Mids still had excellent opportunities to score. The first fell to Te Petherbridge and the second with the last shot of the game to Andy Berry.

Both were denied by the keeper who made two excellent saves. Earlier in the game Mids had taken the lead through Pete McGilvary, but then conceded a penalty flick from which the visitors equalised.

Old Bristolians 2nd XI	3
Mid Somerset 2nd XI	0

The seconds played at Failand against an experienced Old Bristolians side who have played together for a number of years.

In an even first half Old Bristolians scored once from a short corner, while Mids were first denied by the post from a Gareth Searey shot and twice by the keeper when Simon Lord broke away in a one against one situation. Two defensive errors from Mids in the second half gave Old Bristolian's a three goal victory. However, Mids chased and harried throughout the game and teenagers Ben Richards and Andy Moorhead showed their potential.

Mid Somerset 3rd XI	2
Old Bristolians 2nd XI	1

The thirds entertained Old Bristolians thirds at Wells and went behind after only five minutes following some poor defending.

However, stalemate then occurred until the last quarter of the game.

Matt Pope then scored the equaliser and could have added a second after a long run down the wing. With only a minute remaining, he made amends by getting his stick to a Gavin Patey shot and deflected the ball into the net to give Mids a two goals to one victory.

On Saturday the firsts travel to Exeter Crickets, leaving Street at 12.30 pm, the seconds entertain Yeovil at Wells at 1.30 pm. The club are hoping to arrange an emergency fixture for the thirds.

Exeter Hornets 2nd	2
Mid Somerset 1st	0

The league season resumed with Mids travelling to Cullompton to play Exeter Hornets.

Mids only two league defeats to date had been in Devon and a sorry performance saw them slump to another Devon defeat.

The home side looked the better team throughout the game, and Mids never had a telling shot on goal. The final score was two goals to nil to Hornets, with one goal being scored in each half.

The first was deflected off a defender's stick past the goalkeeper, and the second was a result of a bad defensive error.

Mids remain top of the league, but their goal-scoring record of only one in the last three games will have to improve if they are to maintain their leading position. This Saturday they entertain Taunton Civil Service at Wells, starting at 1.30pm.

Mid Somerset 2nd XI	3
Yeovil 3rd XI	1

The Seconds produced their best team performance since the promotion run two years ago.

The two front men Gareth Searey and Luke Branley, caused the Yeovil defence problems throughout the game and they had no answer to the pace of these two youngsters. The visitors took an early lead through Tim Lumby who converted a short corner, but Mids responded well when teenager Simon Lord converted a short corner with a terrific shot to equalise. Shortly after hitting the post, Searey put the final touch to a Barnley shot and Mids were able to lead at half-time by two goals to one.

Mids continued to play well in the second half and it would be difficult to single out individuals, as the whole team played to a standard not seen before this season. Solid at the back, strong running from midfield and a threatening attack.

The game was sealed with the best goal of the match. An excellent pass from Branley, enabling Lord to score his second of the game and give Mids a well deserved victory. The team travel to Taunton Civil Service on Saturday leaving Glastonbury at 10am. The thirds entertain Minehead at Wells starting at noon.

### Mid Somerset A 3 Yeovil & Sherborne C 1

YEOVIL have set themselves a target of a minimum of two more wins if they are to stand a chance of avoiding relegation from South East Division Two - only a year after winning promotion.

Tom Lumby fired Yeovil ahead but fellow strugglers Mids led 2-1 at the break. The second half saw Yeovil try to level the scores but an injury to new team-member Andy Marsh unsettled them and the hosts took advantage to score again.

<b>South East Div I</b>									
Mid Somerset	10	8	0	2	28	18	24		
North Devon	10	6	2	2	23	15	20		
ECV Hornets A	10	4	2	3	23	20	14		
Taunton Vale B	10	4	1	5	27	22	13		
Taunton CS	10	3	4	3	26	23	13		
Bridport Hawks	10	4	1	6	27	25	13		
Torbay A	10	3	3	4	24	26	12		
Bridgwater A	10	3	2	5	18	23	11		
Exeter University B	10	3	1	5	18	25	10		
East Devon A	10	1	4	5	9	26	7		

<b>South East Div II</b>									
Dawlish A	10	8	1	1	61	10	25		
Sidmouth A	10	8	0	2	34	14	24		
Taunton CS A	10	7	0	3	31	21	21		
Yeovil & Sherborne B	10	6	1	2	32	13	19		
Bridport Crickets A	10	6	0	4	23	19	18		
ECV Hornets B	10	4	0	6	38	27	12		
North Devon A	10	4	0	6	20	22	12		
Yeovil & Sherborne C	10	3	0	7	14	28	9		
Mid Somerset A	10	2	0	7	16	34	6		
Exmouth A	10	0	0	10	4	85	0		

<b>South East Div III</b>									
East Devon B	9	7	1	1	31	15	22		
Exeter University C	9	7	0	1	49	8	21		
Isca D	9	6	0	3	30	16	18		
Bridgwater B	9	4	0	5	19	24	12		
Torbay B	9	3	2	4	20	30	11		
Bridport Hawks A	9	3	2	3	26	19	10		
Chudleigh A	9	1	2	5	7	23	5		
Minehead A	9	1	1	5	4	31	4		
Chard A	9	1	0	6	8	28	3		

<b>South East Div IV</b>									
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	9	4	1	3	15	18	13		
ECV Hornets C	9	3	0	5	14	27	9		
East Devon C	9	1	1	6	6	24	4		
Mid Somerset B	9	1	0	5	11	18	3		

<b>South East Div V</b>									
Isca E	9	6	2	1	32	7	20		
North Devon B	9	6	1	2	22	12	19		
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	9	2	1	6	12	33	7		

Mid Somerset 1st XI	2
Taunton Civil Service	2

This was not the best start or finish for Mid Somerset as they conceded a goal in the first and last minutes to share the points with Taunton Civil Service.

Mids gave a debut to Darren Wilson in defence and skipper Steve Dowden returned to midfield after his temporary stint in goal.

The visitors opened the scoring from a short corner and were the better side in the first half. Mids equalised early in the second half, again from a short corner. Roger Knife smashed a tremendous shot against the post and it rebounded off a defender's foot into the goal.

Gary Squire kept Mids on level terms with a goalline clearance and with 12 minutes

remaining Dowden scored with a reverse stick shot to give the home side the lead. In the dying seconds Taunton broke down the left and scored their equaliser. There was no time to restart the game as honours ended even.

Taunton Civil Service 2nd XI	3
Mid Somerset 2nd XI	0

It was debatable whether this game should ever have started, with half the pitch covered in water from the continuing rainfall. However, the game got underway and for three quarters of the game a stalemate ensued. Under pressure the Mids back four of Bloomfield, Salvidge, Crees and Moorhead held out defiantly and on the two occasions they were beaten, keeper Bob Seddon was on hand to deny Taunton a goal.

The game changed in the space of two second-half minutes when the home side converted two similar goals. On both occasions speculative hits into the circle found the Taunton centre forward, who diverted the ball into the net. Mids did create some half-chances but never really threatened to score, quite unlike last weekend's victory over Yeovil. Taunton also scored in the last minute to secure a comfortable three goal victory.



Action from Mid-Somerset XI's recent win against East Devon

BRIAN MCLONE (L) MARTIN WHITE (R)