

McGilvery fires Mids into play-off

Bridgwater 2nd XI 1
Mid Somerset 1st XI 3

With this victory against bottom of the table Bridgwater, Mids qualified for a promotion play-off place. Mids will now play Tavistock at Plymouth on the weekend of April, 6 and 7 in the first of a possible two games which could see promotion to South Division 2. Mids were helped when their nearest rivals Exeter Hornets lost by four goals to nil, to champions North Devon, enabling Mids to finish in second place in the league, one point in front of Hornets.

Mids got off to the best of starts against a much changed Bridgwater team, when Pete McGilvery opened the scoring in the first minutes and Mids then had an Andy Rogers' short corner disallowed for the ball not being stopped properly. Despite dominating play, Mids only added one more goal before half-time, a second for McGilvery. Bridgwater pulled a goal back in the opening minute of the second half, but Martin White who had another good game, scored Mids' third, to earn a deserved promotion play-off place.

Mid Somerset 2nd XI 0
Dawlish 2nd XI 2

This was a game which Dawlish had to win to ensure being champions of the league. Their two goal victory gave them the top spot on goal difference from second placed Taunton Civil Service. Both teams finished on 41 points. Defeat for Mids left them in 11th place, and although they have one outstanding game to play against Yeovil leaving Glastonbury at 12.15

Bridgwater 5th XI 2
Mid Somerset 3rd XI 6

The 3rd XI were the only Mids side to play on Saturday, as North

Somerset cancelled both the other games against the first and second teams.

Playing on the new artificial pitch at Chilton Trinity School, the thirds fielded another youthful team which comprised of six 15-year-olds. Jody Wells opened the scoring for Mids, but some hesitation in defence soon allowed the home side to equalise. However, after this Mids dominated the game and all the youngsters made useful contributions and gained some valuable experience. Wells finished with five goals, while the other was scored by Gavin Patey.

There are no games over Easter, but the following Saturday the firsts travel to Plymouth, to play Tavistock in the first play-off game, while the seconds and thirds will play Shepton Mallet in friendlies.

pm), their future next season will probably depend on the re-organisation of the lower leagues, which will take place in the summer.

Mids conceded a goal in each half against a Dawlish team that deserved victory. Mids best players were Gareth Searey in midfield and Mark Seward in goal, who provided a valiant last line of defence against an aggressive Dawlish attack. Special thanks to Richard Lord who made a rare appearance in defence and to Kim Lord and Paul Salvidge for umpiring a difficult game.

Mid Somerset 3rd XI 3
Minehead 3rd XI 0

This was a re-arranged league game as Minehead were unable to travel in January due to flooding. Mids continued their fine unbeaten run since Christmas with another good victory and with one league game left can finish the season in a respectable third place, if they win the last league game at East Devon on Saturday (leaving Glastonbury at 1pm). There was not much to choose between the two sides in the first half as a stalemate ensued.

However, Mids scored three in the opening quarter of the second half to wrap up a deserved victory. The first goal was scored by Glenn Hooper, the second by Gavin Patey from a short corner strike, and the third from Lee Richards who caused Minehead problems throughout the game with his pace down the right. The defence was very solid, with a good performance from teenager Jonathan Crees in the second half, ably supported by veterans Mike Gooden and Phil Ballam-Whitfield.

Mids win vets game

Mid Somerset Vets 4
Shepton Mallet Vets 2

Mids entertained local rivals Shepton Mallet in a veterans game at Wells on Saturday. In an excellent match played in the true veterans spirit, Mids emerged winners by four goals to two. Mids got off to the best possible start with a goal inside the first ten minutes, Andy Rogers converting a short corner. Almost immediately, the Mallets had a good opportunity to equalise, but their penalty stroke was well saved by Steve Dowden who had an excellent game in Mids goal.

The best goal of the match followed, Rogers and Terry Petherbridge passed to one another on a mazy run, before Petherbridge scored. John Price then gave Mids a three goal half time lead, when he converted another Rogers cross from the edge of the circle.

The Mallets came back into the game in the second half by scoring twice in quick succession, thus ensuring a tense fin-

ish to the game. While pushing for an equaliser, the gaps opened up at the back. This allowed Petherbridge a good chance after a fine Malcolm Chorlton right wing cross, his shot hit the post and Price followed up the rebound to score his second of the game. With a two goal lead restored, Mids held on to beat their local rivals.

The seconds re-arranged league game against Yeovil was cancelled due to frost, a decision which Mids found difficult to understand considering the adjacent Yeovil Town Football pitch was deemed playable for a Nationwide Conference League game. This Saturday there is a Club match at Wells starting at 1.30 pm. Any members wishing to play are welcome to attend.

● Helen Lord has been selected to play hockey for Somerset U14. Wells Blue School student

Helen, is the only state school pupil represented in the squad.

Final tables

South Div I

Isca A	18	13	2	3	92	21	41
East Devon	18	12	1	5	66	36	37
Ottery Crickets	18	11	3	4	58	46	36
Torbay	18	10	2	6	49	37	32
Yeovil & Sherb A	18	7	5	6	46	41	26
Newquay	18	8	2	8	54	51	26
Penzance	18	6	1	11	33	61	19
Plymouth University	18	5	2	11	41	68	17
Bridgwater	18	4	2	12	22	59	14
Minehead	18	3	2	13	23	64	11

South Div II

Taunton Vale A	18	14	2	2	73	19	44
Isca B	18	11	3	4	61	33	36
Truro	18	10	2	6	43	27	32
Exeter University A	18	9	3	6	54	43	30
PGSOB	18	7	5	6	42	44	26
Chard	18	7	4	7	38	44	25
Chudleigh	18	7	3	8	37	49	24
Isca C	18	3	5	10	38	45	14
Exmouth	18	4	1	13	31	58	13
Penzance A	18	2	4	12	16	71	10

South East Div I

North Devon	18	12	4	2	46	23	40
Mid Somerset	18	11	3	4	42	28	36
ECV Hornets A	18	11	2	5	51	33	35
Bridport Hawks	18	8	1	9	49	39	25
Exeter University B	18	7	2	9	40	42	23
Taunton CS	18	5	7	6	44	43	22
Taunton Vale B	18	6	3	9	45	48	21
East Devon A	18	5	6	7	28	37	21
Torbay A	18	5	3	10	38	63	18
Bridgwater A	18	3	3	12	30	57	12

South East Div II

Dawlish A	18	13	2	3	81	21	41
Taunton CS A	18	13	2	3	59	30	41
Sidmouth A	18	11	3	4	59	28	36
Yeovil & Sherb B	18	9	6	3	52	24	33
Ottery Crickets A	18	10	1	7	38	35	31
North Devon A	18	8	2	8	34	37	26
ECV Hornets B	18	8	0	10	60	46	24
Mid Somerset A	18	3	3	12	27	55	12
Yeovil & Sherb C	18	4	0	14	20	51	12
Exmouth A	18	1	1	16	15	118	4

South East Div III

Exeter University C	16	13	1	2	82	19	40
East Devon B	16	10	1	5	42	38	31
Isca D	16	9	0	7	41	31	27
Minehead A	16	7	1	8	24	42	22
Bridport Hawks A	16	6	3	7	41	44	20
Chudleigh A	16	5	3	8	26	38	18
Chard A	16	6	0	10	29	45	18
Torbay B	16	5	3	8	39	56	18
Bridgwater B	16	5	0	11	28	39	15

South East Div IV

Torbay C	14	9	3	2	27	14	30
Dawlish B	14	9	1	4	40	17	28
ECV Hornets C	14	7	0	7	32	37	21
Taunton CS B	14	6	1	7	43	28	19
Mid Somerset B	14	6	1	7	39	32	19
Minehead B	14	5	2	7	19	28	17
Seale-Hayne	14	5	2	7	23	42	17
East Devon C	14	3	2	9	18	43	11

South East Div V

North Devon B	15	11	2	2	40	18	35
Isca E	15	9	3	3	47	15	30
Bridgwater C	15	5	4	6	27	32	19
Sidmouth B	15	5	3	7	20	33	18
Bridgwater D	15	4	2	9	17	23	14
Chard B	15	3	2	10	18	48	11



Mid Somerset hockey's Steve Dowden (left) with his clubman of the year trophy and Andy Rogers, winner of the 1st team player of the year award