



**Mids' Dan Durstan on the charge against Old Bristolians. Injury brought a premature end to his match**

**Exeter Hornets C 0**

**Mid Somerset 2nd XI 0**

For the first time in a league game this season Mids seconds failed to score and had to settle for a share of the points at Exeter.

The home team had improved considerably since the sides met earlier in the season and they dominated the first 20 minutes.

Mids' attacks were limited during this period although Dave Lennard did have a couple of chances. Towards half-time Mids came more into the game and during the second half they took the game to their opponents. Chances for Jon Sawyer and Ian Bloomfield also went begging but the longer the game went on, a goalless draw seemed inevitable.

Mids also overcame the loss of skipper Gareth Searey who received a yellow card for dissent in the first half. Mids' defence kept a clean sheet for the sixth time this season and they have now only conceded 11 goals in the 12 league games the team have played.

**Mid Somerset 3rd XI 3**  
**Bridgwater 'C' 1**

Mids returned to winning ways with a comfortable local derby victory over Bridgwater's fourth team, who occupied fifth place in the Division.

Their victory by three goals to one was set up by winger Matt Pope who scored a brace. He opened the scoring with an indi-

vidual effort from Mids' first attack of the game and scored the a decisive third goal, when he lifted the ball over the Bridgwater goal keeper in the second half.

Mids' second goal was scored via a penalty stroke when Stephen Tinnion was judged to have been deliberately fouled in the circle. Teenager Ian Witcombe stepped up to despatch the ball just below the crossbar.

Bridgwater did pull a goal back in the first half but Mids always held the upper hand with Jody Wood having a good game in mid-field.

**Mid Somerset 4th XI 2**  
**Chard 3rd XI 0**

Mids' fourth recorded only their second league win of the season when they defeated third-placed Chard at Shepton Mallet.

This was only Chard's third defeat of the season, being undone by a double from striker Simon Lord.

The first was scored a minute before half-time when his short corner strike was stopped by the defence but the ball returned to Lord who lifted the ball over the keeper. The second was scored in the final 10 minutes in similar fashion. His first shot was saved, but the keeper had no chance with the second. Mids thoroughly deserved this victory which lifts them off the foot of the table.

● Mid Somerset 1st XI's home fix-

ture against Dawlish 2nd XI was cancelled as Dawlish could not raise a team.

South-East Div I										
East Devon A.....	11	8	2	1	40	16	26			
Mid-Somerset.....	11	7	3	1	61	20	24			
Bridport Hawks.....	11	8	0	3	40	16	24			
Taunton GS.....	11	6	2	5	42	30	20			
ECV Hornets A.....	11	6	1	5	35	20	16			
Exeter Uni B.....	11	5	1	5	31	20	16			
Taunton Vale B.....	11	5	1	5	28	27	16			
ISCA C.....	10	3	2	5	27	38	11			
Exmouth.....	10	1	0	9	21	61	3			
Dawlish A.....	11	0	0	11	4	81	0			
South-East Div II										
Torbay A.....	11	9	0	2	56	14	27			
ECV Hornets B.....	11	7	2	2	23	16	23			
Taunton CS A.....	11	6	1	4	31	22	19			
Exeter Uni C.....	10	5	1	4	31	22	16			
Yeovil & Sherb C.....	11	5	1	5	14	22	16			
Ottery Crickets A.....	11	4	3	4	21	19	15			
Bridgwater A.....	11	2	7	2	18	11	13			
Sidmouth A.....	11	2	7	2	12	25	8			
East Devon B.....	11	2	2	7	9	29	8			
North Devon A.....	10	1	3	6	9	28	6			
South-Eastern Dist I										
Mid-Somerset A.....	10	7	2	1	50	11	23			
Bridport Hawks A.....	10	6	2	2	32	16	20			
Yeovil & Sherb C.....	8	6	0	2	23	15	18			
ISCA D.....	9	5	1	4	26	19	16			
Exmouth A.....	9	4	2	3	23	27	14			
ECV Hornets C.....	10	3	0	7	22	44	9			
Minehead A.....	10	2	2	6	20	25	8			
Bridgwater B.....	10	2	2	6	15	38	8			
Chard A.....	9	2	1	6	11	27	7			
South-Eastern Dist II										
ISCA E.....	10	9	0	1	53	13	27			
Mid-Somerset B.....	10	9	0	1	42	11	27			
Taunton CS B.....	10	7	0	4	25	16	21			
Minehead B.....	10	6	1	3	41	29	19			
Bridgwater C.....	10	4	1	5	18	24	13			
East Devon C.....	10	3	0	7	20	41	9			
Sidmouth B.....	10	2	1	7	19	25	7			
North Devon B.....	10	2	0	8	19	43	6			
Bridgwater D.....	11	1	3	7	10	34	6			
Seale-Hayne.....	3	1	0	2	2	14	3			
South-Eastern Dist III										
Taunton Vale C.....	8	7	1	0	45	7	22			
Ottery Crickets B.....	8	7	0	1	28	10	21			
Chard B.....	7	5	0	2	17	12	15			
Bridport Hawks B.....	7	4	1	2	24	7	13			
ISCA F.....	7	1	1	5	6	28	4			
East Devon D.....	7	1	1	5	5	29	4			
Mid-Somerset C.....	6	1	0	5	6	17	3			
ECV Hornets D.....	8	1	0	7	4	25	3			

**East Devon B 1**  
**Mid Somerset 1st XI 0**

Knowing that a good result was imperative to revive their hopes of promotion, this was the most important game of the season to date for Mid Somerset, away to the league leaders East Devon. It was therefore not the game to turn in one of their most inept performances of the season, which saw them slip to a single goal defeat.

This game was a complete contrast to the earlier meeting between these two sides which resulted in an entertaining three-all draw.

Scoring chances for both teams were few and the goalkeepers from both sides had little to do.

East Devon took a first half lead but rarely threatened thereafter. Mids' best chance to equalise fell to Martin White, with a shot that hit the post. From the rebound skipper Roger Knife also shot wide. Mids also wasted a couple of short corner opportunities.

Will Steel had a solid performance in midfield, but once again Mids failed to produce a result in Devon.

Mids' chances of promotion are now fading and they will probably have to rely on other teams slipping up if they are to find themselves back in promotion contention.

**Minehead 3rd XI 1**  
**Mid Somerset 3rd XI 6**

This was another big win for Mid Somerset as they maintained their promotion challenge with a convincing victory at Minehead.

It was an excellent day for forward Dave Lennard. He scored a first half hat-trick and added another two in the second half.

Two goals were scored from tap-ins but the other three were trademark Lennard goals. The other goal was scored by skipper Gavin Pa-tey.

Minehead offered little in attack with two young forwards who rarely troubled the Mids' defence, which included Jody Wood as a makeshift full back.

Gareth Searey and Steve Tinnion dominated the midfield area and were instrumental in setting up a number of scoring chances. With three league games remaining the team may only need one more win to clinch promotion.

**Mid Somerset 4th XI 0**  
**Taunton Vale C 1**

These two teams met in a closely contested game only three weeks ago and this return match was no different.

The game remained goalless until the last quarter of the second half, when a solitary goal scored by the visitors' centre forward secured a narrow victory. Mids did score twice, but on both occasions the goals were disallowed. Shortly before half-time Shaun Plenty scored from a short corner, but the ball was not stopped properly. In the second half another short corner attempt was disallowed, as Lee Richards' shot hit the net and not the back board. This was another encouraging performance from the fourths' particularly from teenager Ed Manders in

**Exeter Hornets A 2**  
**Mid Somerset 1st XI 1**

Mids' away day hoodoo in Devon continued on Saturday with a controversial 2-1 defeat at Exeter Hornets.

With 12 minutes of the game remaining, a cross from the right by defender Mark Salvidge found skipper Roger Knife at the far post. He despatched the ball in the back of the net from two yards out and the home-appointed umpire initially awarded a goal.

However, as the ball went through a hole in the back of the net and ended up outside the goal, Hornets complained that the goal should not stand. Without consulting the second umpire or checking the net, the umpire then disallowed the goal and resumed play with a hit out. Mids were so incensed that they have lodged an appeal to the league.

An equalising goal would have made any result possible in the last 10 minutes and there is nothing worse than losing a game under such circumstances. The umpire did admit after the game that there was a hole in the net but this counts for nothing unless the league come to Mids' rescue.

The last 10 minutes of the game was frantic, but Mids were unable to score again. They did take a one-nil lead in the first half thanks to an Andy Berry goal, but Hornets equalised before the break and took the lead early in the second period.

Mids were thwarted by a spectacular display from the Hornets' keeper who had kept his side in the game with a series of fine saves, before the incident with the disallowed goal.

**ISCA F 4**  
**Mid Somerset 3rd XI 0**

Before this game both teams had 27 points from 10 games but top-of-the-table ISCA had the better goal difference.

Mids were not helped by the unavailability of several defenders which meant a unfamiliar central defensive role for skipper Gavin Pa-tey.

ISCA took an early lead after and added a second before half-time with a penalty stroke. Two more goals in the second half rapped up a comfortable victory for the home side.

Mids created little in the way of clear cut chances although there was some good approach play down the right from Matt Pope and Shaun Plenty and another solid performance in goal from Bob Seddon.

● The 4th XIs game against Bridport Hawks 3rd XI was cancelled and will be re-arranged.

**Mid Somerset 2nd XI 3**  
**Bridgwater B 0**

Bridgwater are languishing at the foot of the table and played with only 10 players, but for three-quarters of this match they more than matched second placed Mids.

Mids offered very little for long periods and an upset was very much on the cards, until a succession of three short corners were gained midway through the second half. From the third strike Dan Durston's shot was deflected over the Bridgwater keeper by winger Lee Richards and from this point Mids took control of the game. Within a minute, Richards added a second with a cross-cum-shot from the left which rattled into the roof of the net.

Shortly after he completed his hat-trick with another good shot. Richards' goals were the difference between the two sides as neither team looked likely to score.

Mids know they will have to play better in future games if they wish to maintain their promotion challenge.

**Old Bristolians Vets 6**  
**Mid Somerset Vets 9**

A remarkable game and a remarkable scoreline, in the first round of the Somerset Veterans' Knockout Cup (for over 35s), at Failand on Sunday morning.

In a game of 15 goals, Mids overcame the fact that they played the whole game with only 10 players to win.

Despite taking an early lead, Mids found themselves 3-1 in arrears before finding their feet and taking a 4-3 lead by half-time.

Old Bs got the score back to six-each midway through the second half, but in pushing for a winner they left themselves open at the back and Mids scored a further three. Dave Lennard bagged another five, taking his tally to double figures for the weekend, Andy Rogers netted a hat-trick from midfield and the other Mids goal was scored by Terry Petherbridge.

The next round is scheduled for this Sunday against Taunton Vale who beat Yeovil by four goals to two.

● Mid Somerset's 2nd XI match against Dawlish 2nd XI was cancelled as Dawlish have withdrawn from the league.