

## Taunton Civil Service 1st 5 Mid Somerset 1st XI 3

In the final league game of the season, Mid Somerset 1sts finished with another disappointing defeat.

However, they still finished in a final position of third in South East Division One, having a better goal difference than both Taunton and Exeter University.

Mids gave a first team league debut to Jonathan Crees in defence. The home side took the lead in the first-half but Mids equalised before the turnaround from teenage winger Lee Richards.

Taunton scored twice before Richards got his second of the game with a spectacular reverse shot from the edge of the circle which went in the roof of the net. Taunton scored another brace before skipper Roger Knife scored a consolation for Mids.

## Mid Somerset 1st XI 0 Clevedon 1st XI 2

In the semi-final of the Somerset Knockout Cup Plate competition, Mids lost at home to Clevedon following a poor first-half performance.

They conceded two goals in the first period, but they fought back well with a strong showing in the second half, which was full of incident. Mids keeper Mark Seward conceded a penalty stroke, which he saved admirably and Andy Berry was yellow carded, which the umpire upgraded to a red after comments made by the player.

The best chances fell to Andy Rogers and Roger Knife from short corner strikes and from Greg Durston, whose run down the left ended with him flicking the ball on to the roof of the net.

## Mid Somerset 2nd XI 4 Minehead 2nd XI 1

Mids' league season ended in triumphant style as they finished top of South East District One, gaining promotion after only one season in the division.

Saturday's opponents Minehead were striving to avoid relegation and during the first-half they took the game to Mids and were unlucky to go a goal behind. Jon Sawyer scored after a short corner was awarded. Minehead equalised in the second-half, but Sawyer then scored his second and Mids took control of the game. Dan Durston scored the third from a short corner direct strike, while the fourth was scored by Matt Pope at the far post, after a cross from the left by skipper Gareth Searey.

## North Devon 3rd XI 4 Mid Somerset 3rd XI 4

The promoted Mids' 3rd XI ended their season on a disappointing note as they slumped to an away defeat at relegation-threatened North Devon.

It all started so well for Mids as they raced into a two-goal lead through Gavin Patey and Ian Witcombe. However, the home team equalised before half-time and then took advantage of Mids losing a player due to the yellow card awarded to Patey in the second-half.

North Devon scored twice more but this was not enough for them to avoid relegation as they dropped a league on goal difference.

## Mid Somerset 4th XI 2 ISCA 1

This was a rearranged game from the previous Saturday when ISCA were unable to raise a side.

Mids took the lead through Andrew Stanger and although the visitors pulled a goal back, a second-half strike from forward Luke Branley, when he slipped the ball over the advancing goalkeeper, gave Mids only their third league victory of the season.

Mids' experienced backline of John Willis, Des Switzer and Alan Wilton, along with keeper Jason Evans, ensured Mids held on for a deserved win.

Final table South-East Div I	
East Devon A	18 15 2 1 76 24 47
Bridport Hawks	18 14 1 3 73 25 43
Mid-Somerset	18 9 3 6 74 33 30
Exeter Uni B	18 9 3 6 53 35 30
Taunton CS	18 9 3 6 68 55 30
Taunton Vale B	18 8 3 7 44 37 27
ISCA C	18 7 2 9 47 55 23
ECV Hornets A	18 7 1 10 45 41 22
Exmouth	18 1 2 15 35 102 5
Dawlish A	18 1 0 17 10 118 3

Final table South-East Div II	
Torbay A	18 14 0 4 82 29 42
ECV Hornets B	18 10 4 4 32 21 34
Ottery Crickets A	18 10 3 5 41 29 33
Taunton CS A	18 9 2 7 41 48 29
Exeter Uni C	18 8 2 8 44 37 26
Sidmouth A	18 6 4 8 26 31 22
North Devon A	18 6 4 8 26 41 22
Bridgwater A	18 4 9 5 27 21 21
Yeovil & Sherb B	18 5 2 11 17 36 17
East Devon B	18 2 2 14 15 58 8

South-Eastern Dist I	
Mid-Somerset A	16 11 4 1 62 14 37
Bridport Hawks A	16 10 4 2 52 24 34
Yeovil & Sherb C	16 8 0 8 40 32 24
Bridgwater B	16 7 2 7 33 44 23
ISCA D	16 6 2 8 36 37 20
Exmouth A	15 5 2 8 32 49 17
Chard A	16 5 2 9 26 43 17
Minehead A	15 4 3 8 33 41 15
ECV Hornets C	16 4 3 9 31 61 15

Final table South-Eastern Dist II	
ISCA E	16 14 0 2 89 21 42
Mid-Somerset B	16 11 1 4 56 25 34
Taunton CS B	16 8 2 6 37 36 26
East Devon C	16 8 0 8 42 51 24
Bridgwater C	16 7 1 8 33 43 22
Minehead B	16 7 1 8 46 61 22
Sidmouth B	16 5 1 10 28 42 16
North Devon B	16 5 1 10 31 54 16
Bridgwater D	16 2 3 11 20 49 9

South-Eastern Dist III	
Taunton Vale C	14 12 1 1 73 14 37
Ottery Crickets B	14 12 0 2 53 14 36
Chard B	14 7 2 5 30 28 23
Bridport Hawks B	13 6 2 5 34 25 20
East Devon D	13 4 1 8 15 40 13
Mid-Somerset C	12 4 0 8 16 24 12
ECV Hornets D	14 4 0 10 13 48 12
ISCA F	14 1 2 11 10 51 5

## Mid Somerset 1st XI 1 North Bristol 2nd XI 1

Mids put in a poor performance in a typical end of season friendly, where both teams appeared to lack the necessary motivation to force a result.

Both goals came in the final 10 minutes. Mids opened the scoring when Dave Lennard poached a goal after an initial shot from Andy Berry, who was playing his first game for three weeks following suspension.

North Bristol equalised late on. Mids did have the better chances to win the game, but once again failed to convert numerous short corner opportunities.

The season ends this Saturday with an attractive home friendly with Newport, starting at 1.30pm at Wells Blue School.

## Weston-super-Mare 3rd XI 1 Mid Somerset 2nd XI 7

Mids' seconds successful season ended in convincing style with a 7-1 hammering of the seaisiders on Saturday.

Mids' keeper Mike Collins made a couple of important saves early on, but once Mids opened the scoring through a great reverse shot from Dan Durston, victory was never in doubt.

Jon Sawyer added the second after a cross from the left and Ian Bloomfield had an open goal for the third. The second half brought four more goals for Mids.

Bloomfield completed his hat-trick with two easy tap ins, while spectacular shots from Greg Durston and Lee Richards completed the scoring. Weston scored a consolation late in the second half.

## Mid Somerset 1sts 5 Chard 1sts 1

With the league season now finished, Mids returned to friendly fixtures in the run in to the end of the winter season and won comfortably thanks to a hat-trick from their captain.

They entertained Chard, who had been relegated from their league a week ago and will be in the same division as Mids next season. Both teams were short of some key performers, which gave the clubs a chance to blood some younger players.

Mids were missing Steve Dowden, Andy Berry, Dave Lennard and Gary Squire, but this did not effect the final result. Mids put in a good team performance which saw them emerge confident winners by five goals to one.

Skipper Roger Knife led the way by scoring a hat-trick, while there was one goal apiece for both Lee Richards and Andy Rogers.

## Chard 2nds 0 Mid Somerset 2nds 4

These two teams met in a league game four weeks ago, when Mids won 3-1, but in this

friendly they went one better.

They scored two goals in each half and dominated the game to such an extent that the defence had little to do. Two of the goals were identical, short corner shots from Ian Bloomfield being deflected into the goal by Jon Sawyer.

Bloomfield scored the second at the far post, to make amends for missing a penalty stroke, awarded when Steve Tinnion was stick tackled in the circle. The best goal was the last, scored by winger Matt Pope who broke away on a solo run from the half way line, before slipping the way past the advancing Chard goal keeper.

● Mids' third and fourth team games were cancelled as the opposition could not raise a side.

# High fives all round for the Mids' men

## Bristol 2nd XI 0 Mid Somerset 1st XI 5

Mids travelled to Filton for this end-of-season friendly. In lovely weather, the result was never in doubt. Mids dominated the game from start to finish.

Dave Lennard marked his return to the team with a brace of goals, while the others were scored by skipper Roger Knife and Steve Dowden. The scoring was completed by a Bristol own goal.

## Mid Somerset 2nd XI 5 Bristol 3rd XI 1

In their penultimate game of the season a youthful Mids second eleven scored five goals to record a comprehensive victory over Bristol in a friendly at Wells.

Mids played six youngsters under 16 years of age, and also had to play the game a man short when Colin Crees stood down to umpire.

The pace of the youngsters was evident as Mids raced into a two-goal lead with a brace from Ian Bloomfield, while Steve Tinnion added a third before half-time.

Bristol managed to pull one back, but Mids kept going forward. Midfielder Chris Ashworth added Mids' fourth, while Bloomfield completed his hat-trick late on.

Special thanks to Ange Tinnion who also agreed to umpire at short notice.

## Mid Somerset Hockey Club

The curtain came down on a successful season for Mid Somerset with their annual dinner and presentation evening at Wedmore Golf Club on Saturday.

The men's first team finished third in their league, the seconds finished first and were promoted, the thirds finished second and were promoted, while the fourths, in their debut season, finished a creditable seventh.

The Ladies just missed out on promotion, finishing third. Award winners: Men's - 1st team player of year - Darren Wilson; 2nd team player of year - Dan Durston; 3rd team player of year - James Payne; 4th team player of year - Ed Manders; Most improved player - Jonathan Crees; Young player of year - Lee Richards; Clubman of year - Colin Crees.

Ladies - Player of year - Claire Malone; Clubwoman of year - Mel Petherbridge; Young player of year - Nicole Burns; Leading goal scorer - Fiona Tucker.