



Mid Somerset left half Darren Wilson (far right) attempts to tackle a North Somerset player from the wrong side during their match at Wells Sports Development Centre on Saturday



Above and below left are pictures of Mid Somerset Men's 2nd XI in action against Chard on Saturday JONATHAN CREES (RIGHT)

Mid-Somerset 3
North Somerset 1

Mids made it three wins from three games with a comfortable victory over North Somerset at Wells on Saturday.

In a good first half performance Mids opening chance came courtesy of the move of the match. A run from Andy Berry found Roger Knife whose pass to Martin White took out the keeper, but White was left red faced after missing an open goal. Mids made no mistake soon after when following a short corner, Dan Durston fired home his second goal in two games.

Andy Rogers made it two by half-time, converting from another short corner. The second half performance did not quite match up to the first, but White made amends for his earlier miss with a good reverse stick shot to make it three nil. North Somerset scored a consolation goal in the dying minutes.

North Somerset 2nd XI 1
Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 3

After a draw and a defeat in their previous two games, Mids' seconds recorded their first victory of the season with the same scoreline as the first team.

They got off to a great start with an early Ian Bloomfield goal and proceeded to dominated the first half. It was against the run of play when North Somerset's left wing equalised with a reverse stick shot, but Mids restored their lead when Jon Sawyer scored, also with the reverse stick.

The highlights of the second half were good runs from Mike Davis and Ben Dormer, both being unlucky not to score. Mids wrapped up a good victory when Bloomfield scored his second after a cross from the right.

The three 15-year-olds Steve Tinnion, Jonathan Crees and Lee Richards all acquitted themselves well in a good all-round team performance.

Mid-Somerset 4th XI 0
Bridgwater 5th XI 0

This was a keen and evenly contested game, with a stalemate always likely as neither team threat-

ened too often.

Mids included six players from their youth programme and the defences dominated the game, with Phil Ballam-Whitfield leading the way. Richard Payne, Ian Whitcombe and Howard Thompson played well for Mids.

● A reminder that club coaching continues on Thursday evenings on the astro pitch at the Wells Sports Development Centre. Juniors - 6.30-7.30pm. Seniors (including ladies) - 7.30-8.30pm. This Saturday the club play Old Bristolians with the 1st XI playing home at 1.30pm and the 3rd XI at 3.00pm.



Mid Somerset's Steve Dowden (right) in action against North Somerset

Mid Somerset 3
Old Bristolians 1

Mids continued their perfect preparations for the new season by recording their fourth successive victory in this home fixture against Old Bristolians on Saturday.

Mids produced a fine all-round team performance which could have yielded more goals, if it had not been for the agility of the Old Bristolians' keeper, who saved his side on a number of occasions. The three goals that were scored came from Andy Berry, skipper Roger Knife and Will Steel. The visitors scored a consolation goal inside the last 10 minutes. Special thanks to Steve Dowden who kept goal, due to Mike Collins unavailability.

Mids will hoping to bring their pre-season form into the league competition which gets underway this Saturday with an away trip to Exmouth.

Old Bristolians 2nd XI 4
Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 5

Mids' seconds made it two victories in two games in a nail-biter of a match to give new skipper Steve Dowden a winning start to his unselfish second spell in charge of the team.

Mids took a three-nil lead thanks to goals from Lee Richards, Martin White and Jon Sawyer, before Old B's pulled a goal back before half-time with a penalty stroke.

In the second half the home side took control by scoring three more goals, to take a four goals to three lead and they looked the likely winners. However, debutant Dave Lennard had other ideas. By scoring a brace of goals in the last 10 minutes, he gave Mids an exciting away victory by the odd goal in nine. There was also a club debent in defence for former Yeovil player Chris Ashworth.

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

All three goals came in the last quarter of the game as an experienced Old Bristolians side finally got the better of a much less experienced Mids side.

With a lack of goalkeepers John Wareham was forced to play in goal and he made a couple of good saves before a poor kicked clearance enabled the visitors to take the lead. They added a second before Luke Branley pulled a goal back, but it was too late to affect the final result. There were good performances in defence from Des Switzer and teenager James Payne.