

Mids run riot with 17 goals

Exmouth 0
Mid-Somerset 17

The league season got off to an unbelievable start for Mid-Somerset who recorded a record league victory for the club's first eleven, when they scored 17 goals without reply in a resounding victory at Exmouth.

The Exmouth club, who have one or two problems, started the game with only eight players. They did manage to field a full team by half-time, but by then Mids had scored 10 and the result was beyond doubt.

Mike Davis had a field day with his pace down the right-hand flank and caused havoc in the Exmouth defence with a string of crosses, setting up his team mates for some easy chances. Despite the soreline the Exmouth keeper did play well, especially with such little protection.

Man of the Match was Mid's Pete McGilvary who scored seven goals. The other scorers were Davis and Andy Berry who both scored hat-tricks, and two apiece for Will Steel and Martin White. This result should give Mids a great advantage if goal difference plays a part in the final league table. The team are away to Taunton Vale on Saturday.

Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 9
Exmouth 2nd XI 0

Mids seconds left the field thinking that 9-0 was a great victory, but this was overshadowed when the first team result filtered through from Exmouth. They got off to a great start when they were awarded a penalty stroke in the first five minutes of the game. The pace of skipper Steve Dowden's flick deceived the keeper to set up an early lead. More goals soon followed with a brace from Jon Sawyer and possibly the best goal of the game from Dan Durston. Dave Lennard also scored to give Mids a 5-0 half-time lead.

There was little goalmouth action for the first 20 minutes of the second half as Exmouth held there own, but this was changed by Lennard who scored a further four goals in the last quarter to give him five in the match and seven in the last two games.

The 2nd XI entertain Isca on Saturday at 1.30 pm.

Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 8
ISCA 5th XI 1

Mids followed up last week's 9-0 victory with a further eight in their second league game of the season, when they entertained ISCA. However, the final scoreline was not as comprehensive as it may suggest, for the visitors only played with nine players. Nevertheless, these games still have to be won and skipper Steve Dowden led by example. He opened the scoring and got the last two to complete a hat-trick.

In between there were two goals apiece from Ian Bloomfield and Dave Lennard, while Dan Durston com-

pleted the scoring by converting a short corner. The Mids' defence was hoping to keep a clean sheet for the second consecutive game, but James Anderson's deflected shot beat the Mids' keeper for a consolation goal. Mids travel to Bridgwater on Saturday leaving Street at 10.30am.

East Devon 3rd XI 0
Mid-Somerset 3rd XI 3

This was another great result for Mid-Somerset Hockey Club in what, on paper, was a difficult away game at Lympstone Camp.

With a number of youngsters playing, they managed to dominate the game and keeper Bob Seddon was only called on twice to clear the ball.

Matt Pope opened the scoring for a 1-0 half-time lead. Two more goals followed in the second half. The first from skipper Gavin Patey and the second from teenager Lee Richards who also hit the bar and post with shots at the East Devon goal. Once again youngsters James Payne and Howard Thompson played well in the Mids defence.

Mid Somerset 4th XI 2
Ottery Crickets 3rd XI 4

Mids fielded four league teams on the same day for the first time and blooded a number of youngsters who have progressed from their Thursday night youth training programme.

Ottery fielded a number of experienced players from last year's 2nd XI, including Andy Padson who scored a hat-trick. After conceding three, Mids pulled two goals back thanks to skipper Malcolm Chorlton's penalty stroke and youngster Quinn Miller's first for the club. However, with four minutes remaining Ottery broke away to wrap the game up at four goals to two.

Mid-Somerset 1st XI 4
Exeter Hornets 2nd XI 2

After last week's draw at Taunton, Mids returned to winning ways in their first home league game of the season against Exeter Hornets.

All bar one of the goals came in the first half as the visitors twice took the lead from two short corner strikes.

However, both goals were cancelled out by strikes from Mids midfielder Andy Berry.

The best goal was his second, scored from the edge of the circle with a shot that hit the top of the back board.

Mids took the lead for the first time at three goals to two when Andy Rogers converted a penalty stroke awarded against the Hornets' keeper.

Mids completed the scoring in the second half when a Berry shot from a short corner was tapped in at the far post by Will Steel.

Hornets had a good chance to pull one goal back when they were awarded a penalty stroke, but the ball was put wide of the goal.

Bridgwater 3rd XI 0
Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 10

For the first time this season in a league game, free-scoring Mids' seconds played against a side with a full complement of players and still managed to record their best win of the season.

After scoring nine in their first league game and eight in their second, Mids went one better and reached double figures by scoring 10 in the local derby at Bridgwater.

They got off to the best possible start with a Dave Lennard goal in the first minute and a second followed nine minutes later.

After this Bridgwater never really had a chance of getting back into the game and it became a case of how many Mids would score.

Four goals in the first half and six in the second gave Mids their final tally. Lennard ended with five goals, Greg Durston scored a hat-trick, while there was one each for Jon Sawyer with a reverse stick push and skipper Steve Dowden with a rasping shot from

Taunton Vale B 3
Mid-Somerset 1st XI 3

After last week's romp at Exmouth, Mids came back to reality with a tough away game against Taunton Vale. After failing to get on the scoresheet last week, skipper Roger Knife quickly made amends when he opened the scoring following a good run down the right by winger Mike Davis. Knife then set up the second for Luke Branley as Mids raced into a two-goal half-time lead.

Early in the second half Taunton Vale pulled a goal back following a short corner but Mids soon restored their two-goal lead when Branley scored his second of the game. The Vale responded well and from two further short corners they managed to draw level at three goals each. No further goals were forthcoming and both teams regarded a draw as a fair result. After two away games Mids play their first home league game of the season on Saturday against Exeter Hornets, 1.30pm start.

the edge of the circle.

After three league games Mids have a goal difference of 26, with the defence only conceding one goal in the three games.

Mid-Somerset 3rd XI 3
ISCA 6th XI 2

The third eleven matched the performance of the seconds when they also recorded their third consecutive league victory.

This was their first home game of the season again, a side made up of experienced players who had played to a high standard.

The visitors took the lead before a good shot from the edge of the circle by Ian Whitcombe brought the sides level.

A second Whitcombe goal was cancelled out by a penalty stroke given away by keeper Bob Seddon, who later made amends with some good saves.

With 15 minutes remaining skipper Gavin Pa-tey gave Mids the lead which they managed to hold on to until the final whistle.

Chard 3rd XI 3
Mid Somerset 4th XI 1

Mids fourths got off to the best start possible at Chard when they scored in the opening seconds before the opposition had managed to touch the ball.

Simon Lord started the move combining with Jody Wood who returned the ball for Lord to open the scoring.

Mids managed to hold their own after Chard equalised until the final 10 minutes, when two sloppy goals gave the home side a three goals to one victory.

Bridgwater 5th XI 0
Mid-Somerset 3rd XI 9

This was another high scoring game as Mids made it two successive league wins, with a comprehensive victory away to Bridgwater. Again the skipper led by example - Gavin Pa-tey was the top scorer with four goals. Winger Matt Pope scored his second goal in two games, while there were two apiece for teenagers Lee Richards and Ian Whitcombe.

Mids gave a debut to Ian Hooper, in a game where the defence was rarely troubled and a fine all round performance was rewarded with a 9-0 victory.

The thirds entertain Isca E at Wells on Saturday at 3pm.

Mid Somerset 4th XI 2
Bridport 3rd XI 0

Mids made it a good day for Mid Somerset Hockey Club when they recorded their first league win of the season at home to Bridport. It was against the home of play when Mids took an early lead inside the first 10 minutes, when John Price was at hand to open the scoring with one of his classic goals. The game was marred by the antics of the Bridport centre half, but after being yellow carded in the first half he got in his car and went home.

After this a good, evenly-contested game followed. Mids scored their sec-

ond midway through the second half when a through ball from Malcolm Chorlton, was expertly dispatched from the edge of the circle by Simon Lord.

South-East Division 1							
Taunton CS	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
Mid Somerset	2	1	1	0	20	3	4
Exeter Univ B	2	1	0	1	8	3	3
ECV Hornets A	2	1	0	1	5	2	3
Bridport Hawks	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
East Devon A	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
ISCA C	2	1	0	1	4	9	3
Taunton Vale B	2	0	1	1	4	6	1
Exmouth	2	0	0	2	0	21	0
South-Eastern District 1							
Mid Somerset A	2	2	0	0	17	1	6
Bridport Hawks A	2	2	0	0	10	0	6
ECV Hornets C	2	1	0	1	2	7	3
ISCA D	2	1	0	1	3	9	3
Exmouth A	2	1	0	1	3	10	3
Minehead A	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Bridgwater B	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Dawlish B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chard A	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Yeovil & Sh C	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
South-Eastern District 2							
Mid Somerset B	2	2	0	0	12	0	6
ISCA E	2	2	0	0	12	4	6
Taunton CS B	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Bridgwater C	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Minehead B	1	1	0	0	11	1	3
Sidmouth B	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
East Devon C	2	0	0	2	2	6	0
North Devon B	2	0	0	2	2	11	0
Bridgwater D	2	0	0	2	1	13	0
Seale-Hayne	2	0	0	2	1	14	0
South-Eastern District 3							
Taunton Vale C	2	2	0	0	15	0	6
Ottery Crickets B	2	2	0	0	10	2	6
Chard B	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
Bridport Hawks B	2	1	0	1	9	2	3
Mid Somerset C	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
ECV Hornets D	2	0	0	2	1	9	0
ISCA F	2	0	0	2	1	13	0
East Devon D	2	0	0	2	0	17	0