

Exciting six-goal stalemate as top two share

Mid-Somerset 1st XI 3
East Devon 2nd XI 3

Following last week's comprehensive 11-0 victory at Dawlish, Mids entertained East Devon at Wells in a clash involving the two top teams in the league.

Despite torrential rain, the game that followed was a credit to both teams and the end result of three goals each was a fair one. Mids therefore maintained their top spot with 11 points from five games, one ahead of East Devon.

The game started well for Mids when Andy Berry opened the scoring, but East Devon equalised from a short corner and had the best of the first half. However, early in

the second Mids got on top.

Andy Rogers' short corner was well saved by the keeper and on returning to his defensive duties he broke up the next attack and drilled a 40-yard pass to winger Mike Davis.

He cut into the circle, beat a couple of defenders and gave his side the lead.

Midway through the half, skipper Roger Knife set up Martin White, who nearly lost the chance to score but made amends with a reverse stick sweep to give Mids a 3-1 lead. East Devon scored from another short corner as the game reached its climax.

The final seven minutes were frantic. Berry was yellow carded for comments made to the umpire and East Devon pressed hard

with their one-man advantage for an equaliser.

Short corners followed in abundance but keeper Mike Collins made some good saves. However, with three minutes to go another short corner rebounded off his pads and East Devon followed up to score.

The visitors were happy with a point and the game ended at three each.

● **Mid-Somerset 2nd XI** were due to play Dawlish B at the weekend, but Dawlish have withdrawn from the league.

both teams having a 100 per cent before the game started.

The make up of both sides was all a number of youngsters accompanied by a couple of elder statesmen in defence.

It was Mids who took the lead by capitalising on a free hit from the 22.

Skipper Gavin Pa-tey was fouled back of the circle and his cross was far post by Lee Richards, who was scoring.

Keeper Bob Seddon made some good saves but Minehead equalised from a stroke, when a Mids defender stopped a bound shot with his foot.

The early part of the second half

Mid-Somerset 3rd XI 2
Minehead 3rd XI 3

This was another top of the table clash with

Lethal Lennard hits four



Mid Somerset 2nd XI 8
ECV Hornets C 0

Mid Somerset continued in familiar fashion winning their fourth consecutive game and maintaining their average of over eight goals per game.

Hornets, fielding a side with a mix of youth and experience, started strongly and for the first five minutes looked as if they were going to carry the game to the divisional leaders. The visitors' hopes were soon dashed when top scorer Dave Lennard slotted home his first goal of the game from a narrow angle. The prolific Lennard added another three goals, taking his league tally to 16 in four games. Second top scorer on the day was the Mid Somerset centre half Dan Durston with two goals. Further goals came from Ian Bloomfield and Mids' 15-year-old defender Jonathon Crees, who had another good game at the back.

Mids gave a second team debut to Jody Woods, who for much of the season has been playing in the lower teams, he showed good pace and is a real prospect for the future.

This result cements Mids' position at the top-of-the-table and although the hockey, this week, was not as good as it has been, a side can only beat the opposition that is put in front of them. Mids seconds can look forward to a week's break, the league programme resumes on November 9, with a home game against Yeovil.

Bridgwater C 1
Mid Somerset B 2

Mids made it four wins out of four with another good, hardworking display on Saturday.

After even opening exchanges, Ian Witcombe gave the visitors the lead by slotting home his fifth goal in three matches.

Bridgwater though were back on level terms at the end of a fiercely contested opening half.

After the re-start Mids piled on the pressure with some surging runs down the flanks from both Witcombe and Matt Pope. Mids eventually made the breakthrough when Steve Tinnion swept home his first league goal of the season.

Mids did find the net for a third time, only for skipper Gavin Pa-tey's rasping shot to be adjudged to have come from outside the D.

Mids held their nerve with some solid defence to record a deserved victory.

Pictured left is Mids' Jody Wood on the ball during the 2nd XI's drubbing of Hornets wehock3010

South-East Div I

Mid-Somerset	.5	3	2	0	38	8	11
East Devon A	.5	3	1	1	17	11	10
ECV Hornets A	.5	3	0	2	26	6	9
Bridport Hawks	.4	3	0	1	10	6	9
Taunton CS	.5	2	2	1	21	15	8
Isca C	.4	2	1	1	13	17	7
Exeter Uni B	.5	1	1	3	13	12	4
Taunton Vale B	.5	1	1	3	7	16	4
Exmouth	.4	1	0	3	13	29	3
Dawlish A	.4	0	0	4	2	40	0

South-East Div II

Torbay A	.5	4	0	1	26	10	12
Exeter Uni C	.5	3	1	1	16	12	10
Taunton CS A	.5	3	1	1	10	7	7
Ottery Crickets A	.4	2	1	2	6	9	7
ECV Hornets B	.5	2	1	2	6	9	7
East Devon B	.5	2	0	3	6	11	6
Sidmouth A	.5	0	4	1	7	9	4
Bridgwater A	.5	0	4	1	7	9	4
Yeovil & Sherb B	.4	1	0	3	5	13	3
North Devon A	.5	0	1	4	4	14	1

South-Eastern Dist I

Mid-Somerset A	.4	4	0	0	35	1	12
Bridport Hawks A	.4	3	1	0	13	1	10
Isca D	.5	3	1	1	17	12	10
Exmouth A	.5	3	0	2	12	16	9
Exmouth B	.4	2	0	2	10	7	6
Yeovil & Sherb C	.4	2	0	2	10	7	6
Minehead A	.4	1	1	2	11	11	4
Yeovil & Sherb C	.4	1	0	4	5	29	3
ECV Hornets C	.5	1	0	4	5	22	2
Bridgwater B	.5	0	2	3	5	22	2
Chard A	.4	0	1	3	3	12	1

South-Eastern Dist II

Minehead B	.4	4	0	0	31	8	12
Isca E	.5	4	0	1	25	7	12
Taunton CS B	.4	4	0	0	16	2	12
Mid-Somerset B	.5	4	0	1	19	6	12
Bridgwater C	.5	2	0	3	6	14	6
Sidmouth B	.3	1	1	1	5	7	4
East Devon C	.5	1	0	4	9	21	3
Bridgwater D	.4	0	1	3	4	17	1
Seale-Hayne	.2	0	0	2	1	14	0
North Devon B	.5	0	0	5	4	24	0

South-Eastern Dist III

Ottery Crickets B	.4	4	0	0	18	3	12
Taunton Vale C	.4	3	1	0	26	3	10
Chard B	.3	3	0	0	12	3	9
Bridport Hawks	.4	1	1	2	13	7	4
East Devon D	.4	1	1	2	2	18	4
Isca F	.5	1	1	3	4	23	4
Mid-Somerset C	.3	1	0	2	5	7	3
ECV Hornets D	.5	0	0	5	2	18	0