

**ISCA** 2  
**Mid-Somerset 1st XI** 2

First team debutant Lee Richards popped up to score a late equaliser to maintain Mids' unbeaten record in a re-match between the two teams who were involved in the play-off final last April. Unfortunately, due to the league re-organisation in the summer, the result counted for little and both teams now find themselves in the same league.

ISCA fielded a much changed team, with an emphasis on younger players and, although Mids had more of the goal scoring opportunities, proved themselves to be the better side during the game.

The home side took the lead in the first half when Mids conceded a short corner which the opposition once again converted and then in the second half were awarded a penalty stroke, when a Mids defender stopped a goal bound shot with his foot.

ISCA maintained their two goal advantage until the final 10 minutes when the home side started to tire. A move down the right ended with Martin White setting up Andy Berry, who pulled a goal back with a good shot. And with only three minutes remaining Mids scored a deserved equaliser. Again it was White who set up the goal, Richards though, swept the ball home to become an instant hit with his team mates.

**Mid-Somerset 2nds XI** 1  
**Yeovil C** 2

Mids lost their unbeaten league record with a one goal defeat against Yeovil and in the process conceded more goals in one game than they have in the rest of the league campaign to date. There were welcome re-appearances for keeper Jason Evans (after a long break) and Gareth Searey (studying for his finals).

Mids dominated the first half but only had one goal to show for their efforts. After good work down the right by Dave Lennard he then unselfishly set up Ian Bloomfield for an easy goal.

Mids needed a second goal to make the game safe, but despite numerous short corners (Yeovil did not have one) they were unable to score.

Sloppy defending cost Mids two second half goals and they were unable to pull the goal back.

Mids did have a changed team from previous weeks but only have themselves to blame for their first league reverse this season.

**Taunton Civil Service 3rds XI** 1  
**Mid-Somerset 3rds XI** 3

Mids thirds claimed their best victory of the season at the expense of the Civil Service's 100 per cent record.

The damage was done in the first half as

Mids raced into a three goal lead. The instigator was right winger Matt Pope who opened the scoring early in the game and added a second before half-time.

Sandwiched between Pope's double salvo was the conversion of a penalty stroke by Simon Lord, awarded after a goal bound shot from Ian Hooper was stopped on the goal line by the foot of a Civil Service defender.

The defence played well, although they did concede a consolation goal.

Alex Bown had a good game at centre back, while keeper Bob Seddon made some good saves to keep the home side out.

**Mid Somerset 4th IX** 0  
**Exeter Hornets D** 2

Exeter Hornets fifth team recorded their first league win of the season at Wells, against a Mids fourth eleven which fielded four young lads who attend their youth training sessions. They were Joe West, Ed Manders, Jack Thursley and Quinn Miller.

Hornets also had a number of youngsters playing although they were a year or two older than the Mids boys.

The first half was goalless but Hornets scored six minutes into the second half and added a second after 16 minutes to set up a two goals victory.

**Mid-Somerset 2nds XI** 5  
**Bridport Hawks 2nd XI** 2

In-form Dan Durston cashed in with four goals as Mids completed a day of misery for the Hawks.

The two second elevens also played in a top-of-the-table clash in South Eastern District One, and the win increased Mids' lead at the top, over Bridport, to four points.

Bridport came into the match with an undefeated league record having only conceded four goals, but this proud record was soon shattered as Mids scored twice in the first 10 minutes, adding another two minutes before half-time.

The first two were excellent short corner strikes from Durston, the second being awarded for indiscipline from the Bridport centre half.

The third goal was scored by teenager Steve Tinnion who took up some good positions on the right wing, while Durston completed his hat-trick after a cross from Steve Dowden was deflected into his path by a defender.

The visitors pulled a goal back before half-time and added a fortuitous second after the break when the ball flew into the net off a Mids' defender.

Durston had the last word. He scored his fourth goal and Mids fifth with another excellent short corner strike to wrap up a fine victory.

**Ottery Crickets 3rd XI** 4  
**Mid-Somerset 4th XI** 0

The main talking point of this match came in the first half after Ottery had taken a two-goal lead.

A heavy thunderstorm was accompanied by a lightning strike, which hit one of the floodlights and caused all the lights to go out. A 20 minute break in play followed, which enabled Mids skipper Gavin Pa-tey to use his electrician's skills in ensuring the lights were safe to use again.

The break in play did not help Mids. They conceded a third goal before half-time and eventually lost by four goals to nil.

● Mid-Somerset 3rd XI's game against Seale Hayne was cancelled as Seale Hayne have pulled out of the league.

# Durston double keeps Mids on top of the table

**Mid-Somerset 2nd XI** 3  
**Chard** 1

After last week's defeat, Mids were hoping for a return to winning ways when they travelled to Chard to play the team at the foot of the table. Chard had only won one point from five league games this season, but they put in a performance that belied their league position and provided Mids' seconds with a stern test.

Mids front three of Dave Lennard, Lee Richards and Jon Sawyer all missed first half opportunities as Chard held out, but their defence was finally breached five minutes before half-time. Mids won a free hit inside Chard's 22 and skipper Steve Dowden's hit was flicked into the net by midfielder Dan Durston.

Mids fared better in the second half. Defender Colin Crees set up winger Richards whose cross from the byline was smacked into the net by Sawyer. A third followed when Mids won a short corner and Durston's first time shot was unstoppable.

Chard scored a consolation goal in the dying seconds, but Mids maintained their top spot in the League and entertain second in the table Bridport on Saturday at Wells.

**Mid-Somerset 1st XI** 3  
**Exeter University 'B'** 0

Following last week's draw against Isca, Mid Somerset lost the top spot in their league to next week's opponents Bridport.

Mids, therefore, were looking to make up ground against an Exeter University team languishing in seventh place, and they achieved this with a comfortable three-goal victory to set up an intriguing game between the top two on Saturday.

It was the midfield domination that provided Mids with the foundation for victory. Skipper Roger Knife led the way when he opened the scoring in the first half, following a run and cross from the right wing by Mike Davis.

The one-nil half-time lead was soon increased in the second half. Again it was Davis who set up the goal. He pulled the ball back from the byline to Andy Berry who swept the ball into the net.

Mids had numerous short corners and failed to convert any, but they finally made the game safe 10 minutes before the final whistle.

Berry's shot with a reverse flick appeared goal bound, but Martin White turned up on the goal line to provide the final touch. Mids can regain top spot if they beat Bridport Hawks this Saturday.

**Mid-Somerset 3rd XI** 2  
**Sidmouth 3rd XI** 0

In an end-to-end game it was Mids who came out on top against mid-table opponents Sidmouth.

The difference between the two sides was simple - goalscoring. Mids converted two of their opportunities, whereas Sidmouth were thwarted by defender James Payne and goalkeeper Bob Seddon, who made some good saves. Mids scored one goal in each half. The first was scored by skipper Gavin Pa-tey after good work down the right by Matt Pope, while the second was scored by Tony Bown after good work by teenager Steve Tinnion.

This Saturday's game against the students of Seale Hayne Agricultural College has been cancelled as they cannot raise a side.

● The 4th XI's game against Isca 'F' was cancelled.

# Mighty Mids hit double-top

**Bridport Hawks 1st XI** 2  
**Mid-Somerset 1st XI** 4

First team debutant Dave Lennard fired a hat-trick as Mid Somerset regained the top spot in South-East Division One with an emphatic away victory over previous leaders Bridport Hawks.

After the game Mids' skipper Roger Knife said: "The final score could easily have been six-all, it was end-to-end stuff with plenty of chances on offer for both teams."

Owing to unavailabilities Lennard received his chance, and Mids welcomed back Ben Dormer who had been out of action for five weeks with a broken thumb.

Bridport took a one-nil lead into the break, but the goals flowed in the second half.

Knife and Martin White combined to set up an equaliser through Lennard, only for the home team to regain the lead via a short corner.

Mids dominated the last quarter. Lennard converted his second after a goalmouth scramble and shortly afterwards Dormer ran from the 25 into the circle and scored on the reverse side. Mids would have settled for a one-goal victory, especially as they were forced to finish the game with 10 players as White received a red card for a stick tackle from behind.

However, with only two minutes remaining Lennard completed his hat-trick, with a great shot to cap a fine first appearance.

Having played eight games each, both sides now have 18 points, but Mids have a much better goal difference and once again sit proudly on the top of the league.

South-East Div II						
Torbay A	7	0	2	41	13	21
ECV Hornets B	6	1	2	17	13	19
Exeter Uni C	5	1	3	31	21	16
Taunton CS A	5	1	3	23	18	16
Ottery Crickets A	4	1	3	19	16	13
Yeovil & Sherb B	3	1	5	11	21	10
Sidmouth A	2	2	5	10	19	8
East Devon B	2	2	5	9	22	8
Bridgwater A	0	6	2	8	11	6
North Devon A	1	3	5	9	24	6

South-Eastern Dist I						
Mid-Somerset A	6	1	1	45	7	19
Yeovil & Sherb C	6	0	2	23	15	18
Bridport Hawks A	5	2	1	24	9	17
Isca D	4	1	3	21	17	13
Exmouth A	4	1	3	20	24	13
Minehead A	2	2	4	19	19	8
ECV Hornets C	2	0	6	15	40	6
Bridgwater B	1	2	5	13	31	5
Chard A	1	1	6	9	27	4

South-Eastern Dist II						
Isca E	7	0	1	38	9	21
Mid-Somerset B	7	0	1	30	8	21
Minehead B	5	1	2	35	21	16
Taunton CS B	5	0	3	22	14	15
Bridgwater C	4	1	4	16	20	13
East Devon C	3	0	5	16	28	9
Bridgwater D	1	3	5	10	27	6
Sidmouth B	1	1	5	9	16	4
Seale-Hayne	3	1	0	2	14	3
North Devon B	1	0	7	12	33	3

South-Eastern Dist III						
Ottery Crickets B	7	0	1	28	10	21
Taunton Vale C	6	1	0	41	6	19
Chard B	5	0	2	17	12	15
Bridport Hawks B	3	1	2	22	7	10
Isca F	1	1	4	6	26	4
East Devon D	1	1	5	5	29	4
Mid-Somerset C	1	0	4	5	13	3
ECV Hornets D	1	0	7	4	25	3