

Unbeaten run ended

Mid-Somerset 1st XI 2

Taunton Civil Service 1st XI 4

Mids lost their unbeaten league record and the top spot in the league, after a lethargic performance against mid-table Taunton Civil Service.

Mids had the best of the early exchanges, but fell behind to a breakaway goal, when the Service striker rounded keeper Mike Collins to score.

Mids were always chasing the game and soon conceded a second goal before Dave Lennard pulled one back before half-time.

Taunton's third stirred Mids and for 15 minutes they played their best hockey of the game. Two short corner strikes from Andy Rogers were saved on the line by the Taunton defence and then Lennard scored his second, his fifth in two games, following up a shot from Andy Berry. At three-two down Mids remained hopeful of saving the game, but conceded another goal in the closing stages.

With the League season now at the half-way point, Mids will need to find more consistency in their play if they are to maintain their promotion challenge.

Minehead 2nd XI 1

Mid-Somerset 2nd XI 1

Skipper Steve Dowden was happy to take a point from Minehead, a venue where Mids seconds have not been too successful in recent years.

Their defensive and midfield play was good, but the team lacked the cutting edge up front to win a game where they took an early lead with one of the best moves of the match.

With the game only two minutes old, Dowden released Lee Richards down the right wing. His cross beat the Minehead keeper and fell to Jon Sawyer, whose goal bound shot was stopped on the line by a defender's foot. The skipper converted the resultant penalty flick.

Mids needed a second goal to make the game safe and, after the success of the previous week's short corner strikes where they scored three times, they were disappointed not to score from one in this game.

Minehead equalised with 10 minutes remaining, when one of their midfielders took a speculative shot from the edge of the circle, which thundered into the roof of the net.

Mid-Somerset 3rd XI 6

North Devon 3rd XI 1

The third eleven were the only Mids team to win last weekend and they produced another fine all-round performance with three goals in each half, to defeat a North Devon team who are languishing at the foot of the table.

Skipper Gavin Pa-tey led the way with a first half hat-trick.

Matt Pope scored the fourth, Pa-tey the fifth, and Ian Witcombe scored the sixth after running with the ball from outside the North Devon 22.

The visitors did score a consolation goal early in the second half, but the defence never really looked like conceding a second goal.



Andy 'Bungi' Berry of Mid-Somerset 1st XI in action during his team's surprise home defeat at the hands of Taunton Civil Service

Westbury Warriors 3

Mid-Somerset 4th XI 1

Mids were expecting to face a team of youngsters, but found themselves up against a Westbury veterans' side.

They fell behind to an early goal but equalised

through John Price, despite being taken out by the Westbury keeper.

Price also had a chance to add a second after being put through by Luke Branley, but this opportunity was missed.

Two goals in the second half gave the Warriors a comfortable three goals to one victory.

South-East Div I				
Bridport Hawks	10	8	0	2 38 12 24
East Devon A	10	7	2	1 36 14 23
Mid-Somerset	10	6	3	1 56 17 21
Taunton CS	10	5	2	3 36 23 17
Taunton Vale B	10	5	1	4 25 22 16
ECV Hornets A	10	4	1	5 33 19 13
Exeter Uni B	10	4	1	5 28 19 13
Isca C	9	3	2	4 26 35 11
Exmouth	9	1	0	8 20 59 3
Dawlish A	10	0	0	10 3 75 0

South-East Div II				
Torbay A	10	8	0	2 42 13 24
ECV Hornets B	10	7	1	2 21 14 22
Taunton CS A	10	6	1	3 24 18 19
Exeter Uni C	10	5	1	4 31 22 16
Ottery Crickets A	9	4	1	4 19 17 13
Yeovil & Sherb B	9	3	1	5 11 21 10
Bridgwater A	9	1	6	2 12 11 9
Sidmouth A	10	2	2	6 11 23 8
East Devon B	9	2	2	5 9 22 8
North Devon A	10	1	3	6 9 28 6

South-Eastern Dist I				
Mid-Somerset A	9	6	2	1 48 10 20
Yeovil & Sherb C	8	6	0	2 23 15 18
Bridport Hawks A	8	5	2	1 24 9 17
Isca D	9	5	1	3 25 17 16
Exmouth A	9	4	2	3 23 27 14
Minehead A	9	2	2	5 19 23 8
Chard A	9	2	1	6 11 27 7
ECV Hornets C	9	2	0	7 15 42 6
Bridgwater B	8	1	2	5 13 31 5

South-Eastern Dist II				
Isca E	9	8	0	1 46 12 24
Mid-Somerset B	9	8	0	1 36 11 24
Minehead B	9	6	1	2 40 22 19
Taunton CS B	9	6	0	3 23 14 13
Bridgwater C	9	4	1	4 16 20 13
East Devon C	9	3	0	6 19 34 9
Bridgwater D	10	1	3	6 10 28 6
Sidmouth B	10	1	1	6 10 21 4
Seale-Hayne	3	1	0	2 14 3 3
North Devon B	9	1	0	8 15 41 3

South-Eastern Dist III				
Ottery Crickets B	8	7	0	1 28 10 21
Taunton Vale C	7	6	1	0 41 6 19
Chard B	7	5	0	2 17 12 15
Bridport Hawks B	6	3	1	2 22 7 10
Isca F	6	1	1	4 6 26 4
East Devon D	7	1	1	5 5 29 4
Mid-Somerset C	5	1	0	4 5 13 3
ECV Hornets D	8	1	0	7 4 25 3

Mids men find seventh heaven

Mid-Somerset 1st XI 7

Exmouth 1st XI 1

Mid Somerset returned to winning ways with an emphatic victory against an Exmouth side languishing in the penultimate place in the league.

Mids beat their opponents by 17 goals in the first game of the season, so Exmouth will be glad to see the backs of Mids this year.

The first goal was scored by Will Steel following a short corner, the second came from Andy Berry who shot into the corner of the goal, while the third was scored by skipper Roger Knife, after being put through by Dave Lennard.

The fourth and last goal of the first half was scored by Martin White as he picked up a loose ball off the Exmouth goalkeeper's pads.

Mids continued to pressurise the Exmouth defence in the second half with Greg Durston orchestrating many attacks. The fifth was scored by Berry, but the visitors then pulled a goal back. Mids' response was immediate, as Knife scored his second and his teams sixth, before the scoring was completed by Lennard.

Exmouth 2nd XI 3

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Exmouth seconds were looking for revenge for their 9-0 thrashing at the start of the season and strengthened their team with players made available especially for this game.

This included an influential midfielder who scored twice and departed after the match for South Africa.

However, apart from the first quarter-of-an-hour when they conceded an early goal, Mids' seconds proved they were up for the challenge and came from behind three times to share the points, in what was undoubtedly the game of the season so far. Mids' first equaliser came after a Steve Dowden free hit inside the 22 was deflected into goal by Jon Sawyer.

The second equaliser, after half-time, came from a good short corner strike by defender Gary Squire, while the third, seven minutes from the end of the game, started at the back. Brian Malone's pass found teenager Steve Tinnion, who threaded the ball to winger Lee Richards and beat the keeper to score.

Three each was a fair result, but Mids were left rueing the easy first half scoring opportunities which were missed by the attack.

Mid Somerset 3rd XI 6

East Devon 4th XI 3

This game was marred by an unfortunate and accidental injury to the East Devon captain 10 minutes from the end of the game, which resulted in a nasty head injury and the need to call an ambulance.

As a result, both teams agreed that it was unfair to finish the match and the scoreline at the time stood as the final result.

The game started well for Mids when the fourth team captain, Malcolm Chorlton, who was making a rare appearance for the thirds, scored a hat-trick inside 15 minutes before adding a fourth to set up the win.

The other goals came from John Price and winger Ian Witcombe, who also had a hand in setting up some of the other goals. Mids challenge at the top-of-the-table was therefore maintained, occupying second place on an inferior goal difference to ISCA with 24 points.

● Mids 4th XI were without a fixture last weekend.