

# Committee triumphs over Club in friendly

Mid Somerset Committee Members 4  
Mid Somerset Club Members 2

On the last Saturday before Christmas, Mid Somerset Hockey Club members have a get together in a Club match involving both the mens and ladies members.

This year one team comprised of committee members played the rest of the club.

It was the committee side that emerged victorious in a competitive game that was played in a good spirit.

The committee side took an early lead

through a solo effort from Martin White but the club side soon equalised when a right wing cross from Mike Davies found Fiona Tucker at the far post, who scored past keeper Bob Seddon.

Another run from White set up Gavin Patey for the committee's second goal, while the third came from Steve Dowden who converted a short corner.

The second half was evenly contested. Roger Knife scored goal number four while the club side pulled one back when Jody Wood converted after some good approach play from Sarah Knife.

The final score was four goals to two to the committee.



Dave Leonard (right) challenges for the ball in the Mid Somerset hockey committee against Club match

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The pain and the glory - Shepton's Jack Cornish celebrates his equaliser while a Mids' defender shows his despair

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## Handy Andy's goal-den touch

# Derby joy for Mids

Mid Somerset 1st XI 2  
Shepton Mallet 1st XI 1

Over the last three years, the first teams from Mid Somerset and Shepton had not played each other in a local derby due to the gulf in class that had arisen between the two sides.

However, the recent improvement in the form of Mids saw the fixture re-instated and Mids showed their undoubted potential with an unexpected win over their local rivals.

Mids had an excellent first half, with the only slight criticism being their inability to take goal scoring opportunities.

One of the better moves of the half saw Mids take the lead. Steve Dowden's through ball found Roger Knife whose square ball to Ben Dorner enabled him to beat the keeper for the opening goal.

Further goals followed early in the second half. Shepton equalised through Jack Cornish but within five minutes Mids had regained the lead.

A short corner routine failed, the ball went outside the 22 to Dowden whose pass to Martin White returned the ball into the circle, where Andy Rogers followed up to score.

Shepton played much better in the second half but Mids, prompted by Andy Berry in midfield, more than matched their opponents and deserved their slender victory.

Shepton Mallet 2nd XI 3  
Mid Somerset 2nd XI 4

As with the first team, this was the first game for three years between the two club's second teams.

Shepton soon showed their ability as they opened the scoring in the first minute and after only a quarter-of-an-hour had raced into a three-one lead, with the help of a penalty stroke.

Mids were in danger of being swamped but they showed great character and determination to get back into the game with some unselfish midfield play to set-up

scoring opportunities.

Jon Sawyer tapped in at the far post to cancel out Shepton's first goal, while the second was scored from a well-placed shot from Gareth Searey.

Luke Branley equalised as he received the ball with his back to the goal, before setting off on a run to set up a scoring opportunity for Lee Richards who gave Mids the lead for the first time in the match.

After seven goals in the first half, the defences took control in the second half as Mids hung on to win a competitive derby.

Mid Somerset 3rd XI 0  
Shepton Mallet 3rd XI 5

Mid Somerset third team suffered their biggest defeat of the season when they lost to their local rivals by five goals.

The visitors showed they were by far the better side as Mids gained few positives from the game.

Shepton scored once in the first half but added four in the second as they romped to victory.

The clubs would like to thank Kim Lord who umpired this game at very short notice.

Shepton Mallet 4th XI 2  
Mid Somerset 4th XI 3

The fourth eleven made it three wins out of four for Mid Somerset against neighbours Shepton Mallet on a snow-covered pitch at Shepton.

The home side took the lead but Mids recovered with goals from skipper Malcolm Chorlton and Tony Bown.

Mids' third came from a lovely through pass from Rhys Thomas on the right wing, which set up veteran John Price who beat the keeper to score.

Shepton rallied at the end of the game and pulled back one goal, but were unable to add a third as Mids won by the odd goal in five.

Mids gave debuts to father and son, John and Patrick Willis.