

Mixed day for Mids

Old Bristolians 1st XI 0
Mid Somerset 1st XI 3

The league season recommences on Saturday when Mids entertain Taunton Vale at Wells.

They will go into this game on a high having won all their friendly games in the mid-season league break, including their final game against Old Bristolians at Clevedon.

For three-quarters of the game the score remained goalless, but once Mids opened the scoring with an Andy Berry goal, two further goals followed to secure a comfortable winning margin.

The second was scored by teenage winger Lee Richards, while the third was scored by Dave Lennard to break his recent lean spell.

Mids gave a first team debut to 15-year-old Jonathan Crees at left back and the defence once again played well to keep a clean sheet.

Mids will be hoping to carry this form into the forthcoming league games but the Taunton game will be a stiff test, as they gave Mids a run for their money in a one-all draw when the teams met earlier in the season.

Mid Somerset 2nd XI 0
Old Bristolians 2nd XI 3

After the euphoria of last week's local derby win over Shepton Mallet, Mids' seconds slumped to a disappointing home defeat against a well-drilled and experienced Old Bristolians' side.

The visitors effectively wrapped up the game in the opening 10 minutes when they raced into a two-goal lead.

They opened the scoring in the second minute and then converted a short corner with a shot that went inside the near post.

Mids' best chances to respond came in the first half. The opportunities fell to Chris Ashworth and Ian Bloomfield, but the Old B's goalkeeper thwarted their opportunities.

Dan Durston left the field injured at half-time and, having enjoyed the upper-hand in the second half, the visitors made the game safe with their third.

Mid Somerset 4th XI 1
Old Bristolians 4th XI 2

Mids fielded another side with a blend of veterans and teenagers and gave Old Bristolians a run for their money in an entertaining game at Wells Sports Development Centre.

The first half was an even affair but Old B's opened the scoring after 20 minutes.

They held this lead until the last quarter of the game, when a flowing move from Mids ended with Shaun Plenty slipping the ball over the keeper to equalise.

Teenagers James Payne and Quinn Miller used their pace to telling effect in the second half but it was the visitors who had the last word with a winning goal 10 minutes before the final whistle.

● Mid Somerset's 3rd XI's game against Old Bristolians' 3rd XI was cancelled due to a frozen pitch at Failand.



John Soya of Mids' 2nd XI in action during his side's 3-0 defeat against Old Bristolians



Steve Dowden (right) of Mids' 1st XI shadows a Shepton player during last Saturday's derby match

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Taunton Vale D 4
Mid Somerset 4th XI 1

Mids were complimented on their performance by the opposition after this game, as an experienced Taunton Vale side were pushed all the way for their win by Mids' youngsters.

The home side only wrapped up their victory with two goals in the final 10 minutes. Mids were indebted to a great performance in goal from keeper Jason Evans, which included one fine reflex save.

Teenager Ed Manders played well on the left side of midfield and formed a good understanding with Patrick Willis on the wing. Willis scored Mids only goal after some good work from both Shaun Plenty and Quinn Miller.

This was a good game played in a competitive spirit and enjoyed by all.

Mid Somerset 3rd XI 6
Bridgwater D 0

In this local derby played at Wells, Mids' thirds maintained their top-of-the-table position with a comprehensive victory over fifth placed Bridgwater.

Terry Petherbridge made a welcome return to the club and celebrated by scoring a brace, while the others came from Jody Wood, Ben Underdown, Ian Hooper and Howard Thompson.

The thirds are now equal with ISCA on points and are Mids opponents in a top-of-the-table clash at Exeter University on Saturday.

Mid Somerset 1st XI 5
Taunton Vale B 3

After the mid-season break Mids' first team registered a convincing win over Taunton Vale to maintain their challenge as one of the front runners in the division.

In a game of eight goals Mids were never behind and the win moved Mids up one place to second.

This was one of Mids' better performances of the season, as they raced into a three-one half-time lead. The goals came from a Steve Dowden hat-trick. He had been moved to a forward position due to the absence of Dave Lennard. The first came after good work by Andy Berry, the second was a reverse flick shot and the third was set up by Martin White.

Andy Rogers converted a short corner for Mids fourth but Taunton pulled one back before another Rogers short corner strike. This time a defender stopped the ball with his foot on the line and Rogers stepped up to convert the penalty stroke.

Mids will be looking to increase their run of five consecutive victories when they visit Exeter Hornets on Saturday.

ISCA D 1
Mid Somerset 2nd XI 2

The highlights of this game occurred in the first and last minutes of a match played in wet and cold conditions at Exeter University. These were the times when Mids scored their two goals to maintain their challenge at the top of the league.

Both goals were scored by Ian Bloomfield after crosses from the right wing. The first was set up by winger Lee Richards and the second by Jon Sawyer. Mids' team had a youthful look under the new captaincy of Gareth Searey, with teenagers Tinnion, Witcombe, Crees and Richards all playing their part.

The opening goal gave Mids plenty of confidence and although ISCA drew level early in the second half, Mids put a lot of pressure on the home defence in the last quarter and were rewarded with a late goal that gave ISCA little time to respond.

The did have a penalty corner just before the final whistle, but the Mids' defence held firm to gain the team a valuable three points.