

# Great start to the season

**Mid Somerset 1sts** 4  
**Exeter University B** 0

This was a great start to the league season for Mid Somerset with a confident victory against the students from Exeter University.

The defence was solid in keeping a clean sheet while the forwards were clinical and put away their chances.

The team got off to the best of starts with a goal inside four minutes. Dave Lennard's run and cross from the right wing set up Roger Knife to score. Two further goals followed in the first half. Martin White scored by shooting into the bottom corner and Lennard rounded the student's keeper to score Mid's third.

Lennard also had a hand in Mid's fourth as his pass found Darren Wilson who completed the scoring. The students came back into the game in the second half, but their scoring attempts were limited to a couple of short corner opportunities. From these, man of the match Gary Squire cleared two attempts off the line to ensure Mids kept that clean sheet.



**Dave Lennard, of Mid Somerset 1sts, stretches for the ball against Exeter University B on Saturday. He went on to score the third of Mids' four goals**

**Exeter University C** 4  
**Mid Somerset 2nds** 0

After last year's league promotion, Mids second team started with a difficult opener at Exeter University.

They held their own in the first half with forwards Mike Davis and Matt Pope causing problems in the students' defence. The best chances fell to Pope who shot wide from a good position and then had a goal from a short corner disallowed.

Skipper Gareth Searey had a commanding game in midfield, but Mids were unable to convert their five short corners while Exeter failed to gain one in the first half.

The students won the match in the last quarter of the second half when they scored three goals. They had the advantage of a 16-strong squad and were able to use rolling substitutes to ensure their team kept up the pressure on the Mids defence until the final whistle.

**ISCA D** 7  
**Mid Somerset 3rds** 0

Like the seconds, the thirds started life in a higher league with a difficult away game against ISCA D, a team that Mids seconds only beat by one goal last year.

Heavy traffic meant that Mids turned up late and were unable to prepare themselves for the game as they would have liked. Three goals in the first half and four in the second gave ISCA victory. They even managed to miss a penalty stroke after keeper Bob Seddon sat on the ball. Their attempt hit the post and they lost the opportunity to score another goal.

**Mid Somerset 4ths** 1  
**Exeter University D** 3

The students made it two victories from three games against Mid Somerset when their fifth team beat Mids' fourths by a two-goal margin.

The students are a good team and will surely prove strong contenders for promotion. Mids only came into the game in the last 20 minutes by which time Exeter had taken a three-goal lead. Mids' best opportunities fell to Malcolm Chorlton who scored a consolation goal in the final minute of the game. Tony Bown was prominent in midfield while chairman's son, Dan Rogers, made a promising league debut.

# Du'Tor wrap up a

**Mid Somerset** 4  
**Exmouth 1st** 0  
**Mid Somerset 3rds** 0  
**Yeovil C** 6

Two league games played and two victories claimed amounts to a good start in the new campaign for Mid Somerset, but they will admit that Exmouth are not one of the stronger sides that Mids will face this season.

The back four of Salvidge, Squire, Rogers and Crees had a quiet game and in the first half Exmouth rarely threatened and did not gain one short corner.

Mids got off to a flying start with the opening goal coming on three minutes. A short corner shot was saved by the visitors' defence, but the ball fell to Dan Durston who beat the keeper.

Mids kept up the pressure and Durston scored his second after a run and good pass in midfield from Andy Berry.

The game then went through a quiet spell with Mids having the majority of play, but they were unable to increase their lead. They eventually completed their victory with two more goals in the final 15 minutes.

Dave Lennard scored goal number three, while Martin White scored the fourth when he lifted the ball over the falling keeper. Mids travel to Taunton Civil Service on Saturday for their first away league game of the season.

**Bridgwater 2nds** 1  
**Mid Somerset 2nds** 1

Mid's seconds were not sure what to expect from this game as Bridgwater won by 15 goals in their opening league game last Saturday.

In hindsight there was no need to worry as the competitive local derby ended in a draw, giving Mids their first league point of the season.

Mid's front three of Pope, Davis and Wood caused lots of problems in the Bridgwater defence and two of these combined to give Mids a first half lead. Pope took a free hit inside the 22 and Wood deflected the ball past the keeper.

The home side equalised at the start of the second half in which the honours were even and a draw was a fair result.

Mid's thirds once again found life difficult in a higher division when they slumped to their second league defeat in succession.

One lesson to be learned is that there are fewer scoring opportunities in this league, and when they do arise, they are not to be missed. Mids had two opportunities to open the scoring when Tony Bown shot wide and Ben Underdown's shot hit the crossbar and bounced over the goal.

Yeovil broke away to score through Vickers and then Davidson scored from the narrowest of angles. Yeovil also had a goal disallowed and a penalty stroke saved by Bob Seddon.

The second lesson is the need to cut out mistakes. The game was riddled with errors and Yeovil took full advantage to score four second half goals.

South East Div I									
Mid Somerset	3	3	0	0	13	2	9		
ECV Hornets A	3	2	1	0	9	3	7		
Taunton Vale B	3	2	0	1	17	12	6		
ECV Hornets B	3	2	0	1	4	2	6		
Torbay A	3	1	1	1	8	7	4		
Chard	3	1	0	2	7	7	3		
Exeter Uni B	3	1	0	2	5	8	3		
Taunton CS	3	1	0	2	7	11	3		
Isca C	3	1	0	2	9	15	3		
Exmouth	3	0	0	3	3	15	0		

South East Div II									
Sidmouth A	3	3	0	0	25	0	9		
Ottery Crickets A	3	3	0	0	11	1	9		
Torbay B	2	2	0	0	5	3	6		
Bridgwater A	3	1	1	1	16	3	4		
Exeter Uni C	3	1	1	1	8	5	4		
Mid Somerset A	3	1	1	1	7	5	4		
Taunton CS A	3	1	0	2	7	9	3		
North Devon A	3	0	1	2	2	11	1		
Chudleigh A	3	0	0	3	0	18	0		
Dawlish A	2	0	0	2	0	26	0		

South Eastern Dist I									
Yeovil & Sherb B	3	3	0	0	8	2	9		
Isca D	3	2	0	1	13	5	6		
Yeovil & Sherb C	3	2	0	1	10	2	6		
Minehead A	3	2	0	1	9	7	6		
Bridgwater B	3	2	0	1	8	6	6		
Chard A	3	2	0	1	5	6	6		
Bridport Hawks A	3	1	0	2	6	4	3		
East Devon B	3	1	0	2	5	7	3		
Isca E	3	0	0	3	1	11	0		
Mid Somerset B	3	0	0	3	2	17	0		

South Eastern Dist III									
Exeter Uni D	3	2	1	0	12	3	7		
ECV Hornets D	2	1	1	0	5	2	4		
Chard B	2	1	0	1	7	4	3		
East Devon D	2	1	0	1	6	3	3		
Taunton Vale D	1	1	0	0	4	3	3		
Ottery Crickets C	3	1	0	2	5	13	3		
Mid Somerset C	1	0	0	1	1	3	0		
Bridgwater D	2	0	0	2	0	9	0		