

# Mids get back on track

**Mid Somerset 1**  
**Torbay 2nds 0**

Mids returned to winning ways with a single-goal victory over third-placed Torbay.

The focus of attention now switches to Saturday (November 15) when Mids visit Exeter Hornets for the top-of-the-table clash.

Saturday's game was a niggly affair with the visitors becoming increasingly frustrated as the game wore on. The first half was goalless, but both sides had opportunities to score as Mids' best chances fell to Roger Knife and Steve Dowden.

The second half saw good defending as Mids' goalkeeper Mark Seward and defender Gary Squire jointly earned Mids' man of the match award.

The game came to life in the final quarter as Mids were reduced to 10 players on two occasions as Andy Berry and Dan Durston received temporary suspensions for stick tackles.

Mids were awarded a couple of short-corners in succession while reduced to 10 men and from the second, Darren Wilson followed up a shot from Will Steel to grab all three points for Mid Somerset.

**Dawlish 2nds 0**  
**Mid Somerset 2nds 9**

Dawlish, who reside at the bottom of the table, have played five and lost five, conceding 53 and not yet scoring a single goal.

It was easy to see why at the weekend as they have a young side and are undoubtedly playing a couple of leagues above their standard.

Two early goals inside 10 minutes effectively ended the contest although Mids did lose two players to injury, and with no substitutes, they were never at full strength.

Three first-half goals, and six in the second, gave Mids a resounding victory as Martin White and Jon Sawyer both scored hat-tricks.

Teenage midfielders Steve Tinnion and James Payne scored one goal each, while the other goal was a penalty stroke converted by Mids' goalkeeper Jason Evans, playing in his penultimate game before leaving to live in America.

Mids expect a tougher game on Saturday when they entertain top-of-the-table Sidmouth.

**Mid Somerset 3rds 3**  
**ISCA 3**

The two teams at the foot of the table played out an entertaining three-goal-apiece draw despite the numerous chances to win the game in the second half.

At half-time the visiting goalkeeper retired injured and the captain took his place in goal. Despite being peppered with shots he did an excellent job and only conceded one goal to earn a share of the points.

The visitors took an early two-goal lead before Mids pulled one back with the goal of the game. George Marchant ran with the ball from one end of the pitch to the other to set Ed Manders up on goal.

Simon Lord finished with a brace, a reverse stick shot equalised the scores at two-all, while his second, five minutes from time, drew the scores level.

**Chard 3rds 1**  
**Mid Somerset 4ths 1**

This was another good result for Mids as their youngsters earned a creditable draw against an experienced Chard team.

The home side took a first-half lead, but never threatened to add to their tally with Mids' keeper Tom Medlycott commanding his goal.

Mids posed their biggest threat from their wingers. With Patrick Willis on the left wing and Jack Thursley on the right, the ageing Chard defence were caused numerous problems. John Price had a couple of half-chances to equalise, but it was not until the final minutes of the game that Mids drew level.

Ian Bloomfield converted a short corner to give the fourths a deserved share of the points.

● After a successful start to the season for Mid-Somerset Hockey Club, they are still welcoming new players to training sessions on Thursday nights at the Wells Blue School artificial pitch.

Training starts at 6.30pm for the youth section with the men and ladies training from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Please contact Andy Berry (01453) 445689 for further information.



**Mid Somerset captain Roger Knife, back row third from right, looks optimistic as his team smile for the camera before their victory over Torbay 2nds**

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**Taunton Vale B 3**  
**Mid Somerset 1sts 1**

After winning their first four games of the season and topping South East Division One with a 100 per cent record, Mids came back to earth with a bump this week.

They put in an abject performance away to fourth placed Taunton Vale B, where they slumped to a 3-1 defeat.

The Vale side held the upper hand throughout the game by scoring one goal in the first half and adding another two in the second to take a 3-0 lead. Mids managed to pull one goal back late in the game, when they were awarded a free hit just outside the circle, from which Dan Durston scored.

Man-of-the-match for Mids was defender Mark Salvidge. Mids entertain third placed Torbay seconds at home on Saturday (November 8), knowing that they will have to play a lot better to gain anything from this game.

**Minehead 2nds 3**  
**Mid Somerset 3rds 1**

Last season, Mids' seconds were in the same league as Minehead seconds and only drew 1-1 at Minehead, so this was never going to be an easy game for Mids' third team.

The home side were much more determined than their opponents in the first half and raced into a two-goal lead. Mids were restricted to the odd half chance, whereas Minehead were far more direct and pushed players forward at every opportunity.

Strong words from captain Malcolm Chorlton at half-time had the desired effect as Mids started to match their opponents and pulled a goal back through a good move down the right. Ben Underdown and James Payne combined to set up Steve Tinnion to score.

Ten minutes from the end a similar move gave Jody Wood a chance to equalise, but his effort was saved by the Minehead keeper. This was the nearest Mids got to a second goal and against the run of play Minehead score a third in the dying minutes to win by three goals to one.

**Exeter Hornets A 2**  
**Mid Somerset 2 2**

First met second in a top-of-the-table clash at Exeter Hornets in South East Division One, and the positions of the two teams remained unchanged after the draw.

Although at one stage in the game Mids had a two-goal lead, a draw was an honest result as with five minutes to go a goal-bound shot from Hornets was stopped on the line by a defender's kneecap.

From the ensuing penalty stroke Mids' goalkeeper Mark Seward made an excellent save to ensure the points were shared.

Mids' first goal came from right-winger Mike Davis and the second, from Darren Wilson, followed a short corner.

Hornets came back into the game in the second half, and although their first goal was a little unlucky on the Mids' defence, the second was a cracker.

The result allows Mid Somerset to consolidate their second position in the league.

**South Eastern Dist I**

Yeovil & Sherb B	4	0	0	11	3	12
Yeovil & Sherb C	4	0	1	14	4	9
Bridgwater B	4	1	1	8	6	7
Isca D	4	2	1	1	8	6
Minehead A	4	2	0	2	15	9
Chard A	4	2	2	2	10	10
Bridport Hawks A	4	1	1	2	5	6
East Devon B	4	1	0	2	5	6
Isca E	4	0	1	3	1	11
Mid Somerset B	4	0	1	3	4	19

**South Eastern Dist III**

Exeter Uni D	4	3	1	0	16	4	10
ECV Hornets D	3	1	2	0	7	4	5
Taunton Vale D	2	1	1	0	6	5	4
Chard B	2	1	0	1	7	4	3
Mid Somerset C	2	1	0	1	5	4	3
East Devon D	3	1	0	2	7	7	3
Ottery Crickets C	3	1	0	2	5	13	3
Bridgwater D	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

**Yeovil B 8**  
**Mid Somerset 3rds 0**

This was a top versus bottom-of-the-table clash at Sherborne, and due to the late afternoon start and the clash with Glas-tonbury carnival, skipper Gavin Patey did well to find a side and play the game. Unfortunately Mids could not match the undoubted experience of the Yeovil team and they slipped to a heavy defeat.

**Mid Somerset 2nds 4**  
**Sidmouth 2nds 1**

Table-toppers Sidmouth came to Wells with an unbeaten record this season, winning five of their games played having conceded two goals in six league matches.

Their good run of form was halted by another impressive performance from Mids' seconds who pulled off an emphatic victory.

Mids set out their stall in the first 10 minutes and dominated the game to such an extent that it took Sidmouth this long before they reached Mids' D.

The home side took the lead soon afterwards following a move down the right, resulting in Dave Lennard opening the scoring.

Sidmouth equalised from a short corner before Martin White set up Lennard for his second. Mids continued their dominance in the second half as Lennard completed his hat-trick after good work from James Payne, while the fourth was scored from Matt Pope who cut in from the left wing to score.

This victory shows that Mids are more than able to hold their own in the league.