

Mid Somerset 4ths **0**
East Devon D **1**

Two evenly-matched sides comprising a mixture of veterans and teenagers, played out a competitive game at Wells on Saturday.

The honours were even in the first half with the defences dominating and Des

Switzer marshalled his troops well.

In the second half Tony Bown had Mids' best chance to score, but his shot went wide and when Mids lost John Price to a leg injury, they had to finish the game with 10 players.

With a one-man advantage, East Devon opened the scoring after a short corner, but then had a penalty stroke awarded for a stick tackle which was saved by Mids' goalkeeper Tom Medlycott.

Mid Somerset **8**
ISCA C **0**

The visitors are languishing at the foot of the table and they turned up at Wells with only 10 players.

Mids' took full advantage of their extra player as they recorded their biggest league victory of the season, the floodgates opening in the first minute as Andy Berry scored with his first touch of the game.

Berry then set up goal number two for skipper Roger Knife with a good lay off as Dan Durston scored number three with a shot from a tight angle.

Number four was a short-corner strike from defender Andy Rogers while two more followed before half-time.

Will Steele scored number five following a short corner and Rogers scored his second from a penalty stroke after Steve Dowden was taken out by the ISCA goalkeeper and Knife's follow-up shot was stopped by a defender's foot.

Mids' took their foot off the pedal in the second half, but scored two more goals to record their 8-0 victory.

Berry scored his second for Mids' seventh and Darren Wilson scored the final goal from another short corner.

Torbay 3rds **2**
Mid Somerset 2nds **7**

Following their fourth successive victory in November, Mids' seconds moved to within two points of league leaders Taunton Civil Service.

Mids got off to another good start with an early goal after good work from Martin White gave Dave Lennard an easy opportunity to score.

White scored the second himself with a reverse-stick shot to give Mids a two goal lead at half-time.

The visitor defended well, especially from short-corners, with Howard Thompson and Jonathan Crees running out well.

On the odd occasion they were beaten, Colin Crees cleared one shot off the line while goalkeeper Bob Seddon put in some good saves.

White completed his hat-trick with a fine individual goal, while James Payne and Matt Pope scored with good shots from the left of the circle.

The final goal was a simple opportunity for Jon Sawyer after another cross in from the left.

Mid Somerset 4ths **1**
Exeter Hornets D **2**

Hornets visited Wells occupying second place in the table with an undefeated start to the league season.

They maintained their record with a narrow victory to keep the pressure on the students of Exeter University at the top of the table. Hornets raced into a two-goal lead

inside the first 15 minutes, but Mids managed to compose themselves and come back into the game.

Ian Witcombe pulled a goal back before half-time with a solo effort when he pushed the ball past the advancing goalkeeper.

Mids' best chance to equalise came in the final two minutes when a short-corner shot from Malcolm Chorlton went past the wrong side of the post.

South-East Div I

ECV Hornets A	6	5	1	0	20	4	16
Mid Somerset	6	5	0	1	20	6	15
Taunton Vale B	6	4	0	2	33	17	12
Torbay A	6	3	1	2	19	11	10
Taunton CS	6	2	2	2	10	13	8
ECV Hornets B	6	2	1	3	7	10	7
Exeter Uni B	6	2	1	3	12	17	7
Chard	6	2	0	4	12	15	6
Isca C	6	1	0	5	13	31	3
Exmouth	6	0	2	4	8	30	2

South-East Div II

Sidmouth A	6	5	1	0	31	2	16
Ottery Crickets A	6	5	0	1	22	3	15
Taunton CS A	6	4	0	2	19	14	12
Exeter Uni C	6	3	1	2	32	8	10
Bridgwater A	6	3	1	2	24	8	10
Mid Somerset A	6	3	1	2	24	10	10
Torbay B	6	3	1	2	12	9	10
North Devon A	6	1	1	4	6	20	4
Chudleigh A	6	0	0	6	1	35	0
Dawlish A	6	0	0	6	0	62	0

South-Eastern Dist I

Yeovil & Sherb B	6	5	1	0	18	4	16
Yeovil & Sherb C	6	3	1	2	14	5	10
Bridport Hawks A	6	3	1	2	14	8	10
Isca D	6	3	0	3	20	14	9
Minehead A	6	3	0	2	13	11	9
Chard A	6	3	0	3	7	11	9
Bridgwater B	6	2	2	2	8	12	8
East Devon B	6	2	0	3	7	9	6
Isca E	6	2	0	3	5	15	3

South-Eastern Dist III

Exeter Uni D	5	4	1	0	21	5	13
ECV Hornets D	4	2	2	0	10	4	8
Chard B	4	2	1	1	9	5	7
Taunton Vale D	4	2	1	1	9	11	7
Ottery Crickets C	5	2	0	3	15	15	6
Mid Somerset C	3	1	1	1	6	5	4
East Devon D	4	1	0	3	7	8	3
Bridgwater D	5	0	0	5	1	25	0

Mids look bright despite lights failure

Chard **1**
Mid Somerset **5**

Mid Somerset reached the halfway stage of the league season in second place after their victory at Chard on Saturday.

Chard games are always physical and this one was no different with the umpires showing a couple of cards, including to Mids' Andy Berry.

Availability of players gave Jon Saw, Jonathan Crees and Martin White a first team appearance and they all acquitted themselves well to first team hockey.

Mids' first goal came from an Andy Rogers short-corner shot which was saved by the Chard keeper, but Steve Dowden followed up to score.

White also hit the post with a cracking shot, but the half-time score finished 1-1.

The second half began with a five-minute stoppage as the lights failed, but this enabled Mids to regroup and win the game.

White set up captain Roger Knife for Mids' second and shortly after Dowden's pass enabled Knife to score his second.

He then completed his hat-trick as Dowden rounded the keeper and squared the ball back to Knife.

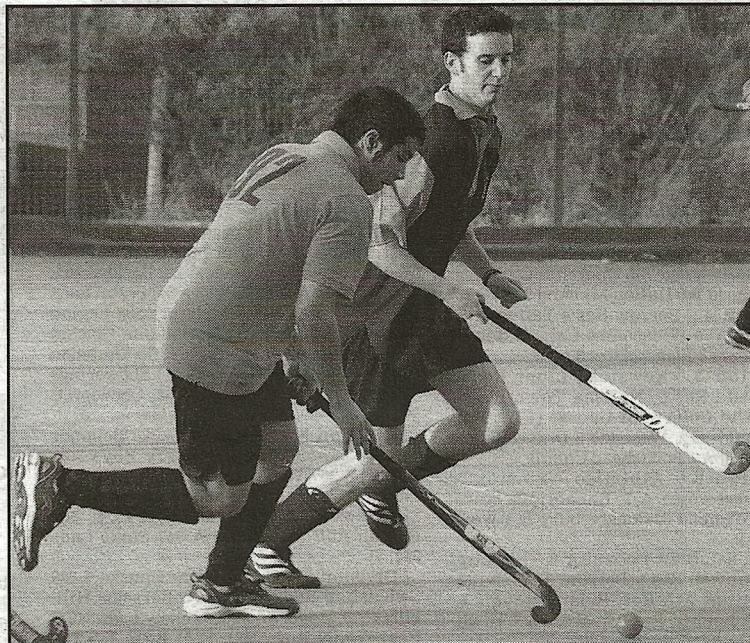
Mids' final goal came from another short corner as Rogers scored with a drag flick. Mids now hold a six-point lead over third-placed Taunton Vale and they will be looking for a promotion place in the second half of the season.

Man of the match: Martin White.

Mid Somerset 2nds **7**
Ottery Crickets 2nds **3**

For the second consecutive week Mids' seconds scored seven goals and pulled off their fifth consecutive league victory in November.

Three teams have 19 points, but Mids lie in second place on goal difference behind Exeter University who they play at Wells on Saturday in a top-of-the-table



Mid Somerset 2nds' Luke Bramley in action against Ottery wehockb0312

clash. Ottery could have been four goals down in the first five minutes as Dave Lennard had two good opportunities to score, while Matt Pope and Steve Tinnion both hit the post and it was against the run of play when the visitors opened the scoring to take the lead.

However, Mids came back with fine individual goals from both Lennard and James Payne to give Mids a half-time lead of 2-1.

The game was won early in the second half with a number of runs down the right wing which saw the Ottery defence beaten by the pace of the Mids side.

All five second-half goals came from the right as the ball was squared back to an unmarked forward who had an easy opportunity to score.

Lennard completed his hat-trick while there was a brace for Luke Branley and a single goal for Matt Pope.

Ottery scored a couple of consolation goals late in the second half.

Mid Somerset 3rds **0**
East Devon B **3**

Mids' thirds are still looking for their first league victory of the season after suffering defeat against an experienced East

Devon team. The game was fairly even, but Mids lost confidence after the visitors scored the first of their three goals late in the first half. One plus point for Mids was the debut performance of teenage goalkeeper Jameson Fergozou. The Strode College student pulled off a number of fine saves and looks a good prospect for the future.