

# Mids just miss out on the trio

## Shepton Mallet 1 Mid Somerset 1

After a three-week Christmas break the hockey season re-started with an early anticipated local derby.

Both teams struggled with availability due to the festive period, but with only two friendlies before the league games re-commence, both were eager to play.

The goals came in the first half as Mids opened the scoring when Andy Rogers converted a short corner strike, while Shepton equalised shortly before half-time.

There was some controversy as to whether the ball had been hit from inside or outside the circle, but the umpires, after conferring, decided the goal would stand.

Mids' best chance to score the winner came with five minutes remaining, but striker Steve Dowden put the ball wide.

## Mid Somerset 2nds 4 Shepton Mallet 2nds 2

In a game of two halves Mid Somerset took a two-goal lead in the first, while Shepton came back strongly in the second.

Shepton were unable to match the goal-scoring exploits of the home side as Luke Branley set up the first goal for Matt Pope, while Branley netted the second after a through-pass from Shaun Plenty.

Shepton scored twice in the second half, but on both occasions conceded a goal almost immediately after that enabled Mids to win the game. Mids' third goal was scored by Steve Tinnion who deflected in a free-hit taken just outside the D, while Branley scored his second after Pope beat the goalkeeper and squared the ball back for him to score in an open goal.

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This friendly was played in good spirit as both teams showed their youngsters have plenty of potential which should auger well for the future of both clubs.

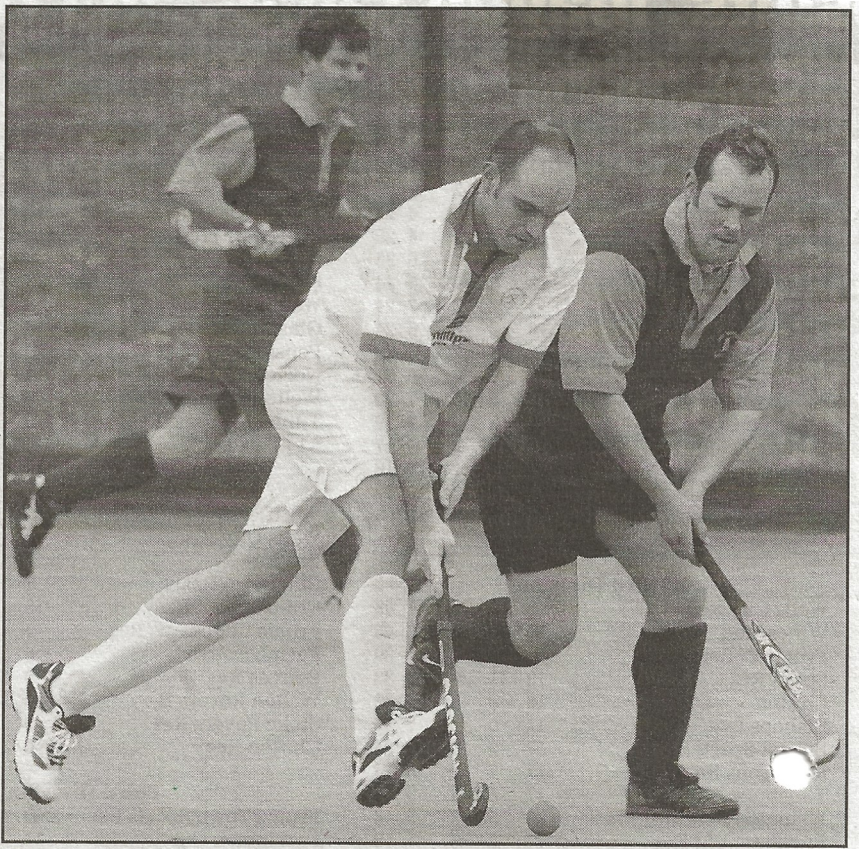
An even first half was edged by Mids who took the lead when a free-hit outside the D saw John Price deflected past the Shepton goalkeeper.

The visitors equalised early in the second half, but Mids won the game with a brace from Gavin Pa-tey. His second was the goal of the game when defender John Wareham broke from halfway in a run which a right winger would have been proud of.

His cross was met by Pa-tey who slammed the ball into the back of the net.

## 1 Action from the Mid Somerset and Shepton Mallet hockey derbies at the weekend

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