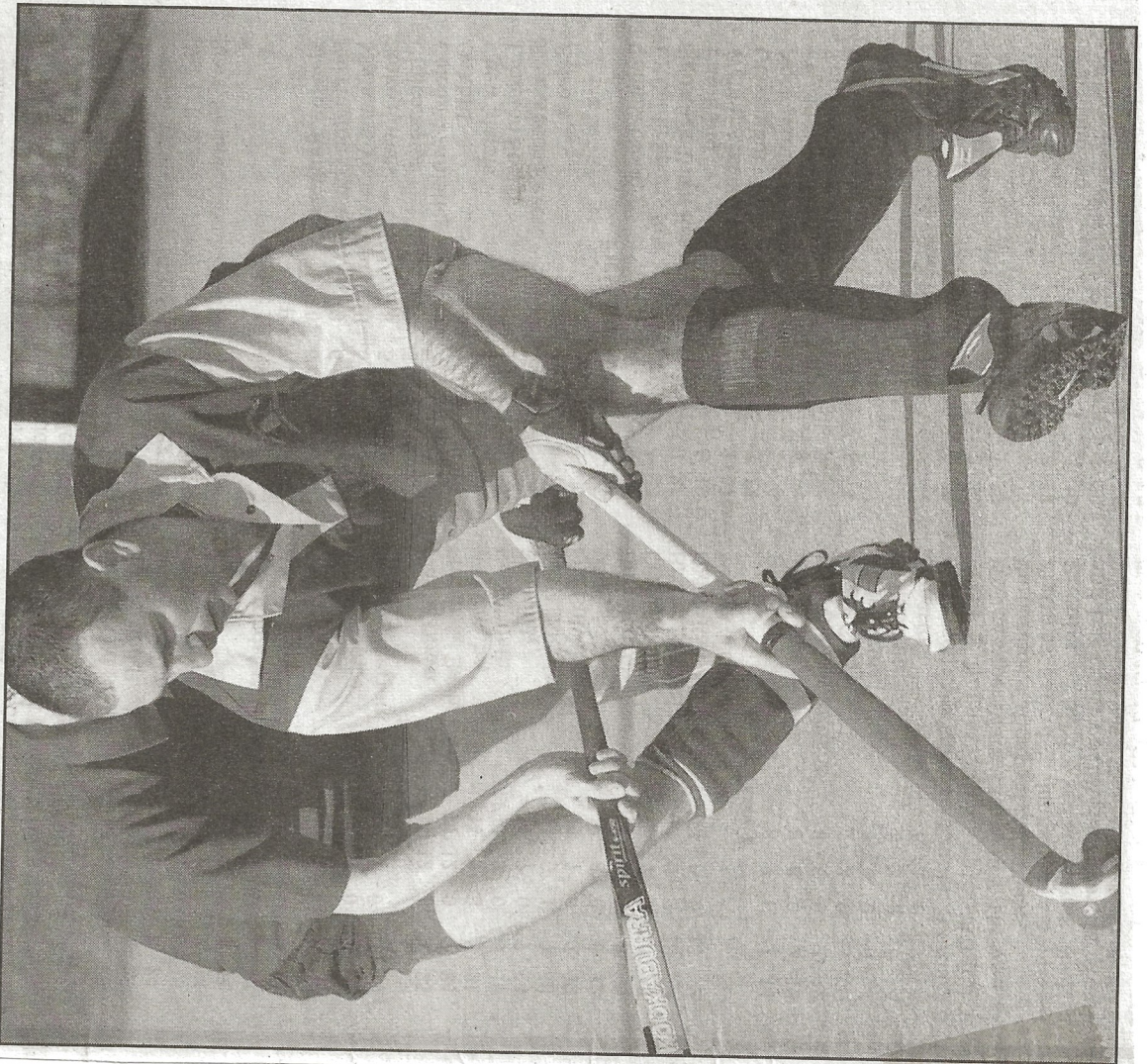


Knife leads by example

Mids keep pressure on top spot



Exmouth

1 Mid Somerset

In the first game after the mid-season break, Mids completed the double over Exmouth with their victory in Devon.

It was a scrappy performance, but the three points ensured that Mids maintain their challenge with Exeter Hornets at the top of the table.

The visitors got off to the best of starts with the opening goal inside two minutes. Mike Davis ran down the right, his shot bounced off the post and captain Rodger Knife picked up the easy goal.

The second came after Steve Dowden's pass found Andy Berry who, after drawing out the goalkeeper, scored with a great shot.

Exmouth did have their chances and they reduced the arrears just before half-time and shortly after the break. Goalkeeper Mark Seward pulled off a good stick-save to prevent Exmouth levelling the scores.

Mids wrapped up the game when Martin White set up Davis for the

third goal. Man of the match: Mark Salvidge.

This Saturday Mids play Taunton Civil Service at Wells Blue School. Push back 1.30pm.

2 Mid Somerset 2nds

For the second time this season the two sides could not be separated

and both had to settle for a share of the points in a game played at a ferocious pace.

The visitors took the upper hand in the early stages as Mids failed to adjust to their early game plan of a midfield five.

Neither side, or the umpires, were helped when Bridgwater failed to turn up with a change of shirts, the only difference between the sides being the gold sleeves on Mids' shirts.

The visitors took the lead when their centre forward scored with a good shot, but Mids replied when James Payne scored after a goal-mouth scramble.

Bridgwater regained the lead

after Mids failed to clear a short corner, but they equalised before half-time when a Jon Sawyer cross was met by Dave Lennard who swept the ball into the net.

Both teams had chances to win in the second half, but no further goals were scored. On reflection, a draw was probably a fair result for both teams.

5 Yeovil 4ths

1 Mid Somerset 3rd

After a number of defeats this season, Mids' captain Gavin Pa-tey was upbeat after the game which, despite the scoreline, was a much improved team performance over recent weeks.

Mids managed to draw level after Yeovil took a second minute lead when the captain converted a penalty corner.

Yeovil took a 4-1 lead into the second half, but Mids never gave up and kept pushing. George Merchant battled well on the left wing, while Lee Richards made a welcome first appearance of the season on the other.

Pictured left: Action from the Mid Somerset second's match against Bridgwater on Saturday. Will Steal looks to keep possession from a Bridgwater attack