

Ross 6 – 3 Cheltenham D

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Ross make heavy weather of win

Ross Mens 1st XI entertained Cheltenham D on Saturday in the Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Division II looking for a big win to take them to the top on goal difference. For the first ten minutes, everything went according to plan. Phil Evans nipped in to push home a shot from Adrian Williams who then went on to add two more goals himself.

However, a young and spirited Cheltenham team refused to roll over and be routed, and when Ross centre back Edward Peck attempted an idiosyncratic clearance across his own goal mouth the visiting centre forward slotted a neat shot past keeper Mitch Greenman. Shortly after, Cheltenham scored a second and only a determined goal line save by Tom Walton denied them a third. This was the turning point of the game; subsequently Andy Cross fired home from close range to give a Ross 4-2 advantage at half-time. In the second half, the Ross defence of Peck, Brian Clare and the alternating Greg Weston and James Adamson regained their focus. Walton, Evans, Cross and Sam Warner started to get a sustained grip of midfield and after Adrian Williams completed his hat-trick, Ross captain Andy Ridgway added a sixth. Richard Harbottle and Wilem Hagen shared the centre-forward role but neither could find a way past the opposition keeper's absorbent pads. A late consolation goal for Cheltenham from a short corner was not enough to prevent Ross winning 6-3 and staying second in the league on goal difference.

Adrian Williams was voted Brabo Man of the Match for his single-minded dedication to scoring.

Hereford & Glos 2	Pl	W	D	L	For	Agn	Diff	Pts
Newent A	5	5	0	0	27	4	23	15
Ross on Wye	5	5	0	0	25	5	20	15
Lydney A	5	4	0	1	27	7	20	12
Cheltenham C	5	4	0	1	24	8	16	12
Winchcombe	4	3	0	1	18	8	10	9
Lansdown C	5	3	0	2	14	6	8	9
Wotton-u-Edge B	5	2	0	3	9	18	-9	6
Newent B	5	1	1	3	9	23	-14	4
Hereford C	5	1	0	4	6	14	-8	3
Glos City D	5	0	1	4	4	28	-24	1
Cheltenham D	4	0	0	4	6	25	-19	0
Cirencester C	5	0	0	5	0	23	-23	0

Hereford & Glos 2

08-Oct-05	Wotton-u-Edge B	1	Hereford C	2
22-Oct-05	Glos City D	1	Cheltenham C	5
22-Oct-05	Lansdown C	0	Newent A	1
22-Oct-05	Newent B	3	Cirencester C	0
22-Oct-05	Ross on Wye	6	Cheltenham D	3
22-Oct-05	Winchcombe	6	Hereford C	1
22-Oct-05	Wotton-u-Edge B	1	Lydney A	8

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2555	Cheltenham D	v	Newent B
2556	Cirencester C	v	Glos City D
2557	Hereford C	v	Ross on Wye
2558	Lydney A	v	Cheltenham C
2559	Newent A	v	Winchcombe
2560	Wotton-u-Edge B	v	Lansdown C