

Hereford C 1 – 4 Ross

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Ross take time to ignite

After three wins in the Gerrard Hockey League North East-West District 4, Ross Mens 1st X1 took a relaxed approach to their game against Hereford C. So relaxed, in fact, that they were one goal down within one minute. Fortunately, the defence of Mitch Greenham in goal, Edward Peck, Greg Weston and Andy Evans were the first part of the Ross team to come to life and did not concede again. Next, the midfield of Andy Cross, Sam Warner, Tom Walton, Brian Clare and Phil Evans started to exercise their authority. However, despite constant pressure, the forward line of Adrian Williams and Andy Ridgway seemed to be experiencing some form of 'strikers block', and Ross were still trailing at half time.

In the second half, Ridgway fine-tuned his shooting stick and rattled the backboard with two cleanly struck short corners. Tom Walton and Phil Evans each added goals in a fifteen minute spell when Ross took the Hereford defence apart. Andy Cross went as close to scoring as he has all season and there were excellent cameo appearances from Tim Jones, Wilem Hagen, Richard Harbottle and Tom Minton as Ross showed off the strength and depth of their squad. This 4-1 win leaves Ross in the top three of the league, almost twenty points clear of the team in fourth.