

ROSS 1 – 2 NEWENT A
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Ross go down fighting

On Saturday, Ross Men's 1st XI entertained Newent 'A in a top of the table clash in the Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two. Both unbeaten before this game, only the superior goal scoring record of the Newent forwards separated the two teams; in many ways this statistic proved to be the key to the outcome.

In the absence of a couple of regular squad members, Wilem Haagen started at centre forward and Tim Jones at right back. However, Newent were fastest off the blocks and the Ross defence of Jones, Edward Peck and Greg Weston found themselves increasingly stretched, with Peck being shown a green (warning) card for an undeniably inelegant challenge. It was really only a matter of time before Newent put one past Ross keeper Dave Chatwin and once they had they quickly repeated the trick to go 2-0 ahead. Undaunted, Ross kept plugging away and deservedly pulled one back shortly before half-time when Andy Cross and Andy Ridgway worked one of the many variations in the Ross short-corner handbook to enable the former to slot home.

In the second half Ross were arguably the better side, with the industrious midfield of Cross, Brian Clare, James Adamson, Tom Walton and Sam Warner creating a number of chances for themselves, Ridgway and Adrian Williams. Not even the 'sin-binning' of Weston – for stopping the ball with various parts of his anatomy once too often – could interrupt the Ross momentum. Nonetheless, an equaliser could not be found and the home team went down 1-2.

Sam Warner was voted Brabo Man of the Match and thanks must also go to Pete Hughes who was both firm and fair in his umpiring.

Hereford & Glos 2

2561	Cheltenham C	13	Cirencester C	3
2562	Glos City D	1	Cheltenham D	2
2563	Lansdown C	0	Lydney A	4
2564	Newent B	5	Hereford C	2
2565	Ross on Wye	1	Newent A	2
			Wotton-u-Edge	
2566	Winchcombe	5	B	0

No league placings on the web yet – but we stay second two points ahead of Lydney A and Cheltenham C.