

## ROSS 5 – 1 WOTTON 12/11/2005

### Ross return to winning habit

After the disappointment of dropping their first points of the season the previous week, on Saturday Ross Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI took a squad of fourteen players to face struggling Wotton-Under Edge B in the Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two. Victory was essential to keep Ross in touch with league leaders Newent A.

However, it was the home side that started with the much higher tempo, albeit one which the rotating Ross defenders of James Adamson, Brian Clare, Tim Jones, Edward Peck and Greg Weston handled with aplomb. As the first half progressed, more and more of the game took part in the Wotton half and it was Ross who eventually opened the scoring just before the interval when Adrian Williams forced home a short corner.

However, the defining moment of the game took place early in the second half when Willem Haagen – who had replaced Richard Harbottle at centre-forward - tucked home from close range following one of the most incisive attacking moves that Ross have constructed in recent years. With Andy Cross, Tom Walton, Sam Warner, Phil Evans and Steve Jones rampant in midfield, Haagen soon added to his tally and Williams completed a hat-trick. Following this onslaught, Ross relaxed a little. This allowed Wotton to win an extended series of short corners, one of which was unluckily deflected past the typically reliable Ross keeper Dave Chatwin. Ross then comfortably played out the last ten minutes to win 5-1 and stay second in the league. Willem Haagen and Tom Walton shared the Brabo Man of the Match award.

12-Nov-05	2567 Cheltenham D	4	Cheltenham C	1
12-Nov-05	2568 Hereford C	4	Glos City D	0
12-Nov-05	2569 Lansdown C	8	Winchcombe	5
12-Nov-05	2570 Lydney A	5	Cirencester C	2
12-Nov-05	2571 Newent A	8	Newent B	2
12-Nov-05	2572 Wotton-u-Edge B	1	Ross on Wye	5

Newent A	8	8	0	0	41	8	33	24
Ross on Wye	8	7	0	1	34	8	26	21
Lydney A	8	6	1	1	38	11	27	19
Cheltenham C	8	5	1	2	40	17	23	16
Lansdown C	8	5	0	3	25	15	10	15
Winchcombe	7	4	0	3	29	20	9	12
Newent B	7	2	1	4	16	33	-17	7
Hereford C	8	2	0	6	12	22	-10	6
Cheltenham D	6	2	0	4	12	27	-15	6
Wotton-u-Edge B	8	2	0	6	10	31	-21	6
Glos City D	8	0	2	6	6	35	-29	2
Cirencester C	8	0	1	7	6	42	-36	1

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2573	Cheltenham C	v	Hereford C
2574	Cirencester C	v	Cheltenham D

2575	Glos City D	v	Newent A
2576	Newent B	v	Wotton-u-Edge B
2577	Ross on Wye	v	Lansdown C
2578	Winchcombe	v	Lydney A