

## ROSS 3 – 1 LANSDOWN 19/11/2005

### Ross caught cold but warm to win

It was a cold afternoon on Saturday, but not even the bracing temperatures could explain the lethargy with which Ross Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI opened their Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two match with Lansdown C. Behind to their visitors with two minutes, it took all the guile of Dave Chatwin in goal and defenders Brian Clare, Edward Peck and the alternating Greg Weston and Tim Jones to keep Ross in the game. Slowly however, the rotating midfield of Phil Evans, Sam Warner, Adrian Williams, Tom Walton, James Adamson, Lawrence Raasch and Steve Evans squeezed Lansdown back into their box. Shortly before half-time, Steve Evans scored his first – and very timely – goal for Ross.

Having largely confined themselves to dark mutterings during the first half, after the interval Lansdown seemed to decide that they were at least as interested in arguing with the umpires as playing with the ball. This is rarely a wise strategy and, following Williams' scrambled second goal for Ross, two Lansdown players were cautioned for dissent. Subsequently, Andrew Cross latched onto a ball from Andy Ridgway to score Ross' third whilst Lansdown continued with their accusations of injustice.

The 3-1 winning margin probably flattered the home side who must address the slow start which has come to characterise their approach in recent games. However, the Ross players are to be congratulated on staying focused on the task in hand despite the distractions on the pitch and credit is also due to the calmness and resolve of the two umpires, including John Hughes.

Steve Evans was voted Brabo Man of the Match for his apparently tireless running and increasingly accomplished play when in possession.

#### Hereford & Glos 2

Date	Opposition	Result	Comments
19-Nov-05	2573 Cheltenham C	- Hereford C	- Not played - pitch frozen
19-Nov-05	2574 Cirencester C	- Cheltenham D	- Could not hear result - Please phone again
19-Nov-05	2575 Glos City D	<b>1</b> Newent A	<b>3</b>
19-Nov-05	2576 Newent B	- Wotton-u-Edge B	- [No result]
19-Nov-05	2577 Ross on Wye	<b>3</b> Lansdown C	<b>1</b>
19-Nov-05	2578 Winchcombe	<b>0</b> Lydney A	<b>3</b>

Newent A	9	9	0	0	44	9	35	27
Ross on Wye	9	8	0	1	37	9	28	24
Lydney A	9	7	1	1	41	11	30	22
Cheltenham C	8	5	1	2	40	17	23	16
Lansdown C	9	5	0	4	26	18	8	15
Winchcombe	8	4	0	4	29	23	6	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	9	0	2	7	7	38	-31	2
Cirencester C	8	0	1	7	6	42	-36	1

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2579	Hereford C	v	Cirencester C
2580	Lansdown C	v	Newent B
2581	Lydney A	v	Cheltenham D
2582	Newent A	v	Cheltenham C
2583	Winchcombe	v	Ross on Wye
2584	Wotton-u-Edge B	v	Glos City D