

Ross 0 – 7 Lydney A

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Ross make most of loss

As the final whistle blew on Ross Mens 1st XI home match against Lydney A last Saturday, it signalled not only that the visiting team had won the match 7-0 but also that Ross were exactly half way through their first season in the Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two.

Overall, to date, the Ross club has much to be proud of. They have won 8 out of their 11 league games and lie third in the table. This is a significant achievement for a club with a total squad of only nineteen players in which there are as many players over 45 as there are under 25 and only three or four in-between. However, the team has showed a distinct dip in form since losing to league leaders Newent A a month ago. Most worryingly, they have conceded more goals in their last two games than in the preceding nine. Next week's fixture against Newent B is thus a 'must win' in order both to maintain third place and to go into the Christmas break on a positive note.

There is not much more to say about Saturday's game. Even a Ross side showing all their early season form would have struggled against a young and skilful Lydney team. On Saturday, however, Ross found themselves simply overwhelmed by the opposition's pace and movement on and off the ball.

The 2005/06 Ross squad comprises - Goal Minders: Dave Chatwin, Mitch Greenman; Defenders: James Adamson, Brian Clare, Tim Jones, Edward Peck, Greg Weston; Midfielders: Phil Evans, Steve Evans, Lawrence Raasch, Laurence Rogers, Tom Walton, Sam Warner, Adrian Williams; Attackers: Andrew Cross, Wilem Haagen, Richard Harbottle, Matt Jones and Andy Ridgway (captain). Ross' regular umpires are Pete Hughes and John Setchfield.