

ROSS 2 – 1 NEWENT B 10/12/2005

Ross back on right track

Ross Men's 1st XI entered the seasonal break in fixtures in the Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two with an edgy 2-1 win away to local rivals Newent B on Saturday. This result means that Ross stay third in the league, a position that it is the team's ambition to retain when games re-commence in the new year.

Despite enjoying perhaps 70% of the possession of the ball and creating innumerable chances with their neat passing game, Ross never made the most of their superiority. Of late, the Ross forward line of Willem Haagen, Richard Harbottle, captain Andy Ridgway and Adrian Williams have started to treat opposition goalkeepers more as targets to be hit than obstacles to be avoided. It was left to mid-fielder Sam Warner to score the only goal of the first half, building upon the hard work alongside him of Brian Clare, Phil Evans, Steve Evans, and Tom Walton.

In the second half, Ridgway and Harbottle worked a classic short-corner routine to give Ross more of a cushion, but still the visitors were unable to make the game safe; in particular, Phil Evans fashioned a very fine entry for the miss of the season competition with an open goal gaping before him. Fortunately, the Ross defence of Mitch Greenman in goal, James Adamson, Tim Jones, Edward Peck and Greg Weston were back to their frugal best, albeit that Peck received a cautionary green card for a rather over elaborate piece of footwork. Against the run of play, a mix-up between Greenman and Clare let Newent in for a goal with five minutes left on the clock, producing a nervous end to the game.

Tim Jones was voted Brabo Man of the Match for his uncharacteristic dribbles out from the back.

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29-Oct-05	2555 Cheltenham D	5 Newent B	4
10-Dec-05	2591 Cheltenham C	2 Lansdown C	1
10-Dec-05	2592 Cheltenham D	- Newent A	-
10-Dec-05	2593 Cirencester C	0 Wotton-u-Edge B	3
10-Dec-05	2594 Glos City D	- Winchcombe	-
10-Dec-05	2595 Lydney A	5 Hereford C	0
10-Dec-05	2596 Newent B	1 Ross on Wye	2

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2597	Lansdown C	v	Cirencester C
2598	Newent A	v	Hereford C
2599	Newent B	v	Lydney A
2600	Ross on Wye	v	Glos City D

2601 Winchcombe v Cheltenham C
 2602 Wotton-u-Edge B v Cheltenham D

Hereford & Glos 2	.	Pl	W	D	L	For	Agn	Diff	Pts
Newent A		11	11	0	0	61	12	49	33
Lydney A		12	10	1	1	57	13	44	31
Ross on Wye		12	9	0	3	40	20	20	27
Cheltenham C		11	7	1	3	49	23	26	22
Winchcombe		11	7	0	4	40	26	14	21
Lansdown C		12	6	1	5	35	24	11	19
Cheltenham D		11	5	0	6	29	41	-12	15
Wotton-u-Edge B		12	4	1	7	18	36	-18	13
Newent B		12	2	2	8	24	51	-27	8
Hereford C		10	2	0	8	12	32	-20	6
Glos City D		11	0	3	8	9	44	-35	3
Cirencester C		11	0	1	10	10	62	-52	1