

ROSS 4 – 1 CIRENCESTER C 28/01/2006

Ross leave it late

A one goal lead is a slender margin of superiority in a game of hockey. However, for much of last Saturday's Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two game between third-place Ross and the team at the bottom of the table, Cirencester C, it was only a Tom Walton strike that separated the two sides. Walton's goal was a trademark combination of strength and skill which saw him surging forward from midfield into the 'D' leaving defenders floundering in his wake and then unleashing an unstoppable shot.

Unfortunately, for much of the game the Ross centre forward – Wilem Haagen - and attacking midfielders - Andy Ridgway and Adrian Williams – could not match Walton's incisive finishing. Despite having numerous chances, many created by the dynamic runs of Andy Cross down the right wing, it was only mid-way through the second half that Williams managed to force home Ross' second goal from close range. Shortly after, Ridgway added two more, the second a powerful hit typical of the Ross captain at his best.

In these circumstances, the solidity of the Ross defence was once again the firm foundation upon which victory was built. Steve Evans made an impressive debut as a goalkeeper, but he was well protected by an accomplished display by James Adamson, Edward Peck and Greg Weston. In midfield, Brian Clare and Sam Warner worked hard to ensure that the ball passed quickly from defence to attack. Nonetheless, in the last five minutes, a Cirencester midfielder managed to weave his way past the Ross defence to score, demonstrating that a one goal lead would not have been enough to secure the win; on this occasion, though, it merely served to make the final result 4-1. Steve Evans was voted Brabo Man of the Match.

Hereford & Glos 2

28-Jan-06	Glos City D	0	Lydney A	6
28-Jan-06	Lansdown C	5	Hereford C	1
28-Jan-06	Newent B	1	Cheltenham C	3
28-Jan-06	Ross on Wye	4	Cirencester C	1
28-Jan-06	Winchcombe	2	Cheltenham D	2
28-Jan-06	Wotton-u-Edge B	1	Newent A	2

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2615	Cheltenham C	v	Glos City D
2616	Cheltenham D	v	Ross on Wye
2617	Cirencester C	v	Newent B
2618	Hereford C	v	Winchcombe
2619	Lydney A	v	Wotton-u-Edge B
2620	Newent A	v	Lansdown C

Hereford & Glos 2	Pl	W	D	L	For	Agn	Diff	Pts
Newent A	15	14	0	1	76	15	61	42
Lydney A	15	13	1	1	72	15	57	40
Ross on Wye	15	11	1	3	51	24	27	34
Cheltenham C	15	9	3	3	62	31	31	30
Winchcombe	15	9	2	4	54	34	20	29
Lansdown C	15	9	1	5	47	25	22	28
Cheltenham D	15	5	1	9	32	49	-17	16
Wotton-u-Edge B	15	5	1	9	22	42	-20	16
Hereford C	14	3	0	11	17	53	-36	9
Newent B	15	2	2	11	26	65	-39	8
Glos City D	15	1	3	11	13	57	-44	6
Cirencester C	14	0	1	13	14	76	-62	1