

Ross 6 – 0 Cirencester C 30/9/2006

Williams strikes it lucky with a hat-trick

Ross Men's 1st XI travelled away to Cirencester on Saturday in the Gerrard Hockey Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two. After a poor start the previous week it was important to get out the blocks first and take the game to the opposition. Captain Andy Ridgway tinkled around with positions after forced absences, placing himself in goal and pulling Tom Walton into defence. With Ricardo Medici, James Adamson and Richard Jennison providing able support, there was something of a solid appearance to the defence. Indeed it was going to take something exceptional to get through or round this line-up. Edward Peck is going to have his work cut out to squeeze himself into this back line.

After 10 minutes Ross was a goal up after an excellent exchange inside the opposition D providing Kristian Franklin with an opportunity to round the keeper and push the ball home. Ross then continued the pressure with the mid field trio of Greg Weston, Sam Warner and Andy Cross providing incisive passes to the wide men. Adrian Williams popped up with his first goal, which was quickly followed by a rasping shot by Richard Hardbottle.

3-0 up at the start of the second half, Ross continued to peg Cirencester in their half. Confidence was growing with neat inter-passing and things were looking good. Adrian finished off a short corner routine that came straight off the practice courts for his second goal. Then Steve Evans came in from out wide to finish off another fine passing move for his first goal of the season. With things were going so well it would have been easy to allow Cirencester back into the game, but still Ross pressed on in search of goals. Goal difference may yet have a crucial by the end of the season. Willem Haagen came close with a shot but it was brilliantly saved, only to allow Andy Cross to stab home one of his trade mark poacher's goals. Thus it was set up for Andy Williams to claim his hat-trick in extra time after a fine weaving run.

Richard Jennison was voted Brabo man of the match with his inspirational vocal encouragement. Next week Ross entertain Newent B at home, push-back 2pm.

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| Cheltenham C | - | Cheltenham D | - |
| Cirencester C | 0 | Ross on Wye | 6 |
| Hereford C | 0 | Sherborne | 8 |
| Lansdown C | 11 | Cirencester B | 2 |
| Newent B | 3 | Glos City D | 2 |
| Winchcombe | 2 | Wotton-u-Edge B | 2 |

| Hereford & Glos 2 | Pl | W | D | L | For | Agn | Diff | Pts |
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| Lansdown C | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 4 | 13 | 6 |
| Sherborne | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| Newent B | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| Wotton-u-Edge B | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Winchcombe | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| Glos City D | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 3 |
| Ross on Wye | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Cheltenham C | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | -1 | 0 |
| Cheltenham D | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | -1 | 0 |
| Cirencester B | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 15 | -10 | 0 |
| Cirencester C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 12 | -10 | 0 |
| Hereford C | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 14 | -12 | 0 |