

Ross 3 – Newent 1

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Ross outclass Newent

Ross Men's 1st XI entered Newent B at home on Saturday in the Gerrard Hockey Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two. After the good performance the previous week Captain Andy Ridgway decided to keep the positions much the same, keeping himself in goal and with Ricardo de Medici, James Adamson and Greg Weston in defence. This week also saw the welcome return of Brian Clare and Tim Jones into the back line.

Newent, who hadn't yet suffered a league defeat, started off sprightly and it was clear from the early exchanges that this was going to be a good test for Ross. The Ross midfield however slowly started to get the upper hand. After 10 minutes Tom Walton appeared in front of goal after a short corner and flicked Ross ahead. Newent hit back almost straight away with some exceptional hockey and managed to find an equaliser. Ross however simply switched up a gear and kept Newent in their half for the remainder of the period. Kristian Franklin, Sam Warner, Andy Cross and Steve Evans linked up well in the midfield, when just before half time Ross was rewarded with another goal from a short corner. This time slotted home by top scorer Adrian Williams.

The second half followed much the same pattern. Ross pegged Newent inside their own half and the front line of Richard Hardbottle, Willem Haagen had countless shots on goal saved by the Newent keeper. At the other end, the Ross defence soaked up any pressure when Newent were able to break out. It was from just one of these that the ball was passed near the goal line to Phil Evens, who started one of mazy runs from inside his own 25 yard line. After crossing the half way line he picked out Dave Pearson, who with one deft touch scored. From then on the match was effectively finished.

Special thanks go to the two umpires Pete Jenkins and John Sedgefield. Sam Warner was voted Brabo man of the match. Next week Ross visit Cheltenham C away. Meet at 1.30pm.

Cheltenham D	2	Winchcombe	3
Cirencester B	1	Hereford C	3
Glos City D	0	Cheltenham C	7
Ross on Wye	3	Newent B	1
Sherborne	9	Cirencester C	0
Wotton-u-Edge B	6	Lansdown C	3

Hereford & Glos 2	Pl	W	D	L	For	Agn	Diff	Pts
Sherborne	3	3	0	0	21	1	20	9
Wotton-u-Edge B	3	2	1	0	12	8	4	7
Winchcombe	3	2	1	0	9	7	2	7
Cheltenham C	3	2	0	1	15	4	11	6
Lansdown C	3	2	0	1	20	10	10	6
Ross on Wye	3	2	0	1	10	5	5	6
Newent B	3	2	0	1	7	7	0	6
Glos City D	3	1	0	2	8	12	-4	3
Hereford C	3	1	0	2	5	15	-10	3
Cheltenham D	3	0	0	3	4	11	-7	0
Cirencester B	3	0	0	3	6	18	-12	0
Cirencester C	3	0	0	3	2	21	-19	0