

## ROSS 3 – 2 CIRENCESTER B 4/11/2006

### Walton and Warner lead the way

Midfield duo Tom Walton and Sam Warner – with displays of characteristic combative energy and delicate skill – were central to Ross' Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI victory over Cirencester B in the Gerrard Gloucester and Hereford League Division Two fixture last Saturday. Crucially, Vice-Captain Walton contributed two fine solo goals in the first half to ensure that Ross went in 2-1 up. In the second period, Cirencester drew level but following a deviously convoluted short-corner routine, Andy Cross slotted home the ball home to give Ross a 3-2 victory.

However, this was a hard won victory. In defence, Greg Weston and Tim Jones shared right-back duties, expending considerable energy in tying-down the diminutive opposition right winger. James Adamson put in his best performance of the season at left back and Brian Clare was as solid as ever as centre back. Nervous about conceding early goals – as has happened too often in previous weeks – Edward Peck was asked to play the holding midfield role behind Richard Jennison, who is fast becoming a fixture in the Ross midfield. This was only partially successful, with Ross going behind to a neat flick after a penetrating run from a Cirencester midfielder. Ross would have been two down but for the withering stare of Captain Andy Ridgway in goal intimidating the Cirencester player entrusted with taking a penalty flick; it drifted harmlessly wide. It was at this stage that Walton and Warner took control of the game.

With Adrian Williams showing his usual zest playing just off striker Richard Harbottle, there was a determination about Ross that has been lacking in some recent matches. Add to the mix, the youthful commitment of Kristian Franklin and Steve Evans and, on their day, this Ross squad has the ability to give any of the teams in this league a run for their money. Certainly, Cirencester knew that they had been in a tough match as they trudged disconsolately off at the end.

Thanks are again due to regular Ross umpires John Setchfield and Pete Hughes.

Hereford & Glos 2			
Cheltenham D	10	Hereford C	1
Cirencester C	2	Winchcombe	3
Glos City D	0	Wotton-u-Edge B	5
Newent B	0	Cheltenham C	5
Ross on Wye	3	Cirencester B	2
Sherborne	10	Lansdown C	2

Hereford & Glos 2	Pl	W	D	L	For	Agn	Diff	Pts
Sherborne	7	6	0	1	44	7	37	18
Cheltenham C	7	6	0	1	33	7	26	18
Wotton-u-Edge B	7	5	2	0	38	9	29	17
Winchcombe	7	4	2	1	21	18	3	14
Lansdown C	7	4	1	2	34	26	8	13
Ross on Wye	7	3	1	3	20	17	3	10
Newent B	7	3	1	3	10	18	-8	10
Hereford C	7	2	1	4	9	38	-29	7
Glos City D	7	2	0	5	13	30	-17	6
Cheltenham D	7	1	2	4	19	24	-5	5
Cirencester B	7	0	2	5	14	28	-14	2
Cirencester C	7	0	0	7	4	37	-33	0