

# ROSS 1 – 4 SHERBOURNE

## 8/12/2006

### Medici banished as Ross rally

Ross Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI always knew that travelling to Hereford and Gloucester league Division Two leaders Sherborne would be a tough fixture. In the previous game between the two sides, Sherborne players had shown themselves to be skilful and fast; last Saturday, however, they also showed a less admirable side to their game with their repeated dives in search of penalty flicks and short corners. Mostly, the umpires ignored these theatrical tactics, clearly putting them down to the pantomime season being almost upon us.

Nonetheless, the game did possess one genuine clown. Ricardo Medici's repeated passes to the opposition on the edge of his own 'D' was ultimately the undoing of the typically stout Ross defence of Andy Ridgway in goal protected by James Adamson, Brian Clare, Tim Jones, Edward Peck and Greg Weston. Having held out for twenty minutes – during which Adrian Williams spurned a gold-plated opportunity to put Ross ahead – Medici's errors were finally punished by the Sherborne attack.

With Medici banished to the bench in the second half, Ross looked a much more threatening prospect. Tom Walton and Richard Jennison – Ross' own so-solid crew in midfield – started to exert their influence. Steve Evans and Kristian Franklin found more and more space and it was no less than Ross deserved when Williams finally pulled one back. Subsequently, the awesome Sam Warner hit the crossbar and Andy Cross went close. In the closing stages, Sherborne looked increasingly rattled, nervously holding onto their 4-1 lead.

Although the impressive Adamson went out of his way to try and win the award, it was Warner who was voted Brabo Man of the Match. With just under half of the league schedule left to play, Ross go into the winter festival break in sixth place.

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

Sherborne	12	33
Cheltenham C	12	33
Lansdown C	12	25
Wotton-u-Edge B	12	24
Winchcombe	12	20
Ross on Wye	12	18
Glos City D	12	16
Newent B	12	13
Cheltenham D	12	8
Hereford C	12	7
Cirencester C	12	6
Cirencester B	12	5