

ROSS 5 – 0 CIRENCESTER C

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Fortune smiles on Williams

In a feat not previously recorded in the annals of Ross Men's Hockey Club, Adrian Williams scored all five goals in their recent victory over Cirencester 'C' in their Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two encounter. As with most recent Ross successes, however, the achievements were built on the blood, sweat and tears of the defence.

As usual, the most consistently eye-catching hockey was played by the Ross midfield, with Steve Evans, Kristian Franklin, Sam Warner and Tom Walton skipping past the opposition like they weren't there. Up front, Richard Harbottle and Wilem Haagen contributed the deft touches that characterise their approach. At the back, Andy Ridgway soon smothered the rare forays by Cirencester forwards into the Ross 'D'.

Not content with containing the Cirencester attack, however, on this occasion the Ross defenders took the game to their opponents. Ironically, most of Williams' goals were straightforward affairs, picked from the bones of the excellent work of his defensive colleagues. His first, just before half time, was an inadvertent deflection of a shot from Greg Weston that was already destined to scream into the net.

After half time, the floodgates opened. James Adamson's guileful run past three opponents ended with a neat reverse stick effort that was kicked in desperation off the Cirencester line; Williams converted the resulting penalty flick. Next, confidence surging, the Ross defence commandeered a short corner routine and Richard Jennison's precision push-in was expertly passed by Brian Clare to Williams - running in at the far post - such that he could not miss. Not to be outdone, Tim Jones showed tremendous vision in running onto a fine through ball by Clare only to be clumsily brought down just as he was lining up to shoot; again, Williams scored from the resulting penalty. Finally, Edward Peck ran thirty yards into the opposition 'D' before selflessly laying the ball off to Williams to complete his goal feast when it would have been easier for him to score himself.

Williams may have been lucky, but as they say, you make your own luck and nothing can take away from the personal resources that he poured into making this fine collection of goals possible; it will live in the mythology of the club forever. Naturally, he was voted Brabo Man of the Match.

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13-Jan-07	Cheltenham D	1	Cheltenham C	6
13-Jan-07	Cirencester B	2	Lansdown C	4
13-Jan-07	Glos City D	2	Newent B	6
13-Jan-07	Ross on Wye	5	Cirencester C	0
13-Jan-07	Sherborne	9	Hereford C	0
13-Jan-07	Wotton-u-Edge B	3	Winchcombe	2

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	Pl	W	D	L	For	Agn	Diff	Pts
Cheltenham C	13	12	0	1	70	12	58	36
Sherborne	12	11	0	1	70	12	58	33
Lansdown C	13	9	1	3	56	35	21	28
Wotton-u-Edge B	13	8	3	2	57	20	37	27
Winchcombe	13	6	2	5	37	38	-1	20
Ross on Wye	12	5	3	4	33	23	10	18
Newent B	13	5	1	7	25	36	-11	16
Glos City D	13	5	1	7	24	50	-26	16
Cheltenham D	13	2	2	9	29	44	-15	8
Hereford C	12	2	1	9	11	67	-56	7
Cirencester C	12	2	0	10	13	57	-44	6
Cirencester B	13	1	2	10	21	52	-31	5