

ROSS 3 – 3 NEWENT B 20/1/2007

Ross share honours in six goal thriller

Ross Men's 1st XI and Newent B are mid-division stalwarts of the Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Two; games between them have become regular highlights of the fixture list and this encounter was no exception.

Despite being without regulars such as Brian Clare, Greg Weston and Ricardo Medici (although his promising brother Antonio made a cameo appearance in defence), Ross started with considerable purpose. It was something of a surprise, therefore, when the Newent attack got the better of James Adamson, Tim Jones and Edward Peck to score the opening goal. Despite having greater possession, the Ross frontline of Richard Harbottle and Adrian Williams were like waves crashing against a breakwater; high in energy but low in impact.

Captain Andy Ridgway – once again exemplary between the Ross posts – had some soothing words of wisdom for his colleagues at half time. This had a galvanising effect on Ross, in particular their midfield where Tom Walton, Kristian Franklin, Steve Evans, Andy Evans, Sam Warner and Andy Cross upped their game. Warner especially was suddenly back to his incredible best; imagine a player with the speed of a gazelle and the reach of an octopus and you are somewhere close to visualising his approach. But once again, against the run of play, Newent scored.

It was only in the last fifteen minutes that Ross started to reap the rewards of their efforts, with Harbottle and Williams now running rings around the opposition defenders. Warner scored a spectacular flick from the edge of the 'D', Walton drove home from a well-worked short-corner routine and Richard Jennison was the beneficiary of a deflection to bag his first strike this century. With two minutes to go, Ross found themselves 3-2 to the good. However, they then opted to defend in depth, inviting Newent onto them; with seconds to go, Newent grabbed an equaliser.

James Adamson was voted Brabo man of the match for his commitment to going that extra mile to pick up his team mates during a game where Ross just refused to be beaten.

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

Hereford & Glos 2	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals F	Goals A	A_Win	A_Draw	A_Lose	A_For	A_Agai	Goal Dif	Points
Sherborne	14	6	0	1	45	8	7	0	0	39	4	72	39
Cheltenham C	14	6	1	0	33	6	6	0	1	39	8	58	37
Lansdown C	14	5	1	1	36	16	5	0	2	24	20	24	31
Wotton-u-Edge B	14	6	1	0	40	8	2	2	3	18	16	34	27
Winchcombe	14	2	1	4	18	22	4	1	2	23	21	-2	20
Ross on Wye	13	4	1	1	21	11	1	3	3	15	15	10	19
Newent B	14	1	1	5	10	28	4	1	2	18	11	-11	17
Glos City D	14	2	1	4	10	26	3	1	3	16	26	-26	17
Cheltenham D	14	1	1	5	21	21	2	1	4	13	27	-14	11
Hereford C	14	2	1	4	9	29	1	0	6	6	47	-61	10
Cirencester C	13	2	0	5	9	23	0	0	6	4	39	-49	6
Cirencester B	14	1	1	5	13	25	0	1	6	8	31	-35	5