

ROSS 1 – 0 GLOUCESTER CITY D

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Medici restored but Ross still stutter

Banished from the squad since before Christmas, the Medici brothers – Ricardo and Antonio – returned to the Ross Men's 1st XI that faced Gloucester City D on Saturday in Gerrard Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two. The ambition was that they would add much needed fire power to what has of late been a lacklustre Ross attack. However, they made even less impact than the more established Ross forwards – Richard Harbottle, Wilem Haagen and Adrian Williams – who were also unable to find the net despite fashioning some good opportunities through their constant movement and clever positional play. Indeed, it was left to Brabo Man of the Match Steve Evans to score the only goal of the game, dashing in from the right wing to push home a genuine goal-poacher's effort after a shot by Andy Evans was only parried by the Gloucester goalkeeper. The Ross strikers were quick to praise the opposition keeper following the game; to their colleagues he looked good but not that good!

Once again, Ross had to rely on the stalwarts of their defence - James Adamson, Brian Clare, Tim Jones, Edward Peck and Greg Weston - to save team mates from the consequences of failing to turn midfield domination into a respectable margin of victory. Such was their efficiency that captain Andy Ridgway only had to make one serious save – and a very fine save it was too – midway through the second half. However, this is the story of the season; away from home, for instance, only the top two teams have conceded fewer goals and only the bottom three teams have scored fewer goals.

In midfield, Tom Walton and Sam Warner were typically industrious and creative, ably supported by Richard Jennison, Kristian Franklin, Phil Evans and Pete Jenks. As the game wore on, and Ridgway made cunning use of the Ross substitutions in the spring sunshine, Gloucester faded and their frustration was personified by an outburst by their captain towards one of the umpires; he was duly put in the sin bin for dissent. A scrappy affair ultimately rendered Ross the three points which lifts them back into sixth, just above these opponents in the league placings. Thanks are due to Andy Cross and Pete Hughes for umpiring.

10-Mar-07	Cheltenham C	3	Lansdown C	0
10-Mar-07	Cirencester C	2	Wotton-u-Edge B	3
10-Mar-07	Newent B	0	Cirencester B	3
10-Mar-07	Ross on Wye	1	Glos City D	0
10-Mar-07	Sherborne	-	Cheltenham D	-
10-Mar-07	Winchcombe	8	Hereford C	1

Sherborne	19	8	0	1	57	11	11	0	0	66	8	0	104	54
Cheltenham C	20	9	1	1	53	12	7	1	1	46	11	0	76	50
Lansdown C	20	7	1	2	47	37	7	0	3	33	24	0	19	43
Wotton-u-Edge B	20	8	1	1	49	15	4	3	3	28	23	0	39	40
Winchcombe	19	5	1	5	34	31	4	1	3	25	24	0	4	29
Ross on Wye	20	6	2	2	32	18	1	3	6	17	21	0	10	26
Glos City D	21	4	1	5	19	33	4	1	6	27	39	0	-26	26
Cheltenham D	19	2	1	6	24	29	4	1	5	24	34	0	-15	20
Newent B	19	2	1	6	12	31	4	1	5	19	29	0	-29	20
Cirencester B	21	3	1	6	20	32	2	1	8	16	41	0	-37	17
Hereford C	20	2	2	6	10	38	1	0	9	7	63	0	-84	11
Cirencester C	20	3	0	7	13	28	0	0	10	7	53	0	-61	9