

## ROSS 7 – 0 HEREFORD C 17/3/2007

### Ross Forwards Find their Range

All of you who regularly follow the fortunes of Ross Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI in Gerrard League Division Two will know that a lack of goals has undermined the 2006/07 campaign. Overall, the parsimony of the defence has been matched only by the profligacy of the attack. On Saturday however, away to Hereford 'C', the Ross forwards finally got their lights out from under their bushels and cracked home seven fine strikes.

Initially, it looked as if it might be a familiar story of missed opportunities, with Adrian Williams having a penalty flick saved after a Richard Jennison shot was kicked off the Hereford line. Tom Walton drove away such fears with a glorious flick from a short corner to give Ross the lead. Richard Harbottle added a second with a beautifully executed sweep past the opposition goalkeeper to give Ross a 2-0 lead at half-time. At the other end, meanwhile, Andy Ridgway had put up his deckchair between the Ross posts and was reading the paper, safe in the knowledge that the Hereford forwards would not find a way past James Adamson, Edward Peck, Brian Clare, Tim Jones and Greg Weston.

In the second period, Ross completely dominated the midfield through Walton, Andy Evans, Steve Evans and Sam Warner. This enabled Adrian Williams and Phil Evans to both score twice, and even the unassuming Jennison added to the tally, but was typically too modest after the game to receive the plaudits of his colleagues. The most exciting moment of the game resulted from a pin-point thirty yard pass from Warner which left Adamson one on one with the Hereford goalkeeper with a chance to score the first competitive goal of his career. The whole Ross team held its breath as he controlled the ball expertly, went round the keeper with aplomb and then from three yards out ... missed; at least he maintained his extraordinary record.

Phil Evans was voted Brabo Man of the Match for putting together some dazzling runs with the ball which left the Hereford defence befuddled.

Cheltenham D	6	Cirencester C	1
Cirencester B	3	Cheltenham C	2
Glos City D	1	Sherborne	8
Hereford C	0	Ross on Wye	7
Lansdown C	2	Winchcombe	4
Wotton-u-Edge B	3	Newent B	1

Hereford & Glos 2	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Goals	Goals	A_Win	A_Dra	A_Lose	A_For	A_Agai	subtrac	Goal Di	Points
Sherborne	21	9	0	1	65	11	11	0	0	74	9	0	119	60
Cheltenham C	21	9	1	1	53	12	7	1	2	48	14	0	75	50
Wotton-u-Edge B	21	9	1	1	52	16	4	3	3	28	23	0	41	43
Lansdown C	21	7	1	3	49	41	7	0	3	33	24	0	17	43
Winchcombe	20	5	1	5	34	31	5	1	3	29	26	0	6	32
Ross on Wye	21	6	2	2	32	18	2	3	6	24	21	3	17	26
Glos City D	22	4	1	6	20	41	4	1	6	27	39	0	-33	26
Cheltenham D	21	3	1	6	30	30	4	1	6	24	42	0	-18	23
Newent B	20	2	1	6	12	31	4	1	6	20	32	0	-31	20
Cirencester B	22	4	1	6	23	34	2	1	8	16	41	0	-36	20
Hereford C	21	2	2	7	10	45	1	0	9	7	63	0	-91	11
Cirencester C	21	3	0	7	13	28	0	0	11	8	59	0	-66	9