

Vrs Newport 2nd XI

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Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	Dunroamin MOM
22/09/07	7	1	away	friendly	James Brown

Scorers

Name	Sam Warner	James 'Poodle' Brown	Tom Walton
Goals	3	2	2

Ross overpower Newport

Continuing their good pre-season form, on Saturday Ross Men's Hockey Club 1st XI overpowered a good Newport 2nd XI team, ending the match 7 - 1 winners.

Edward Peck had left nothing to chance when organising this fixture. Previous road trips to far off destinations have in the past resulted in a cavalcade simply going round in circles. However the sights and smell of Newport docks simply made Ross more determined in their endeavour.

The first quarter allowed both teams to weigh up their respected strengths and weaknesses. This was followed by a Ross onslaught against the Newport goal. Within a ten minute period Ross was 2-0 up with goals by Sam Warner and Ross captain Tom Walton. Only after this did Newport manage a shot on goal, but this attempt was bravely deflected by James Adamson at right back. Before the half time whistle Ross struck again, this time as result of an intricate passing move involving Neal Bowen, Adrian Williams, Lawrence Rogers and Richard Hardbottle before left wing James 'Poodle' Brown gently dinked the ball over Newport's prostrate keeper.

The second half continued in the same vein. Sam Warner scored from the edge of the D with a potential 'goal of the season' by smashing the ball into the top left hand goal after a delicate pass from Andy Cross. Ross pressed home their advantage with Tom Walton scoring his second of the match, before Sam scored his hat-trick from a well worked short corner. With the match now effectively over Newport finally woke up and pushed into the Ross half. Richard Jennison at left back made some good tackles and John 'Beany' Dean in goal was finally called into action making a couple of good saves. With Newport pushing desperately into the Ross half, James Brown was able to use his speed on the counter attack and scored his second. Finally with the match winding down Newport managed to pull a goal back after Kristian Franklin was embarrassed by letting the opponent he was marking take a shot on goal.

All in all this is a very satisfactory end to the pre-season as Ross remain undefeated. However this will all count for nothing at 12.30pm next Saturday, when the league kicks off against Cheltenham D.

Training takes place at 8pm every Monday evening at Monmouth Leisure centre. All are welcome, regardless of age, experience or ability.