

Vrs Cirencester 'C'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
09/02/08	5	2	home	league	Greg Weston

Scorers

Name	James Brown	Adrian Williams	Tom Walton
Goals	3	1	1



Ross toil in winter sunshine

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a team with an unbeaten record must be looking over their shoulder for their downfall. On Saturday, for Ross Men's 1st XI, it was the best of times and it was the worst of times: best because they won again; and worst because they laboured so badly at times to defeat a Cirencester B team languishing near the foot of the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two.

It was a queer, sultry (almost) summer afternoon. Ross raced out of the blocks, scoring four goals in the first twenty minutes, with James Brown claiming a hat-trick and Adrian Williams adding a fourth. However, rather than press on to a resounding victory, a languid mood overtook the Ross team and the spirited opposition started to take advantage. Eventually, Tony Faulkner and Edward Peck failed to deal with a two on two encounter on the edge of the Ross 'D'. Many moments later as he faced the firing forward, Andy Ridgway seemed to remember that distant afternoon when he last conceded a goal; now he did so again.

The second half followed a similar pattern as captain Tom Walton told his team "What I want is goals". Leading by example, he duly supplied the fifth. Thereafter, Andy Cross and Sam Warner both hit the post, John Bean pushed wide from close quarters and Kristian Franklin drew a fine save from the visitor's goalkeeper.

Sensing that there might still be a way back into the game, Cirencester started to surge forward. Almost inevitably, they scored; on this occasion, Tim Jones and Brian Clare did not really deal effectively with an attack down the left.

Soon after, the match had gone by just as matches go by; in this case a forgettable 5-2 win which left the Ross squad in a subdued frame of mind. Greg Weston was selected as South Hereford Motorcaravans Centre Man of the Match as it was the easiest way of weaving his name into the match report. Richard Jennison and James Adamson are to be thanked for their precise performances as umpires.

Ross are looking to establish a second league team from next September so if you are a hockey player of any standard and want to join the fun please visit the 2nd XI page on the club website: ross-hockey.co.uk for more details.

02-Feb-08	Hereford B	5	Winchcombe	0
09-Feb-08	Cirencester B	2	Gloucester City D	0
09-Feb-08	Lansdown C	6	Hereford B	5
09-Feb-08	Ross-on-Wye	5	Cirencester C	2
09-Feb-08	Winchcombe	5	Newent B	1

Hereford & Glos 2	Pl	W	D	L	For	Agn	Diff	Pts
Ross-on-Wye	13	12	1	0	66	12	54	37
Cirencester B	12	10	2	0	60	12	48	32
Gloucester City D	13	7	0	6	35	37	-2	21
Winchcombe	13	6	1	6	34	38	-4	19
Newent B	12	5	1	6	33	45	-12	16
Lansdown C	12	5	0	7	38	42	-4	15
Hereford B	13	5	0	8	32	39	-7	15
Cirencester C	12	2	0	10	18	46	-28	6
Cheltenham D	12	1	1	10	8	53	-45	4