

Ross 2nd XI v Hereford 'C'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
1/11/08	1	2	away	league	Sean Couch

Scorers

Name	Richard Harbottle
Goals	1

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Defeated but not bowed

Ross 2nd XI travelled to wind swept Hereford Racecourse for their away fixture in the Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two, sponsored by N4 Financial Solutions, against Hereford C. Traditionally Ross has looked forward to this derby match, but with a youthful inexperienced squad the dark clouds overhead brought with them chill winds from the north.

The opening encounters did not go well and the Ross defensive line up of Tim Jones, Edward Peck and David Skyrme were soon calling on keeper Seb Sullivan to help out. Midfielders Matthew Saunders and Andy Wright similarly found the going tough with nothing going their way. Only Sean Couch who was pushed into sweeping looked comfortable and showed how to keep a calm head under so much pressure. Regretfully the rest of the team showed the strain and gave away three very cheap short corners in succession. From two of these Hereford scored. 2-0 down after only 15 mins, only then did Ross start to show their early promise. By half time Ross were on the ascendancy.

Ross tinkered with their line up for the second half, moving three up front. Wings Adam Couch and Jack Wilkinson started to make in roads down the flanks and finally the arrival of William Chalk at precisely 7.05, surely the youngest squad member, spurred his father, Christopher, to what can only be described as somewhat uncontrolled dribbling. This erratic play had the desired effect on Hereford and soon a guilt-edged opportunity fell to top scorer Richard Harbottle, who did not let the team down. Ross domineered the remainder of the match to such an extent that Hereford barely left their own half. Regretfully despite all this pressure, they were unable to claim an equaliser. Even the introduction of James Adamson, having driven over the high mountain passes of Snowdonia to make the game, could not save the day.

Just a short few weeks ago Ross were riding high at the top of the league, but these last few weeks have brought nothing but disappointment and they now find themselves in seventh place, just one point above Hereford. Sean Couch was voted South Hereford MotorCaravans Ltd Man of the Match for his solidity under pressure.

Hereford & Gloucester League 2

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Winchcombe	6	5	0	1	20	6	14	15
2	Cheltenham C	6	4	1	1	30	10	20	13
3	Lansdown B	6	4	1	1	17	8	9	13
4	Gloucester City D	6	4	0	2	17	12	5	12
5	Lansdown C	6	3	2	1	11	9	2	11
6	Newent B	6	3	1	2	19	15	4	10
7	Ross-on-Wye A	6	2	1	3	8	10	-2	7
8	Hereford B	6	2	0	4	8	15	-7	6
9	Cirencester C	6	2	0	4	8	17	-9	6
10	Stroud B	6	2	0	4	8	24	-16	6
11	Sherborne A	6	1	1	4	10	19	-9	4
12	Cheltenham D	6	0	1	5	7	18	-11	1

Last Week's Confirmed Results

Cheltenham C	5	-	2	Sherborne A
Cheltenham D	1	-	5	Lansdown C
Cirencester C	1	-	3	Newent B
Gloucester City D	4	-	1	Stroud B
Hereford B	2	-	1	Ross-on-Wye A
Lansdown B	1	-	2	Winchcombe

Next Week's Matches

Lansdown C	v	Gloucester City D
Newent B	v	Lansdown B
Ross-on-Wye A	v	Cheltenham C
Sherborne A	v	Cheltenham D
Stroud B	v	Cirencester C
Winchcombe	v	Hereford B