

Ross 2nd XI v Cheltenham 'C'

Stats

| Date | For | Against | Venue | Fixture | SHM MOTM |
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| 08/11/08 | 0 | 6 | home | league | Gareth Bowen |

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Cheltenham give a lesson in Hockey

The dank weather that hung over Monmouth on the afternoon of Saturday the 8th of Nov, matched the mood of the home team, Ross-on-Wye Men's 2nd XI following a chastening loss to the very accomplished Cheltenham C team in this Gloucester and Hereford B league meeting.

The final score of 0-6 did not flatter the opposition on this occasion, who played with a flare and vision that Ross had demonstrated earlier in the season. A season that started with much promise following two early victories and a well earned draw, now is in danger of falling badly away with this fourth straight loss.

The match started badly when the services of Gareth Bowen had to be pressed in to goalkeeping duties with the late call up of Seb Sullivan to the 1st XI, however, while it robbed the team of his athletic presence up front, Bowen was easily named the South Hereford Motor Caravan Ltd Man of the Match for keeping his team in the game throughout, with some quite breath taking saves, making him the automatic choice for the captain in this position should the call for Sullivan be made again.

Other performances of note were those of Sean Couch at the back, who played a calming role with wave after wave of attack coming at him, and also that of Matt Saunders, who made a number of mesmerising runs, but was let down by some weak finishing from his team mates.

At the back, Tim Jones, Edward Peck and David Skyrme were under constant threat, and in view of the pressure that was put on them, ensured that Bowens goal was kept fairly quite in the first half, however, with the midfield, made up of the returning captain James Adamson, Andrews Wright & Vaughan and Chris Chalk falling away badly in the second half, there was little they were able to do in the 2nd half when an emboldened Cheltenham pushed forward time and again to score four more unanswered goals, following their brace in the first 35 minutes.

Ross's forwards had little to do all game, as they were forced further and further into their own half to assist with defensive duties, but both Richard Harbottle and Tony Faulkner ran tirelessly all match to try and give their beleaguered defensive something to aim at – however 'twas all in vain, and at the final whistle Ross left the field knowing there is much improvement to be made if they are to recapture that early season form.

Thanks must go to the time and assistance given to both teams by the two umpires without whom games like this cannot be played

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

| | | PI | W | D | L | GF | GA | GD | Points |
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| 1 | Winchcombe | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 6 | 19 | 18 |
| 2 | Cheltenham C | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 10 | 26 | 16 |
| 3 | Lansdown B | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 11 | 13 | 16 |
| 4 | Gloucester City D | 7 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 20 | 13 | 7 | 15 |
| 5 | Lansdown C | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 11 |
| 6 | Newent B | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 22 | 22 | 0 | 10 |
| 7 | Cirencester C | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 17 | -5 | 9 |
| 8 | Sherborne A | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 20 | -6 | 7 |
| 9 | Ross-on-Wye A | 7 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 16 | -8 | 7 |
| 10 | Hereford B | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 20 | -12 | 6 |
| 11 | Stroud B | 7 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 8 | 28 | -20 | 6 |
| 12 | Cheltenham D | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 22 | -14 | 1 |

This Week's Confirmed Results 08/11/08

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| Lansdown C | 1 | - | 3 | Gloucester City D |
| Newent B | 3 | - | 7 | Lansdown B |
| Ross-on-Wye A | 0 | - | 6 | Cheltenham C |
| Sherborne A | 4 | - | 1 | Cheltenham D |
| Stroud B | 0 | - | 4 | Cirencester C |
| Winchcombe | 5 | - | 0 | Hereford B |

Next Week's Matches 15/11/08

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