

## Ross 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Cheltenham 'D'

### Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
15/11/08	1	2	away	league	Jack Wilkinson

### Scorers

Name	Richard Harbottle
Goals	1

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### *Ross surrender at the death*

You must remember all, a goal is still a goal, the fundamental rules apply, as games go by. Notwithstanding that Ross Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI fixture last Saturday in the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester was no classic, less Casablanca more Una Paloma Blanca, it did contain the important lesson that the contest is not over until the man from the white van blows his whistle. Cheltenham D delivered their first win of the season with a last minute strike from a player making his first appearance for his team this season, normally reliable Ross centre back Gareth Bowen having spurned two chances to clear the ball.

The game possessed a strange symmetry. The home side also scored in the first minute when Jack Wilkinson – who went on to be named South Hereford Motorcaravans Ltd Man of the Match – made a rare error to let Cheltenham overrun the Ross D and take the lead. Actually, a fine debut appearance in goal by Adam Couch characterised what was otherwise a solid display by the Ross defence of Bowen, Tim Jones and Edward Peck. Elsewhere, Ross struggled in the first half, looking disjointed in midfield and hesitant in attack. To add incredulity to ineptitude, mild-mannered Ross centre forward Richard Harbottle was sin-binned for an alleged breach of sporting politeness.

In the second half Ross rallied under the firm leadership of captain James Adamson. Matt Saunders produced some dazzling runs, from one of which Harbottle produced an immaculate finish to level matters. Chris Chalk's deft lay-offs were increasingly anticipated by Sean Couch, Richard Stewart and Wilem Haagen. Despite dominating meaningful possession and creating several chances, Ross could not conjure the killer punch and trudged off the pitch mildly depressed and, in the case of Chalk completely despondent.

## Hereford & Glos. Division 2

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham C	8	6	1	1	42	11	31	19
2	Lansdown B	8	6	1	1	34	11	23	19
3	Winchcombe	8	6	0	2	26	12	14	18
4	Gloucester City D	8	6	0	2	21	13	8	18
5	Lansdown C	8	4	2	2	15	14	1	14
6	Newent B	8	3	1	4	26	27	-1	10
7	Cirencester C	8	3	0	5	14	20	-6	9
8	Stroud B	8	3	0	5	13	32	-19	9
9	Sherborne A	8	2	1	5	14	21	-7	7
10	Ross-on-Wye A	8	2	1	5	9	18	-9	7
11	Hereford B	8	2	0	6	8	30	-22	6
12	Cheltenham D	8	1	1	6	10	23	-13	4

### This Week's Confirmed Results 15/11/08

Cheltenham C	6	-	1	Winchcombe
Cheltenham D	2	-	1	Ross-on-Wye A
Cirencester C	2	-	3	Lansdown C
Gloucester City D	1	-	0	Sherborne A
Lansdown B	10	-	0	Hereford B
Newent B	4	-	5	Stroud B

### Next Week's Matches 22/11/08

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