

Ross 2nd XI v Sherbourne 'A'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
24/01/09	0	1	home	league	Seb Sullivan

Scorers

Name	
Goals	

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Things can only get better.

Continuing the Dickensian theme of previous weeks, these really are the Best of Times, and the Worst of Times for these men of Ross, as once again they went down to another defeat at the hands of a team that they really should be beating. Especially one earlier in the year they put away 4-0, yet instead this time seeing a 0-1 defeat. I think a more apposite theme for this game would be, The Good, The Bad and the Ugly – first the good points.

Ross welcomed to their ranks the urbane and under-rated player Andy Cross, who played a sterling game up front for Ross, though admitting early on, he found the pace of the game quicker than he is used to in the more pedestrian 1st XI. His calm distribution and intelligent running lines were a great boost to the team.

Also worthy of note are the ever improving younger members of the team, who will be the life blood of the club in years to come, Geraint Morris, Richard Stewart and Ben Da Cunha showed many good touches and positive running and will only improve over the coming games and season.

The defence also played well, with Greg Weston, Edward Peck and Tim Jones showing their great experience with a number of interceptions and defensive tackles. The Captain, James Adamson should also be mentioned for his constant encouragement and willingness to run the ball forward, ably supported in midfield by Christopher Chalk.

Finally, on a positive note, a word on his last game this season and maybe longer, for stalwart Gareth Bowen. An ever present in the team this year, in this his grand finale, he showed the world that he is deadlier in front of his own goal, than he is in the oppositions, as he managed to get the final touch on the ball, taking it past his own goalkeeper only to then see it nestle in his own net, for the only goal of the game. However, the svelte figure of Mr Bowen will be sorely missed in the remaining games, out passing defences with his electrifying runs.

The Bad – on a technical front the passing was poor in this game and with 2 extra men at no point did Ross have the intelligence to work the ball around with sufficient confidence to undo their opposition, something that has been lacking all season. There were also a number of wasted chances in front of goal, with the aforementioned Cross, the ever willing Willem Haagen and the increasingly stropy Chris Chalk all

missing gilt edged chances in front of goal, some of which will haunt the culprits for many nights to come

And finally, the Ugly – and this was the real disappointment. As the game started to drift away from them, some of the more senior players in the team began to loose their way. It is in these times of adversity that it is more important than ever to keep pulling in the same direction. As the saying goes, ‘There is no i in team’.

Well we all live to fight another day. Special mention should be made and thanks extended to umpires John Setchfield and Richard Jenninson, who, in the Jenninson's case, is sorely missed on the field of play and who we also hope to see in a 2nd IX shirt very soon.

The unanimous decision of the judges was that Seb Sullivan should receive the Man of the Match award for his consistent good play, and a number of saves that kept his team in this game.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham C	14	12	1	1	66	17	49	37
2	Winchcombe	14	11	1	2	51	20	31	34
3	Lansdown B	14	9	1	4	61	25	36	28
4	Lansdown C	14	7	5	2	39	31	8	26
5	Gloucester City D	14	7	0	7	30	38	-8	21
6	Newent B	14	6	1	7	51	51	0	19
7	Sherborne A	14	5	3	6	40	46	-6	18
8	Cirencester C	14	5	1	8	31	39	-8	16
9	Hereford B	13	4	0	9	17	40	-23	12
10	Ross-on-Wye A	14	3	1	10	15	33	-18	10
11	Cheltenham D	14	3	1	10	19	48	-29	10
12	Stroud B	13	3	1	9	21	53	-32	10

Last Week's Confirmed Results

24/01/09

Cheltenham C	6 - 0	Newent B
Cheltenham D	2 - 4	Cirencester C
Lansdown B	7 - 1	Gloucester City D
Ross-on-Wye A	0 - 1	Sherborne A
Winchcombe	4 - 4	Lansdown C

Outstanding Results

24/01/09 Hereford B v Stroud B

Next Week's Matches

31/01/09

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