

Ross 2nd XI v Lansdown 'B'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
31/01/09	3	7	home	league	Andy Cross

Scorers

Name	Geraint Morris	Andy Cross
Goals	1	2

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Legends still lose

Most teams have their mythical figures; immortals whose memory lives on after they have ascended to a better place. Think Dixie Dean or Joe Royle. Occasionally, they return – like King Arthur will one day – to help save their former colleagues in their hour of need. Third from bottom of the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two, and facing a visit from league hotshots Lansdown B, Ross Mens 2nd Team found themselves requiring supernatural support last Saturday.

Cometh the hour, cometh the men. First up, Charlie Exton, former bad boy turned Buddhist Priest, replete with bandana. Second up, Rufus Davies, the Terry Thomas of the team, with a stick previously owned by Lord Baden-Powell. They strode onto the John Kyrle High School pitch like colossi, casting no shadow and making no sound (except Charlie, who shouted quite a lot). Re-joining the Ross old guard of Edward Peck, James Adamson, Andy Cross, Wilem Haagen and Tony Faulkner – heroes of the 2007/08 league winning team – hopes were high and spirits were lifted.

The early omens were good. Geraint Morris went close, before scoring from an identical position ten minutes later (but only after Lansdown had scored two). Nick Clark was proving a significant presence, and Chris Chalk and Sean Couch were certainly making an impression. From a Ben Da Cunha ball into the 'D', Cross slotted home (but only after Lansdown had scored another two).

In the second half, Richard Stewart was the provider for Ross' third strike and Cross' second (but only after Lansdown had scored two more). Despite the excellence of Seb Sullivan (the Herefordshire County U17 keeper) in the Ross goal, Lansdown sneaked a seventh, wantonly destroying the symmetry of the game. So, the moral of the story? Legends can lose too. If King Arthur does come back, he will probably be driving a Ford Mondeo and working at South Herefordshire Motorcaravans.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham C	15	13	1	1	71	17	54	40
2	Winchcombe	15	11	2	2	53	22	31	35
3	Lansdown B	15	11	1	3	70	22	48	34
4	Lansdown C	15	8	5	2	50	33	17	29
5	Newent B	15	7	1	7	56	51	5	22
6	Gloucester City D	15	7	0	8	31	42	-11	21
7	Cirencester C	15	6	1	8	34	41	-7	19
8	Sherborne A	15	4	4	7	36	50	-14	16
9	Hereford B	14	4	0	10	19	51	-32	12
10	Ross-on-Wye A	15	3	1	11	18	40	-22	10
11	Cheltenham D	15	3	1	11	19	53	-34	10
12	Stroud B	14	3	1	10	22	57	-35	10

This Week's Confirmed Results

Cirencester C	4	-	1	Gloucester City D
Lansdown C	11	-	2	Hereford B
Newent B	5	-	0	Cheltenham D
Ross-on-Wye A	3	-	7	Lansdown B
Sherborne A	2	-	2	Winchcombe
Stroud B	1	-	4	Cheltenham C

Next Week's Matches

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