

Ross 2nd XI v Hereford 'B'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
14/02/09	2	3	home	league	Mat Saunders

Scorers

Name	Matt Saunders
Goals	2

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No love is lost between close rivals

Saturday 14th February saw a cultured clash of aspiring hopefuls, in the Hereford & Gloucester league division 2. Ross set the pace with youthful exuberance alongside growing confidence. This was marked by a midfield quartet of Geraint Morris, Nick Clark, Richard Stewart and Matt Saunders, who ran and passed with consummate ease, yet all are half the age of the youngest Ross defender. Though, it was Hereford who took a surprise lead when they latched onto some suicidal defensive play. Andy Cross cut a solitary figure up front on his own, but he finally provided an exquisite pass to Matt Saunders who burst through from midfield and slotted the ball under the keeper to level the scores on the stroke of half time.

During the interval, Captain Edward Peck tried to encourage increased endeavour with a suitably appropriate speech for the day that commemorates the martyrdom of Valentinus. 'If what I have just witnessed for the last half hour is the food of love, give me excess of it, so surfeiting the appetite, may sicken and so die'.

Thus gorged, even the normally less than prosaic Tim Jones was seen crossing the half way line, ably supported by Greg Weston. As ever, the technically talented colossus that is Tony Faulkner ensured Hereford always struggled to break out of defense, whilst showing that the art of distribution is to spot the simple pass. Between the posts, Seb Sullivan was his usual solidity. Yet for all their graceful and free flowing hockey, the ugly flirted just below the surface. On one occasion youthful enthusiasm in the tackle needed to be addressed with a talking to by an umpire, whilst on another, old timer petulance resulted in a green card. No amount Chi could prevent Charlie Exton from having the taste of iron-oxide in his mouth as he watched the final moments of the game impotent from the sidelines. Before this, Matt Saunders scored his second of the day and Hereford netted twice.

Special thanks, as always go to the umpires, John Setchfield and James Adamson. Matt Saunders was voted South Hereford Motorcaravans man of the match for his brace of goals.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

		Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham C	15	13	1	1	71	17	54	40
2	Lansdown B	16	12	1	3	76	24	52	37
3	Winchcombe	16	11	2	3	55	28	27	35
4	Lansdown C	16	9	5	2	55	34	21	32
5	Gloucester City D	16	8	0	8	38	43	-5	24
6	Newent B	16	7	1	8	56	52	4	22
7	Cirencester C	16	7	1	8	35	41	-6	22
8	Sherborne A	15	4	4	7	36	50	-14	16
9	Hereford B	15	5	0	10	22	53	-31	15
10	Ross-on-Wye A	16	3	1	12	20	43	-23	10
11	Cheltenham D	16	3	1	12	20	58	-38	10
12	Stroud B	15	3	1	11	23	64	-41	10

This week's Confirmed Results

Lansdown C	5	-	1	Cheltenham D
Newent B	0	-	1	Cirencester C
Ross-on-Wye A	2	-	3	Hereford B
Stroud B	1	-	7	Gloucester City D
Winchcombe	2	-	6	Lansdown B

Outstanding Results

14/02/09 Sherborne A v Cheltenham C

Next week's Matches

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