

Ross 2nd XI v Cheltenham 'C'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
21/02/09	1	6	away	league	Tim Jones

Scorers

Name	Matt Saunders
Goals	1

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Beaten but unbowed

Captain Adamson led an ill fated expedition to the foothills of the Cotswolds on Saturday to take on the league leaders Cheltenham C, Ross Men's Hockey 2nd XI conceding a spirited 6-1 defeat.

There were a number of absences and an even greater range of excuses to the squad, including "Egypt tummy" and "following in Hemingway's footsteps". The team were even missing the illimitable dependability of Tony Faulkner, he being replaced by the svelte Matt Saunders.

Never a team to be daunted by the pedigree of their opposition, Ross drove deep into Cheltenham's half from the start of play, with some strong runs from Matt Saunders, Geraint Morris, Andy Cross and Nick Clarke. The home side was under much pressure during the first quarter, with any counter attacks being cut out by midfielders Neal Bowen, Charlie Exton, Richard Stewart and Willem Haagen. Cheltenham finally took the play into the Ross half, where much of the attack was halted by defenders James Adamson, Sean Couch and Tim Jones. The onslaught continued forcing keeper Seb Sullivan into making a number of dramatic saves. However despite his valiant efforts Ross soon find themselves two goals down. After much end to end to end play, Andy Cross capitalised on a Ross attack just before half time, executing a perfect reverse flick and putting the visitors back into the game.

Despite a rallying half time speech from captain Adamson, Ross failed to contain Cheltenham in the second half, the home side ably demonstrating why they are league leaders, soon running in another two goals in quick succession.

Amidst the barrage of the Cheltenham attack frustration led to Tim Jones again being penalised in his relentless quest for fair play – once more being silenced by the umpire. Ross regained composure and again took the play into the opposition's D,

only for Cheltenham to quash the attack and increase their lead to 5-1. Despite increased efforts from the Ross side they remained unable to break the Cheltenham stronghold, the home side scoring a sixth goal just before the final whistle, taking the score to an unrepresentative 6-1.

Tim Jones was voted South Hereford Motorcaravans Man of the Match for an inspiring effort in defence.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham C	16	14	1	1	77	18	59	43
2	Lansdown B	17	13	1	3	78	25	53	40
3	Winchcombe	17	11	2	4	56	33	23	35
4	Lansdown C	17	9	5	3	55	40	15	32
5	Gloucester City D	17	9	0	8	44	43	1	27
6	Cirencester C	17	8	1	8	42	44	-2	25
7	Newent B	17	7	1	9	57	54	3	22
8	Sherborne A	16	5	4	7	39	50	-11	19
9	Hereford B	16	6	0	10	27	54	-27	18
10	Ross-on-Wye A	17	3	1	13	21	49	-28	10
11	Cheltenham D	17	3	1	13	20	61	-41	10
12	Stroud B	16	3	1	12	26	71	-45	10

This week's confirmed results

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

Outstanding Results

22/02/09 Sherborne A v Cheltenham C

Next week's matches

28/02/09

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

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Hereford B	v	Stroud B
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