

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

### Stats

| Date     | For | Against | Venue | Fixture | SHM MOTM   |
|----------|-----|---------|-------|---------|------------|
| 07/03/09 | 3   | 2       | away  | league  | Andy Couch |

### Scorers

| Name  | Andy Couch | Andy Cross |
|-------|------------|------------|
| Goals | 2          | 1          |



### *Ross Defy the Odds*

There are moments in sport which live on in the public imagination: the underdog coming out on top. Foinavon winning the 1967 Grand National. Sunderland winning the 1973 FA Cup Final. Ross Men's 2nd XI defeating Gloucester D in the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucestershire League Division Two in 2009 (last Saturday to be precise).

It started well, Ross scoring first through the cool composure of Andy Cross in front of goal. Such was the domination of the away team, at times it seemed as if Gloucester only had nine men on the pitch. Adam Couch added a second and Ross seemed to be cruising, with the midfield of James Adamson, Chris Eggy Chalk, Richard Stewart and Charlie "nice boy" Exton putting on an imperious display, belying Ross' lowly league position. At the back, the famous four – Edward Peck, Sean Couch, Tim Jones and Greg Weston – were exerting complete control over the Gloucester attack, with Ross goalkeeper Seb Sullivan mopping up any balls that strayed into his 'D'.

Of course, any memorable victory needs drama and Ross did not fail to deliver it. Exton passed a ball out of defence to a Gloucester forward just before half-time; two touches later it was in the Ross net, giving Gloucester hope.

In the second half Ross still dominated, with Willem Haagen bringing his immense experience to the Ross forward line. With Richard Harbottle on for the injured Cross, Adam Couch scored the best goal of the game, controlling a sharp cross from Stewart before slotting home. However, even at 3-1 Ross did not see the game out comfortably. Sean Couch was judged to have kicked a goal-bound shot off the Ross line, but Sullivan saved the resulting penalty kick. Just as well, as Gloucester scored shortly after to produce a very nervy final five minutes.

This famous result against one of the teams that constitute the League's aristocracy ensures that Ross will achieve mid-table mediocrity. Adam Couch was voted South Hereford Motorcaravans Centre Man of the Match for his continuing contribution in front of goal.

### Hereford & Glos. Division 2

|    |                   | PI | W  | D | L  | GF | GA | GD  | Points |
|----|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|--------|
| 1  | Cheltenham C      | 19 | 17 | 1 | 1  | 97 | 21 | 76  | 52     |
| 2  | Lansdown B        | 19 | 15 | 1 | 3  | 97 | 26 | 71  | 46     |
| 3  | Winchcombe        | 19 | 12 | 2 | 5  | 64 | 39 | 25  | 38     |
| 4  | Lansdown C        | 19 | 9  | 5 | 5  | 59 | 47 | 12  | 32     |
| 5  | Cirencester C     | 19 | 10 | 1 | 8  | 49 | 47 | 2   | 31     |
| 6  | Newent B          | 19 | 9  | 1 | 9  | 69 | 57 | 12  | 28     |
| 7  | Gloucester City D | 19 | 9  | 0 | 10 | 46 | 49 | -3  | 27     |
| 8  | Sherborne A       | 19 | 6  | 4 | 9  | 44 | 63 | -19 | 22     |
| 9  | Hereford B        | 19 | 7  | 0 | 12 | 31 | 67 | -36 | 21     |
| 10 | Ross-on-Wye A     | 19 | 5  | 1 | 13 | 26 | 52 | -26 | 16     |
| 11 | Cheltenham D      | 19 | 3  | 1 | 15 | 21 | 70 | -49 | 10     |
| 12 | Stroud B          | 19 | 3  | 1 | 15 | 26 | 91 | -65 | 10     |

#### This Week's Confirmed Results

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

#### Next Week's Matches

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