

# Ross 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Cirencester 'C'

## Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
14/03/09	0	1	home	league	Geraint Morris

## Scorers

Name	Goals

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## *Ross upbeat despite defeat.*

Marx once wrote; 'The more the worker exerts himself, the more powerful becomes the alien objective world which he fashions against himself, the poorer he and his inner world become, the less that belongs to him.' Whilst he was trying to explain the implications of economics in terms closely parallel to Feuerbach's critique of religion, it can also help to elucidate Ross Men's Hockey 2<sup>nd</sup> XI season in this years Hereford & Glos League division 2. On a smaller scale it could also describe their most recent encounter against Cirencester, played this Saturday on a lovely spring afternoon at Monmouth Boys Sports Club.

For all their hard work and endeavor in front of goal, the attacking quartet of Andy Cross, Willem Haagen, Richard Harbottle and Adam Couch, found their final touch let them down. Exertion would also not be the adjective missing when describing the overall effort by the midfield consisting Captain James Adamson, Sean Couch, Andy Wright, Geraint Morris and Richard Stewart. For they ran themselves into the ground running after lost causes and what must have felt at times like chasing shadows. However, when in possession, they rarely managed to fashion much more than brief moments of magic, yet without any real end result.

As usual it was a tenacious back line made up of Seb Sullivan in goal, Edward Peck, Tim Jones, Greg Weston, Chan Exton and Tony Faulkner who kept Cirencester out of contention for long periods of play. It was regrettable that a moments lapse in concentration down the left allowed the opposition to take their only true shot on goal, passing Sullivan who had bravely left his line.

With a little more confidence and inner self belief, this team could not only take better advantage of games they dominate, but in the fullness of time push on into the play-off places. As it is, this was the first season a Ross Men's Hockey 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have taken to the field for many years, with the younger members of the squad never having played a competitive match at this level before. Now having achieved their aim of consolidation, next year will be a better test of where this team stands.

The South Hereford Motorcaravans man of the match award went to Geraint Morris.

Thanks, as usual, goes to our long serving umpire Pete Hughes and a special mention must also go to Chris Chalk who volunteered (almost on a par with Captain Lawrence Oates 17/3/1880-16/3/1912) to stand in at the last moment as a replacement second umpire.

### Hereford & Glos. Division 2

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham C	20	18	1	1	103	21	82	55
2	Lansdown B	20	15	1	4	97	32	65	46
3	Winchcombe	20	13	2	5	67	39	28	41
4	Cirencester C	20	11	1	8	50	47	3	34
5	Lansdown C	19	9	5	5	59	47	12	32
6	Newent B	19	9	1	9	69	57	12	28
7	Gloucester City D	20	9	0	11	46	52	-6	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	20	5	1	14	26	53	-27	16
11	Cheltenham D	19	3	1	15	21	70	-49	10
12	Stroud B	19	3	1	15	26	91	-65	10

#### Last Week's Confirmed Results

Cheltenham C	6 - 0	Lansdown B
Ross-on-Wye A	0 - 1	Cirencester C
Winchcombe	3 - 0	Gloucester City D

#### Outstanding Results

08/03/09	Cheltenham C	v	Lansdown C
08/03/09	Gloucester City D	v	Newent B
08/03/09	Winchcombe	v	Ross-on-Wye A
14/03/09	Hereford B	v	Cheltenham D
14/03/09	Lansdown C	v	Stroud B
14/03/09	Sherborne A	v	Newent B

#### Next Week's Matches

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