

## Ross 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Newent 'B'

### Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
21/03/09	1	6	away	league	Andy Wright

### Scorers

Name	Andy Cross
Goals	1

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### *Ross go Wright and then go wrong*

Call to mind the great rivalries of history: Carthage and Rome; Anglo-Saxons and Normans; Ross on Wye Hockey Club and Newent Hockey Club. In each case, the sophisticated culture pitted against superior force. The first two are consigned to history; the final one is played out several times a year, with the first enactment of 2009 taking place last Saturday when Ross A met Newent B in the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two.

Initially, the artistry of Ross looked to have the upper hand, with Andy Cross fashioning an exquisite opening goal. Andy 'Righteous' Wright controlled midfield, aided and abetted by Chris 'Chalkie' Chalk, Adam Couch and Ben de Cunha. Soon, however, disaster struck, with Ross keeper Seb Sullivan being taken off to hospital after an apparently innocuous clash with a Newent forward. Charlie Exton nobly donned the keeper's apparel, but he was a pale shadow of his predecessor and Newent equalised off a cleverly worked short corner.

After a second Newent goal, where Ross were convinced that their rookie keeper had been unfairly obstructed, the game took on a darker complexion. The Ross defence of James Adamson, Tim Jones and Edward Peck, not always renowned for their subtlety, started to assert their authority, albeit not before Newent scored a third goal.

The second half picked up where the first half had started, with opportunities opening up for Richard Harbottle and Willem Haagen. By now, Richard 'Riled' Wright was a veritable dervish, constantly making his presence felt, not necessarily to the benefit of his team. With both da Cunha and Chalk spending spells off the pitch licking their wounds, Ross' cause looked increasingly like that of Harold at Hastings: morally upright but practically doomed. Carthage was destroyed and so were Ross, finally going down 6-1.

The South Hereford Motorcaravans Ltd Man of the Match was awarded to Andy Wright for a display of futile passion not seen this side of Joan of Arc.

### Hereford & Glos. Division 2

		Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham C	21	18	1	2	106	25	81	55
2	Lansdown B	21	16	1	4	102	34	68	49
3	Winchcombe	21	14	2	5	72	43	29	44
4	Lansdown C	21	10	5	6	66	52	14	35
5	Newent B	21	11	1	9	76	58	18	34
6	Cirencester C	21	11	1	9	54	52	2	34
7	Gloucester City D	21	10	0	11	51	52	-1	30
8	Hereford B	21	8	0	13	36	72	-36	24
9	Sherborne A	20	6	4	10	44	64	-20	22
10	Ross-on-Wye A	21	5	1	15	27	59	-32	16
11	Cheltenham D	21	4	1	16	25	78	-53	13
12	Stroud B	20	3	1	16	26	96	-70	10

\*\* Cheltenham D 14/03 - Match 2770 - Walkover

\*\* Stroud B 14/03 - Match 2771 - Walkover

#### This Week's Confirmed Results

Cheltenham D	4 - 3	Cheltenham C
Cirencester C	4 - 5	Winchcombe
Gloucester City D	5 - 0	Hereford B
Lansdown B	5 - 2	Lansdown C
Newent B	6 - 1	Ross-on-Wye A

#### Next Week's Matches

Cheltenham D	v	Stroud B
Hereford B	v	Sherborne A
Lansdown B	v	Cirencester C

#### Outstanding Results

21/03/09 Stroud B v Sherborne A