

# Ross 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Winchcombe

## Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
04/04/09	3	5	away	league	James Adamson

## Scorers

Name	Matt Saunders	Willem Hagaan	Andy Cross
Goals	1	1	1

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## *Veni, Vidi, Vici*

I don't think Plutarch had Ross-on-Wye Men's Hockey 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in mind when he penned this phrase. And certainly not after the final curtain dropped on their inaugural season in the Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two, when they travelled away last Saturday afternoon to face a very good Winchcombe team.

Throughout this season the Ross 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have had a somewhat unsettled look about them and this match was no different. With 5 players who started the season being promoted into the first team, it is heartening to note that even for this final league match of the season, 2 fresh faced youth players from their Monmouth academy stepped up and made their debut. Just like those before them, Alex Roden and Chris Bargh did not look out of their depth and were soon challenging for loose balls like seasoned professionals.

As for the match itself, little needs to be repeated that has not already been said. Andrew Cross, Willem Haagen and Richard Harbottle upfront made the most of what little ball they saw. Matt Saunders was his usual dynamic self in midfield creating chances and scoring one himself. However his secondment away from the team over the last few weeks would account for his lack of stamina and certain rustiness when in possession. Fortunately he had great cover in the shape of Richard Stewart, Ben da Cunha, James Adamson, Alex Bargh and Tony Faulkner, who were all equally up to the task.

Finally it is only left to mention the usually dependable defensive back line of Greg Weston, Edward Peck and Charles Exton. However, in this instance, they went completely AWOL from the opening push-back and only turned up after 3 minutes when Winchcombe were already 2-0 up. No blame can be levelled at Seb Sullivan in goal, as he was completely left exposed.

Now that such a solid foundation has been laid, it is hoped that in the coming season a few more victories can be achieved. However, satisfaction can still be gleaned from having more players willing and able to play at the end of this season, than at the start. One sad note is the departure of Andy 'firebrand' Wright who is moving to greener

pastures. It is hoped that he remembers his sojourn at Ross with fond memories. Someone else will now need to pick up his fiery torch.

For the first and last time this season, James Adamson was unanimously voted South Herefordshire Motorcaravans man of the match by the entire female travelling support, for his outstanding contribution on the pitch (creating all three goals with a swagger not seen since Sócrates Brasileiro Sampaio de Souza Vieira de Oliveira), general athleticism, good looks and modesty.

<b>Hereford &amp; Glos. Division 2</b>									
		<b>PI</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GF</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Cheltenham C	22	19	1	2	108	26	82	58
2	Lansdown B	22	17	1	4	110	35	75	52
3	Winchcombe	22	15	2	5	77	46	31	47
4	Newent B	22	12	1	9	81	58	23	37
5	Lansdown C	22	10	5	7	67	54	13	35
6	Cirencester C	22	11	1	10	55	60	-5	34
7	Gloucester City D	22	10	0	12	49	57	-8	30
8	Hereford B	22	9	0	13	41	72	-31	27
9	Sherborne A	22	7	4	11	47	69	-22	25
<b>10</b>	<b>Ross-on-Wye A</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>16</b>
11	Cheltenham D	22	4	1	17	25	83	-58	13
12	Stroud B	22	4	1	17	31	97	-66	13

**This Week's Confirmed Results 04/04/09**

Winchcombe 5 - 3 Ross-on-Wye A