

Ross 2nd XI v Cirencester 'B'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
10/10/09	1	0	home	league	Greg Weston

Scorers

Name	Chris Bargh
Goals	1

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Grecian Ross see off Roman Cirencester

The Greeks knew a thing or two about discipline. The Phalanx formation of tightly interlocked shields and spears could resist the frontal attack of enemy soldiers regardless of their skill or flair. Last Saturday, Ross Hockey Club's Mens A team deployed similar tactics against top of the league visitors Cirencester B in the N4 Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two.

On first sight they seem unlikely hoplites, the Ross back four of Gareth Hughes, Greg Weston, Edward Peck and Sean Couch, but such they turned out to be. Showing exemplary defensive discipline, they contained a Cirencester attack long on pace and technique but shorter on determination and guile. Encamped for extended periods in the Ross half, Cirencester were reduced to passing the ball from one side of the pitch to the other, searching for a chink in the Ross armour. Occasionally, they got to the edge of the D, only for Seb Sullivan to make a series of excellent saves from increasingly desperate Cirencester forays. Their nerves began to fray, with their centre forward green carded for repeated dissent and their shots fizzing ever wider.

Behind this desperation lurked the spectre of defeat. Midway through the second half, Andy Cross made a brilliant run around the back of the Cirencester lines and pulled back an inch perfect pass which Chris Bargh flicked over the prostrate Cirencester goalkeeper. With captain Chris Chalk constantly harrying the opposition in midfield, and the two Richards – Harbottle and Stewart – proving outlets down the wings, Ross confidence grew as the match drew to a close. Even wily old fox Willem Haagen found increasing amounts of space to execute his elegant stickwork. A famous Ross victory was achieved; a testament to the old fashioned virtues of patience and persistence.

How to choose between the hoplites for the honour of being the South Herefordshire Motorcaravan Centre Man of the Match? On balance, the award went to Greg Weston for repeatedly winning tackles with a one handed nonchalance that befits his nickname of D'Artagnan.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

		Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Gloucester City C	4	3	0	1	14	6	8	9
2	Cleevillians A	4	3	0	1	10	2	8	9
3	Wotton-u-Edge A	4	3	0	1	8	3	5	9
4	Cirencester B	4	3	0	1	8	4	4	9
5	Cirencester C	4	3	0	1	7	7	0	9
6	Ross-on-Wye A	4	2	1	1	7	5	2	7
7	Hereford B	4	2	1	1	6	6	0	7
8	Winchcombe	4	2	0	2	14	12	2	6
9	Cheltenham D	4	1	1	2	7	9	-2	4
10	Sherborne A	4	1	1	2	7	10	-3	4
11	Lansdown C	4	1	1	2	9	14	-5	4
12	Gloucester City D	4	1	0	3	4	9	-5	3
13	Newent B	4	0	1	3	9	16	-7	1
14	Stroud B	4	0	0	4	7	14	-7	0

This Week's Confirmed Results

10/10/09

Cheltenham D	4 - 3	Newent B
Cirencester C	1 - 6	Gloucester City C
Gloucester City D	0 - 2	Wotton-u-Edge A
Hereford B	0 - 2	Cleevillians A
Ross-on-Wye A	1 - 0	Cirencester B
Sherborne A	3 - 3	Lansdown C
Winchcombe	5 - 2	Stroud B

Next Week's Matches

17/10/09

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