

Ross 2nd XI v Newent 'B'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
24/10/09	3	1	home	league	Tom M ^c Cuskie

Scorers

Name	Richard Steward	Tom M ^c Cluskie	Sean Couch
Goals	1	1	1

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Ross and Rolla

Newent 'B' adopted a pick and mix approach to kit selection in their visit to Ross 'A' in the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two fixture last Saturday. In truth, they looked like extras from Baywatch. As it transpired, they spent much of the first half in Ballwatch, as an increasing competent and confident Ross side dominated the match. Indeed, the home team went ahead within five minutes following a super run and sublime strike from Richard Stewart.

Suddenly, Newent had to do what Ross' two previous opponents had failed to do: score. By half-time, Ross had racked up 175 minutes without conceding a goal, in no small part due to the brilliance of Seb Sullivan between the posts. A slightly unfamiliar Ross defence of Edward Peck, Tony Faulkner, Sean Couch and Charlie Exton looked as solid as ever.

At the start of the second half Newent rallied, pushing more men forward. However, Ross debutant Tom M^cCluskie followed up on the save from his own shot to make it 2-0. Nonetheless, the Ross midfield of Chris Chalk, Andy Cross and the Richards – Harbottle and Stewart – came under increasing pressure, despite being augmented by Chris Bargh and Adam Couch when legs got weary.

Then the spell was broken. A very handy Newent midfield player, resplendent in a shocking pink T shirt, picked up the ball on the edge of the Ross D and cracked it into the bottom left hand corner of the goal. A silence descended upon the pitch; a silence more silent than that described in the Book of Revelation upon the opening of the Seventh Seal.

Nonetheless, Ross soon perked up. With Geraint Morris and Wilem Haagen proving a constant menace, it fell to Sean Couch to put the game beyond Newent's reach with a fine reverse stick finish. Tim Jones made an important second half appearance to bring renewed mettle to the Ross defence and the home team ran out 3-1 winners. Whisper it quietly, but the word 'promotion' is creeping into the Ross dressing room after a fourth game unbeaten.

Tom McCluskie was acclaimed as South Hereford Motorcaravan Centre Man of the Match. Thanks are due to Richard Jennison and Pete Hughes for umpiring

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1 Gloucester City C	6	5	0	1	21	10	11	15
2 Wotton-u-Edge A	6	4	1	1	11	4	7	13
3 Cirencester C	6	4	1	1	13	10	3	13
4 Cleevillians A	6	4	0	2	18	8	10	12
5 Cirencester B	6	4	0	2	12	8	4	12
6 Ross-on-Wye A	6	3	2	1	10	6	4	11
7 Cheltenham D	6	3	1	2	18	13	5	10
8 Lansdown C	6	2	2	2	13	17	-4	8
9 Hereford B	6	2	1	3	7	10	-3	7
10 Gloucester City D	5	2	0	3	6	9	-3	6
11 Winchcombe	6	2	0	4	18	22	-4	6
12 Sherborne A	6	1	1	4	9	17	-8	4
13 Newent B	6	0	1	5	10	21	-11	1
14 Stroud B	5	0	0	5	8	19	-11	0

This Week's Confirmed Results

24/10/09

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

Next Week's Matches

31/10/09

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

Outstanding Results

24/10/09 Gloucester City D v Stroud B