

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

### Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
14/11/09	0	2	away	league	Tony Faulkner

### Scorers

Name	
Goals	

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### *Sometimes you're the windshield*

There is one rather irritating Dire Straits song – in fact there are several irritating Dire Straits songs – which explores the idea that on some occasions you are the windshield and on other occasions you are the bug. On Saturday Ross Men's Hockey A side were most definitely the bug in their N4 Financial Solutions encounter with Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two leaders Gloucester City 'C', which talking of songs puts me in mind of the Blondie number Union City Blue (try it on the hookline – fits perfectly).

But I digress. Now, it would be misleading to suggest that the Gloucester were not the finer exponents of the technical skills of hockey during this match; they were. However, they were looking no more likely to break down the resolute Ross defence than some other top of the table teams this season when they were awarded a penalty flick as an umpire judged that one of the visiting defenders had kicked the ball in making a last ditch clearance out of the 'D'.

One down, against a better team, in the pouring rain, in the gathering gloom, in Gloucester, with three-quarters of the game to go, with no realistic chance of equalising. Not an enticing prospect. The heads of lesser teams would have gone down; but not Ross. They kept shape, discipline and cool and battled on, only conceding one more goal and one green card mid-way through the second half. Losing their six match unbeaten run was disappointing, but in many ways this counted as a moral victory, an example to insect life everywhere which finds itself in danger from fast moving motorised vehicles.

## Hereford & Glos. Division 2

	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1 Gloucester City C	9	8	0	1	38	11	27	24
2 Wotton-u-Edge A	9	7	1	1	35	6	29	22
3 Cirencester C	9	7	1	1	30	13	17	22
4 Cirencester B	9	7	0	2	32	10	22	21
5 Ross-on-Wye A	9	4	3	2	19	12	7	15
6 Gloucester City D	9	5	0	4	16	13	3	15
7 Cleevillians A	9	4	1	4	20	20	0	13
8 Cheltenham D	9	4	1	4	23	32	-9	13
9 Winchcombe	9	4	0	5	23	27	-4	12
10 Lansdown C	9	2	2	5	17	25	-8	8
11 Hereford B	9	2	2	5	8	20	-12	8
12 Sherborne A	9	2	2	5	17	30	-13	8
13 Newent B	9	0	1	8	16	43	-27	1
14 Stroud B	9	0	0	9	13	45	-32	0

### This Week's Confirmed Results 14/11/09

Cirencester C	5 - 1	Cheltenham D
Cleevillians A	0 - 7	Cirencester B
Gloucester City C	2 - 0	Ross-on-Wye A
Hereford B	0 - 1	Winchcombe
Lansdown C	2 - 3	Gloucester City D
Newent B	5 - 7	Sherborne A
Stroud B	2 - 10	Wotton-u-Edge A

### Next Week's Matches 21/11/09

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

## Squad

Edward Peck (capt)
Richard Harbottle
Seb Sullivan
Andy Cross
Richard Stewart
Greg Weston
Tom McLuskie
Charlie Exton
Geraint Morris
Tony Faulkner
Tim Jones
Gareth Hughes
Ben da Cunha
Chris Bargh