

Ross 2nd XI v Cirencester 'C'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
28/11/09	2	3	away	league	Richard Stewart

Scorers

Name	Richard Stewart
Goals	2

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Ross Rally Thwarted

As John Cleese notes as time runs out for him to complete his journey in the film *Clockwise*: 'It's not the despair, the despair I can cope with. It's the hope that I cannot stand'. The bitter-sweet flavour of hope satiated the palate of Ross on Wye Men's Hockey A Team in their away fixture with high-flying Cirencester 'C' in the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two.

At first, there did not seem to be many grounds for optimism. A team shorn of many of its defensive talents adopted an unfamiliar formation with only Greg Weston, Sean Couch and Edward Peck in front of goalkeeper Sebastian Sullivan. Nonetheless, this game followed a familiar recent pattern for the first twenty minutes; opposition relentlessly attacking and Ross resolutely defending, with Andy Cross and Chris Chalk both proving to be very adept makeshift holding midfielders. Still, it only seemed a matter of time until ...

... and then Ross scored! Richard Stewart showed a truly fleet turn of foot to beat the Cirencester goalkeeper to a ball he had no right to win and scurried it with a reverse stick shot onto the backboard. Hope sprang, concentration lapsed and the home side equalised almost immediately. Shortly after they went 2-1 ahead when a limp shot re-bounded off first the post and then Sullivan's back to trickle into the goal.

However, Cirencester had proved vulnerable and Ross were buoyant at half time. Pessimism could have enveloped the team when their opponents scored again, but Ross could still see that the faint light at the end of the tunnel had not been extinguished. A fine through ball from the typically idiosyncratic Chris Bargh released Stewart into the 'D' and he scorched home his shot. That faint light was now dazzling, transfixing Cirencester like rabbits in the headlights. Ross surged forward and Ben Da Cunha and Adam Couch both went close as Alex Black and Richard Harbottle found a new supply of oxygen in midfield.

All for nothing; the cruel whistle of fate turned off the life support machine of time, condemning to oblivion the still beating heart of Ross' dreams.

OK, so Ross lost 3-2, but Richard Stewart was named South Hereford Motorcaravan Centre Man of the Match

Hereford & Gos. Division 2

	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1 Gloucester City C	11	10	0	1	47	12	35	30
2 Cirencester C	11	9	1	1	37	16	21	28
3 Wotton-u-Edge A	11	8	1	2	42	12	30	25
4 Cirencester B	11	7	1	3	34	16	18	22
5 Winchcombe	11	6	0	5	33	30	3	18
6 Gloucester City D	11	6	0	5	19	18	1	18
7 Cleevillians A	11	5	1	5	27	28	-1	16
8 Ross-on-Wye A	10	4	3	3	21	15	6	15
9 Cheltenham D	11	4	2	5	25	36	-11	14
10 Lansdown C	10	2	3	5	19	27	-8	9
11 Hereford B	11	2	3	6	10	23	-13	9
12 Sherborne A	11	2	2	7	20	40	-20	8
13 Stroud B	11	2	0	9	23	50	-27	6
14 Newent B	11	0	1	10	22	56	-34	1

This Week's Confirmed Results

28/11/09

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

Next Week's Matches

05/12/09

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

Squad

Chris Chalk (Capt)
Edward Peck
Greg Weston
Seb Sullivan
Andy Cross
Richard Stewart
Sean Couch
Chris Bargh
Ben da Cunha
Alex Black
Adam Couch
Richard Harbottle