

Ross 2nd XI v Hereford 'B'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
05/12/09	3	0	home	league	Andy Cross

Scorers

Name	Tom McLuskie	Sean Couch
Goals	2	1

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No love is lost between close rivals

On this date in 1492 Christopher Columbus became the first European to set foot on Hispaniola (the Dominican Republic and Haiti) and thus set the trend of what can only be described as a journey into the unknown. Thus it was, just over 12 months ago, when Ross Hockey Club decided to form a 2nd team.

Saturday 5/12/09 saw the latest in a long line of league clashes between local rivals Hereford B and Ross A. Unlike last year when Hereford narrowly defeated Ross 3-2, Ross has continued to demonstrate improved team performances by finishing this contest convincing 3-0 winners.

From the start it was evident that upfront Tom McLuskie, Alex Black, Richard Stewart and Richard Harbottle had the better of the Hereford defense. Within 5 minutes they had won a short corner and Sean Couch stepped forward to precisely slot home an unstoppable shot that he has perfected after hours of diligent rehearsing on the practice courts. It was time now for the midfield composed of Captain Chris Chalk, Andy Cross, James Adamson, Ben da Cunha and Geraint Morris to dominate and stifle any Hereford attacks, whilst trying to create opportunities for the forwards. In this role Andy Cross excelled, from breaking up Hereford's possession with perfectly timed tackles to lifted passes to the feet of the Ross front runners. It was from just one of his telling passes that Alex sent the ball across the front of goal and Tom McLuskie tapped in.

The second half saw Hereford step up a gear and start to gain a little more possession, through the determination of some very skillful stick work. Fortunately the Ross defense of Gareth Hughes, Sean Couch, Ed Peck, Tim Jones and Greg Weston were up to this challenge. Seb Sullivan in goal also made some quite outstanding saves to deny Hereford the respectability of a consolation goal. Gradually Ross regained their ascendancy and Tom McLuskie finished off another excellent move with his second goal.

Special thanks, as always go to the umpires, Pete Hughes and Andy Ridgeway. Andy Cross was voted South Hereford Motorcaravans man of the match for his contribution as playmaker.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1 Gloucester City C	12	11	0	1	50	12	38	33
2 Cirencester C	12	10	1	1	39	16	23	31
3 Wotton-u-Edge A	12	9	1	2	47	13	34	28
4 Cirencester B	12	7	1	4	34	18	16	22
5 Gloucester City D	12	7	0	5	20	18	2	21
6 Cleevillians A	12	6	1	5	32	29	3	19
7 Ross-on-Wye A	11	5	3	3	24	15	9	18
8 Winchcombe	12	6	0	6	33	31	2	18
9 Cheltenham D	12	4	2	6	27	39	-12	14
10 Sherborne A	12	3	2	7	23	42	-19	11
11 Lansdown C	11	2	3	6	20	32	-12	9
12 Hereford B	12	2	3	7	10	26	-16	9
13 Stroud B	12	2	0	10	24	55	-31	6
14 Newent B	12	0	1	11	22	59	-37	1

This Week's Confirmed Results

05/12/09

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

Next Week's Matches

08/12/09

Ross-on-Wye A v Lansdown C

12/12/09

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

Squad

Chris Chalk (Capt)
Edward Peck
Greg Weston
Seb Sullivan
Andy Cross
Richard Stewart
Sean Couch
Geraint Morris
Ben da Cunha
Alex Black
James Adamson
Richard Harbottle
Tim Jones
Tom McLuskie
Gareth Hughes