

Ross 2nd XI v Winchcombe

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
19/12/09	3	5	home	league	Seb Sullivan

Scorers

Name	Sean Couch	Phil Evans	Chris Chalk
Goals	1	1	1

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The Return of the Nemesis

The vagaries of the league schedule matched Ross A against Winchcombe for the second week in a row in the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two. However unlike the previous clash when Ross threw off its shackles to defeat their nemesis, this match returned to form.

It was perhaps unfortunate that the match was not called off as the teams warmed up, with what was very nearly a frozen pitch and the fluttering of isolated snowflakes. With a freezing north-easterly wind, it was difficult enough just to keep a proper grip on the sticks without thinking about the uneven bounce of the ball. Nethertheless the umpires decided the pitch was playable and the game got underway. Well it did at least for Winchcombe who within 15 minutes were soon 2-0 up with Ross barely getting out of their half. Finally, just before half time Richard Jennison conjured up a trademark moment of pure athleticism before creating an explosive discharge, freeing Alex Black down the flank. With an inch perfect cross, Richard Harbottle was only prevented from opening the scoring for Ross by an illegal foot. Cometh the moment - cometh the man and up stepped Adam Couch to blast the resulting short corner into the goal. Game on as the halftime whistle blew.

With a rousing speech from Captain Chris Chalk still ringing in their ears, Ross started the second in a determined effort to get back on level terms. With neat passing between the midfield of James Adamson, Andy Cross, Charlie Exton and Geraint Morris, Phil Evans was set free to weave through the Winchcombe defence at let rip with a rasping shot that passed underneath their keeper almost in slow motion. However the Ross celebrations were short lived as the defensive backline of Tim Jones, Sean Couch, Tony Faulkner, Rufus Davies and Edward Peck was left dangerously exposed, leaving Seb Sullivan in goal with no chance. As Ross through everything at the Winchcombe goal, it was the opposition who grabbed a fourth. Finally Chris Chalk took a well worked consolation goal, but Ross still allowed time for Winchcombe to finish the game with their fifth.

A week is a long time in the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two, but fortunately there is a three week break before Ross 'A' once again take to the field on 09/01/2010 away to Hereford 'B' away.

Seb Sullivan was voted Hereford Motorcaravans Man of the match and as always a special thanks to John Setchfield for braving the elements with a whistle.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1 Gloucester City C	13	12	0	1	56	14	42	36
2 Wotton-u-Edge A	13	10	1	2	49	14	35	31
3 Cirencester C	13	10	1	2	40	18	22	31
4 Cirencester B	14	8	1	5	39	22	17	25
5 Ross-on-Wye A	14	7	3	4	34	23	11	24
6 Cleevillians A	13	7	1	5	41	29	12	22
7 Winchcombe	14	7	0	7	41	38	3	21
8 Gloucester City D	13	7	0	6	22	22	0	21
9 Cheltenham D	13	5	2	6	31	41	-10	17
10 Lansdown C	13	3	3	7	23	35	-12	12
11 Hereford B	14	3	3	8	14	31	-17	12
12 Sherborne A	13	3	2	8	23	51	-28	11
13 Stroud B	13	2	0	11	26	61	-35	6
14 Newent B	13	0	1	12	22	62	-40	1

Last Week's Confirmed Results 19/12/09

Cirencester B	1 -	4	Hereford B
Ross-on-Wye A	3 -	5	Winchcombe

Outstanding Results

19/12/09	Gloucester City D	v	Cheltenham D
19/12/09	Newent B	v	Lansdown C
19/12/09	Sherborne A	v	Cleevillians A
19/12/09	Stroud B	v	Gloucester City C
19/12/09	Wotton-u-Edge A	v	Cirencester C

Squad

Chris Chalk (Capt)
Tim Jones
Richard Jennison
Phil Evans
Andy Cross
Rufus Davies
Seb Sullivan
Geraint Morris
James Adamson
Alex Black
Tony Faulkner
Richard Harbottle
Charlie Exton
Edward Peck
Sean Couch
Adam Couch