

Ross 2nd XI v Lansdown C

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
23/01/10	3	2	away	league	Alex Roden

Scorers

Name	Tom McCluskey	Richard Harbottle	Sean Couch
Goals	1	1	1

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Rusty Ross Resilient

To appropriate Oscar Wilde: for Ross on Wye Men's Hockey Club 'A' Team to go one down once against Lansdown 'C' in last Saturday's N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two fixture was unfortunate; to go one down twice was careless. Or perhaps less careless than breathless, as the consequences of four weeks of enforced idleness were etched on the faces of some of the more mature members of the Ross side. Furthermore, the nimble feet of James Adamson and the cool head of Charlie Exton were sorely missed in the first twenty minutes as Lansdown both took control of the game and the lead. It was against the run of play that Tom McLuskie equalised after an inspired high ball from the rudely healthy Andy Cross was put into the opposition 'D' by a sophisticatedly skilful Richard Stewart.

In recent times many of us have started to wonder whether most bankers can tell the difference between a sensible strategy and a pork pie. His colleagues have no such doubts about Captain Chris "Chalkie" Chalk, notwithstanding his profession. Switching Alex Roden to his natural left back position at half time both inhibited Lansdown's attacks and created a new avenue for Ross offensives with Stewart now playing in front of him as an out and out left winger. With five in midfield, including the industrious Ben da Cunha, the Ross defence was less exposed, although Edward Peck still elected to watch a Lansdown forward shoot past Sebastian Sullivan in the Ross goal rather than put in a stopping tackle.

Nothing daunted, Ross pressed forward and a sublime thirty yard pass from Greg Weston to Stewart resulted in another searching cross 'D' ball from which Richard Harbottle saw his searing shot whistle past the Lansdown post. Five minutes later, his sat nav adjusted, Harbottle scored.

Ross now swarmed forward looking for the winner, with even Tony Faulkner and Tim Jones striding up the pitch from defence and Chris Bargh on as centre forward. But it was Sean Couch who provided the perfect ending with an unstoppable finish from a short corner. This win demonstrated the confidence and determination of the Ross 'A' squad, and also took them into a heady fourth place in the league. Alex Roden was voted Man of the Match for an outstanding second half display.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

	P	I	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1 Gloucester City C	16	14	0	2	66	20	46		42
2 Wotton-u-Edge A	16	11	2	3	56	18	38		35
3 Cirencester C	15	11	2	2	45	20	25		35
4 Cleevillians A	15	9	1	5	45	31	14		28
5 Ross-on-Wye A	15	8	3	4	37	25	12		27
6 Cirencester B	15	8	1	6	39	25	14		25
7 Gloucester City D	16	8	1	7	26	27	-1		25
8 Winchcombe	15	8	0	7	48	39	9		24
9 Cheltenham D	14	5	3	6	32	42	-10		18
10 Lansdown C	15	3	3	9	26	40	-14		12
11 Hereford B	15	3	3	9	14	33	-19		12
12 Sherborne A	15	3	2	10	25	60	-35		11
13 Stroud B	15	3	0	12	29	67	-38		9
14 Newent B	15	1	1	13	24	65	-41		4

Last Week's Confirmed Results

24/01/10			
Gloucester City D	1 - 1	Cheltenham D	
Newent B	2 - 1	Lansdown C	
Sherborne A	1 - 2	Cleevillians A	
23/01/10			
Cirencester C	4 - 1	Gloucester City D	
Cleevillians A	2 - 1	Wotton-u-Edge A	
Gloucester City C	3 - 0	Cirencester B	
Lansdown C	2 - 3	Ross-on-Wye A	
Stroud B	2 - 0	Newent B	
Winchcombe	7 - 1	Sherborne A	

Next Week's Matches

30/01/10			
Cheltenham D	v	Cirencester C	
Cirencester B	v	Cleevillians A	
Gloucester City D	v	Lansdown C	
Ross-on-Wye A	v	Gloucester City C	
Sherborne A	v	Newent B	
Winchcombe	v	Hereford B	
Wotton-u-Edge A	v	Stroud B	
31/01/10			
Cleevillians A	v	Stroud B	
Gloucester City C	v	Newent B	
Lansdown C	v	Wotton-u-Edge A	
02/02/10			
Ross-on-Wye A	v	Cirencester C	

Outstanding Results

23/01/10 Hereford B v Cheltenham D

Squad

Chris Chalk (Capt)
Tim Jones
Tom McCluskey
Alex Roden
Andy Cross
Chris Bargh
Seb Sullivan
Ben da Cunha
Sean Couch
Richard Stewart
Tony Faulkner
Richard Harbottle
Greg Weston
Edward Peck
Sean Couch
Adam Couch