

Ross 2nd XI v Newent 'B'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
20/02/10	3	1	away	league	Tony Faulkner

Scorers

Name	Andy Cross	Tom Walton
Goals	1	2

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Ross unfreeze Newent

Newent 'B' rearranged the venue to avoid a frozen pitch and instead travelled to Monmouth to take on an ever increasingly confident Ross, in their home league fixture this Saturday. On the previous Tuesday evening Ross A had turned over the league leaders Gloucester City C, so expectations were high, although there were concerns about how much they would miss their top scorer Tom McCluskey.

It was a nervous start to the match for both teams, as passes were missed and sticks clashed. However things soon settled down and against the run of play Ross found themselves 1-0 up when Tom Walton found some space in the Newent 'd' and fired a rocket into the bottom left hand corner of the goal. Newent quickly rallied and soon piled on the pressure, which soon paid off after a couple of neat interpasses finally broke through the Ross defensive line of Gareth Hughes, Tim Jones, Greg Weston, Edward Peck and Alex Roden. Seb Sullivan in goal valiantly dived at the on rushing striker, but the damage had already been done, with the ball hitting the back-board.

With the scores level at half time, Captain Chris Chalk needed to sort out the formation to counter the myriad of threats from midfield and along with a rallying speech on a par with King Hal. However instead he treated the team to a lesson in grammar. At least the defence would now start the second half knowing 'whom' they were marking.

As the half progressed the midfield comprising James Adamson, Sean Couch, Chris Bargh, and Tony Faulkner gradually asserted themselves and gained the upper hand. A number of counter attacks by Ross saw some desperate defending by Newent, resulting in repeated penalty corners. From one of these well worked short corner routines, Andy Cross pushed home a deflected shot that had come back off the post and Ross found themselves once again ahead by a single goal. Now it was a matter of soaking up the pressure and letting the flying wings, Adam Couch and Richard Harbottle, take the steam out of the match. Finally, with the last strike of the match, Tom Walton claimed his second goal when he latched onto a loose defensive pass inside the Newent 'd' and struck the ball past the helpless keeper. The 3-1 score line was identical to their encounter earlier in the season, meaning that Ross have now completed a double on their close neighbour for the first time in many seasons. No doubt they will come back stronger next year looking to set the record straight.

Tony Faulkner was acclaimed the South Hereford Motorcaravan Centre Man of the Match for his usual mastery in defence.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1 Gloucester City C	20	16	1	3	78	28	50	49
2 Cirencester C	21	15	3	3	63	29	34	48
3 Wotton-u-Edge A	19	14	2	3	72	19	53	44
4 Cleevillians A	20	14	1	5	75	40	35	43
5 Cirencester B	19	11	2	6	52	31	21	35
6 Ross-on-Wye A	19	10	3	6	44	33	11	33
7 Winchcombe	20	10	0	10	58	50	8	30
8 Gloucester City D	19	9	1	9	28	34	-6	28
9 Cheltenham D	20	7	4	9	45	61	-16	22
10 Hereford B	19	5	3	11	24	43	-19	18
11 Lansdown C	19	4	3	12	32	49	-17	15
12 Sherborne A	20	4	2	14	29	80	-51	14
13 Stroud B	18	3	0	15	35	86	-51	9
14 Newent B	19	1	1	17	29	81	-52	4

* Cheltenham D 23/01 - Match 2804 Match awarded by the RSC (3 points deducted)

Last Week's Confirmed Results

20/02/10			
Cirencester C	5 - 0	Sherborne A	
Cleevillians A	7 - 1	Cheltenham D	
Gloucester City C	5 - 3	Winchcombe	
Newent B	1 - 3	Ross-on-Wye A	
16/02/10			
Ross-on-Wye A	3 - 2	Gloucester City C	
14/02/10			
Cheltenham D	2 - 1	Sherborne A	

Next Week's Matches

21/02/10			
Gloucester City C	v	Newent B	
Wotton-u-Edge A	v	Stroud B	
27/02/10			
Cheltenham D	v	Stroud B	
Cirencester C	v	Lansdown C	
Gloucester City D	v	Newent B	
Hereford B	v	Gloucester City C	
Ross-on-Wye A	v	Wotton-u-Edge A	
Sherborne A	v	Cirencester B	
Winchcombe	v	Cleevillians A	

Outstanding Results

20/02/10	Lansdown C v Hereford B
20/02/10	Stroud B v Gloucester City D
20/02/10	Wotton-u-Edge A v Cirencester B

Squad

Chris Chalk (Capt)
Gareth Hughes
Tim Jones
James Adamson
Andy Cross
Alex Roden
Seb Sullivan
Adam Couch
Sean Couch
Edward Peck
Tony Faulkner
Richard Harbottle
Tom Walton
Chris Bargh
Greg Weston