

Ross 2nd XI v Cheltenham 'D'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
27/03/10	2	1	away	league	James Adamson

Scorers

Name	Chris Chalk	James Adamson
Goals	1	1

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Ross A end season on a high.

It has been a long season for Ross A in the Hereford & Gloucester league division 2, but one which ended on a high in Cheltenham on Saturday. Twelve months ago Ross finished their first season in the league a credible 10th. Now led by Chris Chalk (possibly the most successful 2nd XI captain in Ross history) they attained an excellent 6th place finish.

Unlike in their previous away match, Ross began their neat passing game right from the start. For once the hours spent training each week (Mondays at 8pm Monmouth Leisure Centre and Wednesdays at 8pm John Kyrle High School – all are welcome) allowed Ross to dominate the match almost throughout the entire 70 minutes. With Seb Sullivan in goal giving another master class in 'how to dominate the D' and a strong defensive backline made up of Edward Peck, Greg Weston, Tony Faulkner, Gareth Hughes, Sean Couch and the ever youthful Alex Roden, very little was going to go Cheltenham's way in front of goal. It was simply left for the midfield of Chris Chalk, Andy Cross, Richard Harbottle and Richard Stewart to graft and create for the frontline consisting of Adam Couch and James Adamson.

After a rather straight forward first half of play that took place primarily in the Cheltenham half, the first goal went rather predictably to Ross from short corner routine excellently finished off by Captain Chalk. 1-0 up at half time and all was well with the world. It was simply a matter of keeping things much the same.

However this gentle walk in the park was to turn on two exceptional incidents in the second half. The first was a moment of madness from the usually impeccable Peck that resulted in his sin-binning for 6 minutes (we were slightly surprised to learn later that this was his first ever yellow card!) when he became entangled with the oppositions centre forward. Cheltenham then rubbed salt into the wound when they scored from the resulting penalty corner. The second was moment of pure magic that one sees only once in a very privileged lifetime. As Ross pushed on seeking to retake the lead, Chris Chalk intercepted a Cheltenham pass in midfield and fed Richard Harbottle for one of his searching runs. He linked up well outside the Cheltenham D with Adam Couch, who then made in inch perfect pass to James Adamson who was lurking near the penalty spot. Despite have three man markers, he swivelled on a five pence piece, flashed past two defenders before placing a rasping reverse stick shot into the bottom left hand corner of the goal. A dejected Cheltenham team realised from that moment the match was over. In any other year this would have been the goal of the season, nee decade. Regretfully for Adamson, even he would concede that Willem Haagen's flick over five defenders and the goalie from the edge of the D against Stroud back on 31/10/09 just pipped it.

Man of the match went to the exceptional James Adamson, although he was overheard to acknowledge that it was a team effort and he could never have done it without their support.

Hereford & Glos. Division 2

	Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1 Gloucester City C	26	22	1	3	106	31	75	67
2 Wotton-u-Edge A	26	21	2	3	105	21	84	65
3 Cirencester C	26	18	4	4	76	38	38	58
4 Cleevillians A	26	18	1	7	110	58	52	55
5 Cirencester B	26	16	2	8	81	41	40	50
6 Ross-on-Wye A	24	12	3	9	53	42	11	39
7 Gloucester City D	25	10	3	12	35	52	-17	33
8 Winchcombe	26	11	0	15	73	91	-18	33
9 Cheltenham D	26	9	5	12	60	75	-15	29 **
10 Lansdown C	24	6	3	15	46	56	-10	21
11 Sherborne A	26	6	3	17	39	104	-65	21
12 Hereford B	24	5	3	16	27	72	-45	18
13 Stroud B	25	5	1	19	47	111	-64	16
14 Newent B	26	2	3	21	41	107	-66	9

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

** Gloucester City D 30/01 - Match 2810 - Match awarded by the RSC

** Newent B 07/03 - Match 2812 - Match awarded by the RSC

** Sherborne A 06/03 - Match 2846 - Match awarded by the RSC

** Stroud B 13/02 - Match 2826 - Match awarded by the RSC

Last Week's Confirmed Results 27/03/10

Cheltenham D	1 - 2	Ross-on-Wye A
Cirencester C	2 - 2	Newent B
Gloucester City C	7 - 1	Cleevillians A
Hereford B	0 - 7	Wotton-u-Edge A
Sherborne A	1 - 1	Gloucester City D
Winchcombe	0 - 8	Cirencester B

Outstanding Results 27/03/10 Lansdown C v Stroud B

Squad

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