

Ross 2nd XI v Ludlow 2nd

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
10/04/10	4	2	away	friendly	The Team

Scorers

Name	Kiristian Franklin	Chris Chalk	Chris Bargh
Goals	2	1	

Ross lord it over Ludlow

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Ross Men's Hockey 2nd XI has decided to extend its successful season with some cross-border friendly matches, starting with Ludlow 2nds last Saturday. With one league game to go, Ross cannot either lose or improve on their 6th slot in the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two, a considerable step forward from their 3rd from bottom in 2008/09.

Unusually, there are some first team players who, despite winning the N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division One, now seem to covet a place amongst the sophisticated wit and charm of the second team elite. However, for all their skills, the inclusion of any in the 2nd team seems problematic. Kristian Franklin may have scored two of Ross' goals against Ludlow but he has yet to demonstrate the advanced ability in the conjugation of verbs that is expected of probably the most pedantic hockey team in the country (not for nothing is the Honorary President Lynne Truss). For all his perfect positioning and precise interceptions, defender Richard Jennison is, well, just too Yorkshire.

More in tune with the spirit of the team is Chris Bargh: swashbuckling hockey played with devil may care enthusiasm and a firm grasp of IT; or Chris Chalk, the retiring captain and a refined man possessing a fierce passion for the game. Both scored on Saturday. As did centre-back Edward Peck although, with his usual insouciance, he chose to do so in his own goal from a rare Ludlow short-corner. It was one of only two times that the excellent Sebastian Sullivan was troubled in the Ross goal; the other occasion was from a cheeky lob that levelled the scores at 2-2 shortly after half-time.

Others played their part. Tony Faulkner marshalled the Ross defence, with the increasingly impressive left-back Alex Roden exuding confidence and competence. Andy Cross was flaunting his youthful good looks and even better health in midfield, James Adamson looked as cool as a steamed cauliflower in the warm spring sunshine and Richard Harbottle battled like a beaver. Richard Stewart was tireless in his darting runs down the right wing from where most of the Ross goal threat emanated, with Andy Ridgway showing his natural poacher's instinct for finding concealed space.

All in all, a most satisfactory afternoon's work. Oh yes!

Squad

Chris Chalk (Capt)
Chris Bargh
Tony Faulkner
James Adamson
Seb Sullivan
Richard Stewart
Kristian Franklin
Richard Jennison
Edward Peck
Andy Cross
Phil Evans
Richard Harbottle
Alex Roden
Andy Ridgway