

Vrs Hereford 3rds

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
08/12/07	2	1	away	friendly	Adrian Williams

Scorer

Name	Adrian Williams
Goals	2



Relaxed Ross still triumph

Ross Men's 1st XI dominated the fist of their friendly matches organised over the winter festival with a narrow 2-1 away win over Hereford. However, an overly relaxed second half display almost led to Ross clutching defeat from the jaws of victory.

With a number of league regulars absent, captain Sam Warner called up club coach Pete Jenkins for a rare match appearance and he brought a readily vocalised wisdom to the Ross performance. This was evident in the first half as Ross soon took a two goal lead with both strikes coming from the in-form Adrian Williams. There has been a view amongst his team-mates that Williams has been getting his goals too easily in recent weeks but both of these were excellent. The first came from a fine piece of goal poaching after Kristian Franklin had twice had close range attempts stopped by the Hereford keeper. The second came with a glorious reverse stick sweep from a pinpoint pass from Phil Evans.

Later in the half, a Hereford defender resorted to kicking the ball off the line; unfortunately, the resulting penalty flick from Dave Pearson was judged to have infringed the rules despite flying into the bottom corner. Andy Cross rather implausibly flicked over the bar from close range and James Brown caused constant consternation with his darting runs.

In the second half Ross relaxed a little too much, although the rapid rotation of substitutes may also have served to disrupt their rhythm. Andy Ridgway in the Ross goal was twice left dangerously exposed by the usually robust backline of Brian Clare, Greg Weston and Edward Peck. However, the Hereford forwards were unable to capitalise on these lapses and Ross played out the game in relative comfort.