

Vrs Old Cleevillians

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
5/1/08	2	2	away	friendly	Tony Faulkner

Scorers

Name	Tom Walton	Adrian Williams
Goals	1	1

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Ross refuse to lose

From the start of the 2007/08 season until the Christmas break, Ross Men's 1st XI had gone 14 games unbeaten, winning twelve matches in the process. On Saturday, they blew away the holiday cobwebs with an away friendly against Old Cleevillians who play one league above them in the N4 Financial Solutions West of England and South Wales Hockey League. This was never going to be an easy task, and with some of the Ross players looking like they had perhaps eaten a little more turkey and trifle than might have been wise, they still fought doggedly to come away with a 2-2 draw.

However, it was Ross who took the lead with an excellent short corner flick from captain Tom Walton. With the Ross defence of Greg Weston, James Adamson, Richard Jennison and Tony Faulkner looking solid, and being ably protected by Brian Clare, Neil Bowen, Edward Peck, Walton and Sam Warner in midfield, this goal separated the teams at half-time.

In the second half some of the Ross passing and defending became a little sketchy, and Old Cleevillians scored two goals in quick succession; only another robust display by Andy Ridgway in the Ross goal kept his team in the game. Slowly, Ross regained their composure and the strike force of Andy Cross, James Brown and Adrian Williams combined with ten minutes to go to enable Williams to equalise. Overall, another fine result for a resolute Ross team, and more evidence that Ross will cope in the higher league if they do win promotion.