

Vrs Abergavenny

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
12/1/08	3	3	home	friendly	Phil Evans

Scorers

Name	James Brown	Phil Evans	Sam Warner
Goals	1	1	1

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Ross roll on

Ross Men's 1st X1 continued their warm-up for the second half of their league campaign with a home fixture against Abergavenny, another team, like the opposition last week, much further up the hockey food chain. However, the Ross team was once again resolute in their determination to extend their run of unbeaten games to 16, a mission accomplished in this competitive 3-3 draw.

Indeed, it was Ross who took the lead, rather against the run of play, when Phil Evans and James Brown combined, with the flair of the former and the legs of the latter, enabling Brown to push the ball home from close range. This reverse only served to make the visitors re-double their attacking efforts; nonetheless the sturdy defence of Brian Clare, Edward Peck, Greg Weston, Tony Faulkner and Gareth Hughes mostly stood firm, despite the pace and skill of the marauding Abergavenny midfielders. Eventually, technique triumphed over tenacity and the Welsh side scored twice in quick succession. In truth, they could have had 2 or 3 more goals, only being denied by the terrier-like determination of goal-minder Andy Ridgway.

After the half-time interval, though, Ross rallied, with the midfield of James Adamson, Tom Walton, Sam Warner and Andy Cross supplying more and more of the ball to Wilem Hagen and Richard Harbottle upfront. This domination led to a succession of short corners, from one of which Evans struck the ball cleanly home after a neatly worked routine. He then made one of his dazzling runs down the inside left channel before releasing Warner to rifle the ball against the backboard. A visibly rattled Abergavenny came back strongly against Ross, but the home side was still disappointed to concede the equaliser in the last five minutes.

Phil Evans was voted South Herefordshire Caravans Man of the Match for giving what was unanimously agreed to be his best performance in a Ross shirt. Thanks are due to Pete Hughes and Richard Jennison for umpiring.