

## Ross 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Vrs Cleevillians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

### Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
20/09/08	2	8	home	friendly	Andy Vaughan

### Scorers

Name	David Skyrme	Andy Vaughan
Goals	1	1

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### First blood for new team

There are many memorable moments in life: the birth of a first child; the signing of a first mortgage; the payment of a first speeding fine. For David Skyrme, Ross Men's Hockey Club 2<sup>nd</sup> team defender, to this list can be added the scoring of a first goal for a new team. Aided by the persistence of young Kieran Brann and the wisdom of old Richard Harbottle, Skyrme achieved this feat against a suspiciously talented Cleevillians 2<sup>nd</sup> XI at Monmouth Boy's School last Saturday.

Like buses, goals are often conspicuous by their absence and then come along in pairs. Shortly after Skyrme opened Ross' account, Andy Vaughan added a second after one of his characteristically committed runs from midfield. There were also debuts for Lloyd Cole and Julian Cope. Debutant Matthew Saunders put in a flamboyant shift in midfield alongside Adam Couch and there was a cameo appearance from Daniel Marsh.

The defence was full of more familiar faces showing off their familiar paces: Edward Peck, captain for the day, Tony Faulkner and Gareth Bowen. Unfortunately, they were able neither to protect Sebastian Sullivan from having to make a series of spectacular saves in the Ross goal nor prevent the visitors finding the net eight times. Nonetheless, this match will have sharpened both limbs and minds for the first league match next Saturday, away to recently relegated Stroud B.

As always, thanks are due to umpires Pete Hughes and Wilem Haagen and to our sponsors, South Hereford Motor Caravans Limited. Andy Vaughan was voted man of the match.