

Ross 1st XI Vrs Whitchurch E

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
20/9/08	4	1	Away	Friendly	Luke Ward

Scorers

Name	Phil Evans	Tom Walton	James Brown (Poodle)	Geraint Morris
Goals	1	1	1	1

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Ross Leave Talybont with another victory

The defensive line of Brian Clare, Greg Weston and Richard Jennison, were comfortable in front of keeper Andy Ridgeway who had little to do during the first half as the Ross midfield and attack were running rings around the Whitchurch players. With Sam Warner and Tom Walton thwarting any hint of attack through the middle, the side arms of the machine Luke Ward, Geraint Morris, Andy Cross and Kristian Franklin stopped attacks dead along the wings which allowed the attackers to push up in to the Whitchurch D setting up Phil Evans to score in the first ten minutes. The second goal was scored by Tom Walton from a short corner routine that was well rehearsed to give Ross a 2-0 lead by half time.

The second period started with Whitchurch, annoyed at being outplayed all over the pitch in the first half, stepping up their game which led to an error in the Ross defensive line in which Whitchurch pinched one back. This kicked Ross into second gear and they picked up the pace and accuracy of play. In total, 7 short corners were awarded to Ross but no one could get a decisive touch including an attempt from Adrian Williams, which rebounded off the post causing much frustration. It was left to James Brown to add to Ross' tally using his pace and skill to get around the defence and keeper to put Ross into a 3-1 lead. To top off a comfortable victory, a spectacular series of passes put the ball into the possession of new boy Geraint Morris who scored a magnificent goal after James Brown drew the keeper out and set Morris up for his first goal with Ross.

Luke Ward was awarded South Herefordshire Motorcaravan's MOTM for his consistent performance and darting runs.

Ross left Talybont high spirited and ready to face their first real challenge, Newent A in a new league Hereford & Gloucestershire Division 1 next weekend.