

Ross 2nd XI v Lansdown 'C'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
4/10/08	1	1	home	league	Matthew Saunders

Scorers

Name	Richard Harbottle
Goals	1

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Ross Rue Missed Chances

The first home fixture of the 2008/09 N4 Financial Solutions Hereford and Gloucester League Division Two saw Ross Men's 2nd XI hosting Lansdown C and giving league debuts to three new players: Alex Hawkins, Dale Powles and Richard Stewart. Building a team during competitive games is a tricky business, rather like building an aeroplane whilst it is in the air. On the whole, therefore, a 1-1 draw was a respectable outcome, although Ross will feel that they had more than enough opportunities to fashion a winning goal.

As in their previous game, Ross gave the opposition a one goal lead, albeit on this occasion in the first five minutes rather than the last five. With Edward Peck and Tim Jones both spurning the option of clearing the ball cleanly from their own 'D', Lansdown scrambled the ball into the net from the ensuing short corner. The increasingly impressive Seb Sullivan was not troubled again in the Ross goal, being ably protected by Tony Faulkner, who once again had a fine match, and David Skyrme, a young player growing in confidence with every game. With the committed James Adamson and the skilful Mathew Saunders providing width down the wings, Ross surged forward and it was not long before Richard Harbottle cracked a superb cross from Saunders high into the Lansdown goal.

The second half saw Ross fashion three gilt edge chances. The first was spectacularly swept over the bar by Christopher Chalk, a feat which he confessed later was an act of gross misjudgement. For the second, Jack Wilkinson was unbalanced as he squeezed a goal-line cross round the post rather than into the backboard. In the third disappointment, Gareth Bowen could not get even a slight touch on a goal-bound shot from outside the 'D'. Even the introduction of Willem Haagen and Adam Couch could not raise Ross' fortunes and the game petered out to draw.

Matthew Saunders was voted South Hereford MotorCaravans Ltd Man of the Match and thanks are due to umpire Dave Chatwin.

Hereford & Gloucester League 2

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Winchcombe	2	2	0	0	11	3	8	6
2	Gloucester City D	2	2	0	0	9	2	7	6
3	Lansdown B	2	1	1	0	7	4	3	4
4	Ross-on-Wye A	2	1	1	0	3	2	1	4
5	Cheltenham C	2	1	0	1	8	6	2	3
6	Hereford B	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	3
7	Cirencester C	2	1	0	1	3	7	-4	3
8	Lansdown C	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
9	Cheltenham D	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
10	Sherborne A	2	0	1	1	4	7	-3	1
11	Newent B	2	0	0	2	5	11	-6	0
12	Stroud B	2	0	0	2	1	7	-6	0

This Week's Confirmed Results

04/10/08

Cheltenham C	7	-	0	Cirencester C
Cheltenham D	1	-	3	Gloucester City D
Hereford B	5	-	2	Newent B
Lansdown B	5	-	2	Sherborne A
Ross-on-Wye A	1	-	1	Lansdown C
Winchcombe	5	-	0	Stroud B

Next Week's Matches

11/10/08

Cirencester C	v	Cheltenham D
Gloucester City D	v	Lansdown B
Lansdown C	v	Winchcombe
Newent B	v	Cheltenham C
Sherborne A	v	Ross-on-Wye A
Stroud B	v	Hereford B