

Ross 1st XI v Stroud A

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
11/10/08	3	1	home	league	Luke Ward

Scorers

Name	Adrian Williams	Tom Walton
Goals	2	1



Ross 1st XI continue their winning streak

Ross were at home against Stroud A and confident that they would continue their winning start to the season. From the offset Ross threatened the Stroud goal, with midfielders Tom Walton, Luke Ward, Alex Black, Kristian Franklin and Sean Couch creating chances and space for the attackers Adrian Williams, Phil Evans, Geraint Morris and Andy Cross. Despite these numerous opportunities, they just couldn't find a clinical finish. Gradually Stroud came back into the game and attempted to relieve the pressure by taking the attack to Ross, stopped only by keeper Andy Ridgeway. Eventually, after a failed short corner routine by Stroud, Ross broke out of their half and into the opposition's 'D', with the ball passing to Adrian Williams who found the net with a lethal strike. In front at last, Ross relaxed perhaps a little too much, allowing complacency to take over, and soon Stroud overpowered the otherwise strong defensive line of Brian Clare, Sam Warner, Richard Jennison and Greg Weston to score an equaliser, leaving the scores at 1-1 when the half time whistle blew.

During the break, keeper Andy Ridgeway gave a few soothing words of encouragement and gentle advice, which lifted spirits no end. With all to play for in the remaining 35 minutes, Ross were determined to walk away victorious. The plan involved stepping up their game with more accurate passing, winning 50/50 balls and hitting the opposition as hard as possible. By doing so they created more chances, leading to the eventual breakthrough when Tom Walton scored from a well rehearsed short corner routine. This time they were not about to allow Stroud back into the game and Ross stretched their lead when Andy Cross confused the Stroud keeper with his unusual technique, setting up Adrian Williams who pushed it over the line. With nothing now to lose, Stroud made one final onslaught against the Ross goal. Relief was provided by the blowing of the final whistle. Whilst not one their usual domineering performances, satisfaction was gained that this victory moved them top of Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Division 1, sponsored by N4 Financial Solutions.

Thank, as always, are due to umpires Pete Hughes and Dave Chatwin. Luke Ward was awarded South Hereford Motorcaravan Centre Ltd Man of the Match for his darting runs up and down the wings and his determination to win 50/50 balls.

Hereford & Glos. Division 1

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Ross-on-Wye	3	3	0	0	13	3	10	9
2	Cheltenham B	3	3	0	0	14	5	9	9
3	Cleevilians	3	2	0	1	14	3	11	6
4	Hereford A	3	2	0	1	11	3	8	6
5	Newent A	3	2	0	1	14	10	4	6
6	Stroud A	3	1	1	1	4	5	-1	4
7	Lansdown A	3	1	0	2	12	9	3	3
8	Wotton-u-Edge A	3	1	0	2	4	20	-16	3
9	Leominster A	3	0	2	1	3	7	-4	2
10	Gloucester City C	3	0	1	2	6	13	-7	1
11	Cirencester B	3	0	1	2	5	12	-7	1
12	Lydney A	3	0	1	2	5	15	-10	1

Last Week's Confirmed Results

11/10/08

Cheltenham B	2	-	1	Hereford A
Cleevilians	2	-	0	Lansdown A
Gloucester City C	2	-	8	Newent A
Lydney A	2	-	2	Leominster A
Ross-on-Wye	3	-	1	Stroud A
Wotton-u-Edge A	2	-	1	Cirencester B

Next Week's Matches

18/10/08

Cirencester B	v	Cleevilians
Hereford A	v	Wotton-u-Edge A
Leominster A	v	Gloucester City C
Newent A	v	Cheltenham B
Ross-on-Wye	v	Lydney A
Stroud A	v	Lansdown A