

# Ross 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Lydney 'A'

## Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
18/10/08	3	1	home	league	Greg Weston

## Scorers

Name	Brian Clare	Luke Ward	Adrian Williams
Goals	1	1	1



## *Ross 1<sup>st</sup> XI beat local foes to remain top*

Ross were at home for this league match against Lydney A, on a glorious sunny afternoon. As with all local derbies, Ross had prepared for this challenge knowing Lydney weren't simply going to roll over and make it an easy game. From their push-back Lydney instantly revealed their game plan by launching an all out attack on the Ross goal. This attack-minded strategy didn't phase the strong defensive line of Brian Clare, Sam Warner, Richard Jennison and Greg Weston. After realising Lydney meant business the Ross midfield containing Tom Walton, Luke Ward, Gareth Bowen and Kristian Franklin stepped it up to create problems down the wings and through the centre and thus making opportunities for the Ross forwards, Adrian Williams, James Brown, Phil Evans and Andy Cross. However goals just weren't being produced. In the end it was left up to defensive stalwart Brian Clare to claim the 1<sup>st</sup> goal of the match with a reverse flick. Now that Ross had the advantage they believed Lydney might give in - how wrong they were. Within a few minutes the scores were levelled after a fierce battle of trying to clear the ball from the Ross 'D'. Undaunted Ross pressed on and for their efforts obtained a free hit just outside Lydney's 'D'. It was hit in to be received by Luke Ward who struck it home, leaving the scores at 2-1 when the half time whistle blew.

Andy Ridgeway's half-time team talk contrasted somewhat to the previous week, but never-the-less encouraged Ross to widen the gap, yet with calm minds ready to block any attempts from Lydney to equalise. The chances fell for Ross thick and fast, but goal scoring didn't seem to be on the menu as finding the net yet again proved difficult. The aggression started to show in both teams with some robust tackles. Neither side was prepared to yield and unlike previous matches short corners were few and far between. Inevitably it was left to top scorer Adrian Williams to finish with one of his trade mark rasping shots to settle the game and ensure victory for Ross, leaving them clear at the top in the Herefordshire and Gloucestershire League Division 1.

Thanks are due to umpire Dave Chatwin, whilst Greg Weston was awarded South Hereford Motorcaravan Centre Ltd Man of the Match for his unusual skills and all out defence.

### Hereford & Glos. Division 1

		Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Ross-on-Wye	4	4	0	0	16	4	12	12
2	Cleevilians	4	3	0	1	19	3	16	9
3	Hereford A	4	3	0	1	17	4	13	9
4	Newent A	4	3	0	1	20	13	7	9
5	Cheltenham B	4	3	0	1	17	11	6	9
6	Lansdown A	4	2	0	2	15	11	4	6
7	Stroud A	4	1	1	2	6	8	-2	4
8	Leominster A	4	0	3	1	7	11	-4	3
9	Wotton-u-Edge A	4	1	0	3	5	26	-21	3
10	Gloucester City C	4	0	2	2	10	17	-7	2
11	Lydney A	4	0	1	3	6	18	-12	1
12	Cirencester B	4	0	1	3	5	17	-12	1

#### Last Week's Confirmed Results

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Cirencester B	0	-	5	Cleevilians
Hereford A	6	-	1	Wotton-u-Edge A
Leominster A	4	-	4	Gloucester City C
Newent A	6	-	3	Cheltenham B
Ross-on-Wye	3	-	1	Lydney A
Stroud A	2	-	3	Lansdown A

#### Next Week's Matches

25/10/08

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