

# Ross 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Cheltenham 'B'

## Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
01/11/08	2	5	home	league	Greg Weston

## Scorers

Name	James Brown	Phil Evans
Goals	1	1

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## *Ross 1<sup>st</sup> XI lose in unexpected turn of events*

Ross were at home for this clash against Cheltenham B hoping that they would keep a clean sheet. Cheltenham pushed-back and instantly put their stamp on the game and how they were going to play with a complete assault on the Ross goal. Holding out for as long as they could, the home side fought for possession to get the early lead they wanted. With three strong attacks from Ross and no goals produced Cheltenham regained possession and broke through the normally robust defence, Tony Faulkner, Sam Warner, Greg Weston and Richard Jennison before rounding keeper Mitch Greenman and scoring. Ross tried not to allow this to distract them from their task and kept pressing, holding possession and forcing their way up the pitch towards the opponents 'D'. The Ross midfielders Tom Walton, Nick Clark, Kristian Franklin and Luke Ward created plenty of scoring opportunities for the attackers Adrian Williams, Phil Evans and James Brown. Regretfully the ball was hit wide or saved and possession given back to the opposition, allowing them more time on the ball, before gifting another goal to Cheltenham. Ross now became agitated and tried again to step up their game, only to be knocked back down by a third goal. This lead would have been increased if it wasn't for Kristian Franklin clearing it off the line. Yet his effort was in vain as shortly afterwards a short corner was given in the oppositions favour and capitalising on their already strong lead they scored another goal to nail home their advantage. 4-0 down at the half time whistle but still with hopes of a draw, the home team remained optimistic.

After the short break Ross took the centre showing they weren't going out without a battle to the end and with a burst of energy the home team linked together a series of passes. In the opponents half they used the pace on the wings to get past the Cheltenham defence and played the ball across the 'D' to the attackers, but still to no avail. The opposition immediately ran the ball out of their half but were thwarted by ever dependable Sam Warner. Ross were then awarded a short corner the 1<sup>st</sup> in their favour and desperate to get goals the pressure was on. The ball was found its way to the stick of James Brown who made no mistake. With their sails up another short corner was awarded, but rebounded off the post. However Cheltenham sealed Ross' fate by scoring a fifth goal. Undeterred by the result the home side battle out to get another goal, scored by Phil Evans, before the final whistle blew leaving a score of 2-5. This left Ross with their first loss in a league match for over a season.

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### Hereford & Glos. Division 1

1	Cleevilians	6	5	0	1	26	6	20	15
2	Cheltenham B	6	5	0	1	29	14	15	15
3	Ross-on-Wye	6	5	0	1	22	11	11	15
4	Newent A	6	4	0	2	29	18	11	12
5	Hereford A	6	3	1	2	19	7	12	10
6	Lansdown A	6	3	1	2	20	13	7	10
7	Stroud A	6	2	2	2	16	10	6	8
8	Leominster A	6	1	3	2	13	19	-6	6
9	Gloucester City C	6	1	2	3	14	22	-8	5
10	Wotton-u-Edge A	6	1	0	5	7	39	-32	3
11	Lydney A	6	0	2	4	9	22	-13	2
12	Cirencester B	6	0	1	5	7	30	-23	1

#### This Week's Confirmed Results

Hereford A	0	-	0	Lansdown A
Leominster A	5	-	1	Wotton-u-Edge A
Lydney A	1	-	2	Gloucester City C
Newent A	1	-	4	Cleevilians
Ross-on-Wye	2	-	5	Cheltenham B
Stroud A	8	-	0	Cirencester B

#### Next Week's Matches

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