

Ross 1st XI v Cleevilians

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
15/11/08	3	0	home	league	David Skyrme

Scorers

Name	Adrian Williams	Sam Warner	Nick Clark
Goals	1	1	1

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Ross 1st XI knock Cleevilians off top spot.

Ross played a top of the table clash against Cleevilians at home on Saturday in the Hereford & Gloucester League 1, Sponsored by N4 Financial Solutions. After performing below par in their previous two games, the home side were determined to have a strong start. Cleevilians pushed back and right from the off showed they weren't going to be an easy opposition, but Ross remained optimistic of a win creating plenty of early chances. With the return of keeper Andy Ridgeway, the Ross defensive line up of Brian Clare, Sam Warner, Greg Weston and debutant David Skyrme presented a strong barrier and prevented most attempts to get a shot on goal. Meanwhile midfielders Tom Walton, Kristian Franklin, Nick Clark and Luke Ward worked furiously up and down the field, trying to create space and opportunities for the attackers Andy Cross, Adrian Williams, Phil Evans and Geraint Morris. Andy Cross received a big hit from the Cleevilian keeper and a penalty flick was justly awarded. This was taken by top scorer Adrian Williams, who produced a good flick but was denied by the keeper. Ross continued to create lots more chances in the remaining ten minutes of the first half, with a number of shots on target saved by the keeper. When the half time whistle blew the score line was still 0-0.

Immediately from the restart, Ross created a great attacking opportunity, no doubt as a result of the encouraging half-time team talk and within 5 minutes Ross were awarded their first short corner. Still Ross piled on the pressure and chances, only to be denied by the keeper. Both teams were now getting agitated. Another short corner to Ross was missed by the normally dependable Walton, but to the relief of the rest of the team Williams followed up the rebound and slotted it through the defence. By taking the lead, previous league leaders Cleevilians had no alternative now but to throw people forward. Fortunately for Ross the defence held firm and gaps now started to appear in the opposition backline from utilising the greater pace down the wings. From one such attack a free hit was awarded to Ross just outside the opposition 'D'. Sam Warner scored using a reverse stick shot, which the keeper completely misjudged. Cleevilians now threw everything at Ross realising they had nothing to lose as they entered the final stages of the game and managed to win a number of

short corners in quick succession. Fortunately these were all repelled and Ross quickly regained possession with enough time on the clock for one more drive into the opposition half. During a frantic goalmouth mêlée, another Ross 1st team debutant, Nick Clark, managed to push the ball over the line for his first league goal and give Ross another emphatic 3-0 win.

David Skyrme was awarded South Hereford Motorcaravan Centre Ltd Man of the Match for his superb tackling and brilliant all round performance.

Thanks as always are due to umpires Pete Hughes and John Setchfield, without whom these great matches could not take place.

Hereford & Glos. Division 1

		Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham B	8	7	0	1	38	14	24	21
2	Ross-on-Wye	8	6	1	1	28	14	14	19
3	Newent A	8	6	0	2	42	23	19	18
4	Cleevilians	8	6	0	2	27	9	18	18
5	Stroud A	8	4	2	2	35	11	24	14
6	Hereford A	8	4	1	3	27	23	4	13
7	Lansdown A	8	3	1	4	24	23	1	10
8	Leominster A	8	2	3	3	18	22	-4	9
9	Wotton-u-Edge A	8	2	1	5	15	42	-27	7
10	Gloucester City C	8	1	2	5	15	29	-14	5
11	Lydney A	8	0	2	6	9	32	-23	2
12	Cirencester B	8	0	1	7	10	46	-36	1

This Week's Confirmed Results 15/11/08

Gloucester City C	0 - 4	Cheltenham B
Leominster A	5 - 2	Lansdown A
Lydney A	0 - 5	Wotton-u-Edge A
Newent A	8 - 3	Cirencester B
Ross-on-Wye	3 - 0	Cleevilians
Stroud A	16 - 0	Hereford A

Next Week's Matches 22/11/08

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