

Ross 1st XI v Cirencester 'B'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
29/11/08	4	1	home	league	Phil Evans

Scorers

Name	Phil Evans	Adrian Williams
Goals	3	1

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Ross 1st XI win against last seasons main rival

Ross Mens 1st XI were the hosts this weekend for visitors Cirencester B who also got promotion into Hereford & Gloucestershire Division 1 last season. There seemed to be some tension in the air, as the two teams had ended up fighting for the top spot on the last day of the season the previous year. Cirencester had something to prove this time and in the first 10 minutes the opposition pressed forward into the Ross 'D' catching the defense off guard, despite having a superb defensive line-up containing Sam Warner, Brian Clare, David Skryme and Richard Jennison. Cirencester managed to get a shot on goal calling keeper Andy Ridgeway into action. Fortunately it was struck wide. Ross knew they would have to step up their game and midfielders Tom Walton, Nick Clark, Kristian Franklin and Jack Wilkinson worked hard to make some space using the wings, creating scoring opportunities for the attackers Phil Evans, Adrian Williams and Luke Ward, all of whom were denied attempts on goal. It was left to attacker Phil Evans to open the scoring for Ross. Cirencester restarted and the home team launched another attack on the opposition's 'D', which led to Evans claiming his second goal of the game. Cirencester were undeterred by these two goals in quick succession and followed swiftly after with a goal of their own, leaving the score at 2-1 when the half time whistle blew.

Ross now knew they needed to seize any goal opportunities they could to secure themselves a memorable win, but yet again the defenders were called into action thwarting repeated attempts on goal from the Cirencester attackers. Ross midfield then began playing the ball around the opposition, giving their attackers the opportunities they craved. Shots were still not being turned into goals, as most were denied by Cirencester's international keeper. Yet again it was left to Evans to add to Ross' tally with his 3rd goal striking the backboard about 20minutes into the second half. Cirencester remained determined to keep the pressure on, but with ten

minutes remaining the ball reached Adrian Williams who capitalised from this opportunity with a trade mark lethal strike resulting in a 4-1 victory on the final whistle. Ross now look forward to travelling away against local rivals Hereford A next weekend.

Phil Evans was voted South Hereford Motorcaravan Centre Ltd Man of the Match for his hat-trick and consistent performance throughout the match.

Thanks as always are due to umpires Pete Hughes and John Setchfield.

Hereford & Glos. Division 1

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham B	10	8	1	1	45	17	28	25
2	Ross-on-Wye	10	8	1	1	37	18	19	25
3	Cleevilians	10	8	0	2	44	10	34	24
4	Newent A	10	7	1	2	48	26	22	22
5	Stroud A	10	4	4	2	39	15	24	16
6	Hereford A	10	5	1	4	33	31	2	16
7	Leominster A	10	3	3	4	25	28	-3	12
8	Lansdown A	10	3	1	6	29	32	-3	10
9	Wotton-u-Edge A	10	2	2	6	16	47	-31	8
10	Gloucester City C	10	1	3	6	17	33	-16	6
11	Lydney A	10	1	2	7	13	48	-35	5
12	Cirencester B	10	0	1	9	13	54	-41	1

Last Week's Confirmed Results 29/11/08

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

Next Week's Matches 06/12/08

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