

Ross 1st XI v Lansdown 'A'

Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
07/03/09	6	2	home	league	Matt Saunders

Scorers

Name	Adrian Williams	Tom Walton	Phil Evans	Matt Saunders
Goals	3	1	1	1

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Ross 1st XI bounce back with a convincing win!

As usual Ross started in high spirits confident of a win over Lansdown A, instantly creating a full out attack on the Lansdown goal. Unfortunately for Ross it backfired leaving them unprotected at the back allowing a Lansdown attacker to score with barely five minutes having passed on the clock, leaving keeper Andy Ridgway and his defenders Sam Warner, Tony Faulkner, Brian Clare and Richard Jennison stunned. Feeling slightly frustrated with themselves, it wasn't long before attacker Phil Evans took the opportunity to equalise, slamming the ball into the Lansdown goal. Ross had now stepped up their game creating great opportunities for the attackers Adrian Williams, Geraint Morris, Matt Saunders and Phil Evans to score. However every attempt was either saved or struck just wide, but it wasn't long before a short corner was awarded to Ross resulting in a couple of attempts on the goal but all were denied by the Lansdown keeper. Soon the tables were turned and Ross had to defend a short corner which drew Ridgway out to make a save. With only moments left on the clock before half time Ross were awarded two more short corners, which were both saved once again by the Lansdown keeper leaving the scores level at 1-1.

A few positive words at half time put Ross back on the pitch in the right frame of mind, keen for more goals. Ross went on the offence again, this time getting an early short corner but still not having much luck with the ball bouncing off the post. Although unhappy at missing his chance, this seasons top scorer, Adrian Williams soon made amends and took Ross into the lead

after smashing the ball into the backboard. Not to be outdone young Matt Saunders added one of his own shortly after. Ross were now cruising, although Lansdown decided to get their own back gaining a short corner, which managed to just slip through the defence into the home teams goal. With the score now at 3-2 and time running out, both teams started to show signs of fatigue. Midfielders Tom Walton, Kristian Franklin, Andy Wright and Luke Ward pulled out all the stops to keep possession, managing to get the ball to Williams who sent the ball rocketing into the netting once again. With the pressure starting to show on the Lansdown side they gave away a penalty flick, which Walton converted taking the scores to 5-2 with only a few minutes remaining. It was now all about possession and once more Walton dribbled the ball to within inches of the goal, passing the ball at the last second to Williams who claimed the home teams 6th goal and his Hat-Trick.

As always, thanks are due to our umpires Pete Hughes and John Setchfield

Matt Saunders was voted South Hereford Motorcaravan Centre Man of the Match for his great stick skills and his first goal playing for the 1st XI.

Hereford & Glos. Division 1

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cleevilians	19	15	1	3	83	23	60	46
2	Cheltenham B	19	15	1	3	85	31	54	46
3	Newent A	19	13	1	5	81	48	33	40
4	Ross-on-Wye	19	12	2	5	66	40	26	38
5	Hereford A	19	11	2	6	61	46	15	35
6	Lansdown A	19	9	1	9	53	59	-6	28
7	Stroud A	19	6	6	7	59	45	14	24
8	Leominster A	19	5	6	8	43	47	-4	21
9	Gloucester City C	19	4	4	11	40	60	-20	16
10	Lydney A	19	2	4	13	21	76	-55	10
11	Cirencester B	19	2	4	13	24	82	-58	10
12	Wotton-u-Edge A	19	2	4	13	28	87	-59	10

This Week's Confirmed Results

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

Next Week's Matches

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