

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

## Stats

Date	For	Against	Venue	Fixture	SHM MOTM
21/03/09	2	2	home	league	Tony Faulkner

## Scorers

Name	Adrian Williams
Goals	2

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## ***Ross 1st XI Battle to the end against local rivals***

Ross 1<sup>st</sup> XI hosted Hereford on Saturday in a typically physical derby clash. The home side took the opening push-back and within minutes had taken an early lead with attacker Adrian Williams slotting one past the keeper. Rocked by this early goal Hereford tried to retaliate but were stopped by the sturdy defensive line of Sam Warner, Tony Faulkner, Brian Clare and Dave Skyrme who protected keeper Mitch Greenman in goal. After a few more shots from Hereford, Ross stepped up their game and managed to get a few short corners in their favour, both of which unfortunately didn't result in a goal. It didn't get any better for the home team as Hereford whisked up an attack that led to a short corner being awarded. This time the ball just slipped past Greenman and trickle over the line, leaving the score levelled. The Ross midfielders, Tom Walton, Kristian Franklin, Jack Wilkinson, Luke Ward and Richard Stewart worked hard to dominate the ball, winning most 50/50 balls and also making good passes to attackers Andy Ridgway, Adrian Williams, Phil Evans and Matt Saunders in the Hereford 'D'. Now with pressure building, Walton drove the ball to the goal line before slotting it to Williams who claimed his second just as the half time whistle blew.

In the second half the Home team sort to take advantage of their lead, but with the warm afternoon relations between the teams remained frosty. Again it wasn't long before Ross had possession and were racing up the pitch towards Hereford's goal, culminating with another near miss. However the tables are soon turned as Hereford are awarded a number of short corners. Despite the defenders clearing the ball, Hereford scored from the resulting poor clearance. From the restart Ross drive towards the Hereford goal and another shot flies just wide of the post. Then with less than 5 minutes left on the clock Hereford launch another attack on goal, resulting in a shot which Greenman couldn't quite get to. Ross made a few last minute changes in desperate attempt to retake the lead once more, but it was all in vein.

Tony Faulkner was awarded South Hereford Motorcaravan Centre Man of the Match for his great defensive work throughout and strong clearances

Thanks are due to our umpires John Setchfield and Richard Jennison

### Hereford & Glos. Division 1

		PI	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Cheltenham B	21	17	1	3	94	32	62	52
2	Cleevilians	21	16	1	4	90	26	64	49
3	Newent A	21	15	1	5	93	51	42	46
4	Ross-on-Wye	21	12	3	6	69	44	25	39
5	Hereford A	21	11	3	7	66	52	14	36
6	Lansdown A	21	10	1	10	56	64	-8	31
7	Stroud A	21	7	6	8	68	51	17	27
8	Leominster A	21	6	6	9	48	56	-8	24
9	Gloucester City C	21	4	4	13	41	68	-27	16
10	Lydney A	21	4	4	13	32	80	-48	16
11	Cirencester B	21	3	4	14	29	89	-60	13
12	Wotton-u-Edge A	21	2	4	15	28	101	-73	10

#### This Week's Confirmed Results

Cheltenham B	2	-	1	Cleevilians
Gloucester City C	0	-	2	Lansdown A
Leominster A	1	-	6	Newent A
Lydney A	6	-	3	Cirencester B
Ross-on-Wye	2	-	2	Hereford A
Stroud A	7	-	0	Wotton-u-Edge A

#### Next Week's Matches

Hereford A	v	Cleevilians
Leominster A	v	Cheltenham B
Newent A	v	Wotton-u-Edge A
Stroud A	v	Lydney A