

# Season Update

On Wednesday 18 June the cricket world watched New Zealand's Brendan McCullum vent his frustration when the One Day International against England was controversially abandoned after 19 overs – just one over short of a 'result'.



Fast forward just three days and it was the turn of Carlton's players and spectators to feel frustrated when exactly the same scenario was played out at Grange Loan. Chasing Watsonians' total of 205, Fraser Watts and Ben Duerden ignored the damp conditions to put together a finely judged opening partnership of 67 off just 19 overs, ensuring that Carlton – barring a calamitous next over – would be well ahead of the Duckworth/Lewis calculations at the 20 over mark. Agonisingly for Carlton, as the rain started to get a little heavier, the umpires decided to take the players off just one over short of the twenty needed to constitute a proper match. To make matters worse, under the controversial SNCL points system Carlton received only 2 points for a No Result, while close rivals Grange, who played just 3 overs more before their match was halted, gained a full 10 points for their Duckworth/Lewis victory and so leapfrogged Carlton in the table.

Rather than bemoan their hard luck, however, the reaction of the Carlton players to this setback has been one of quiet determination. Everyone at the club is determined to maintain this positive approach during the second half of the season, starting with today's match against Ayr.

	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
Greenock	10	7	0	1	2	0	72
Grange	10	6	0	0	4	7	67
<b>Carlton</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>61</b>
Ayr	9	5	0	0	4	4	54
Uddingston	9	5	0	1	3	2	54
Heriots	10	4	0	2	4	3	42
Ferguslie	10	3	0	2	5	5	38
Clydesdale	9	3	0	3	3	0	36
Poloc	10	2	0	1	7	10	27
Watsonians	9	1	0	2	6	6	20



This afternoon we welcome Ayr to Grange Loan. The visitors have competed in the Premier League for all but one year of its existence. They regularly ended up in the top half of the table, although their highest finish of 3rd in 2004 immediately preceded their relegation. They bounced back straight away, winning Division 1 at the first time of asking, and finished 7th last year on their return to the top fight.

Ayr started this season as many people's favourites for relegation, but they have confounded their critics with a series of fine performances. Successes away at Grange & Watsonians coupled with home wins against Uddingston, Ferguslie & Poloc propelled the New Cambusdoon club to the top of the SNCL at the end of May. Without a win in June, however, they have fallen back to fourth in the league, one place below the home side.

Former Kiwi test player Matt Horne is in his fifth year as Ayr's professional and the home side will do well to check his prolific run scoring today. In the last meeting between the two sides at Grange Loan, however, it was his bowling that almost proved decisive. With figures of 4 for 10 from his 10 overs, he had the home side in real trouble before persistent rain eventually put an end to proceedings.

Let's hope that the weather will not be as important a factor in today's game.

# Lloyds TSB Scotland League: Premier Division

## Carlton v Ayr June 28<sup>th</sup> 2008

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### Carlton CC

1. Cedric English \*
2. Fraser Watts
3. Peter Wooden
4. Bryn Lockie
5. Steve Gilmour
6. Darren Spink
7. Jamie Kerr #
8. Charles Legget
9. Michael Radnidge
10. Dave Robertson
11. Ally Evans

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### Ayr CC (from:)

1. AM Baird
2. MJ Horne
3. DI Johnstone
4. DM Johnstone
5. C Leck
6. NJ Logan
7. CS McCrossin
8. NJ McCrossin
9. AJ McElnea
10. RJ Mitchell
11. ST Rafiq
12. MG Renny
13. N Smith
14. PD Wilson

Next home match: v Clydesdale, Lloyds TSB Scotland League Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July