

Season Update

Following a disappointing home defeat to Aberdeenshire, an inexperienced Carlton side were desperate to bounce back with a win at high flying Uddingston last week.

After a blistering start from Paul Hoffman, the Uddingston innings was anchored by their professional Tom Plant in the face of a fine spell of bowling from Charles Legget, who delivered 2 for 36 off his ten overs. However, the hard-hitting Adrees was promoted and proceeded to smash a quick 50 to take Uddingston to a challenging 271 for 5 off their 50 overs. Even worse for Carlton was an injury to skipper English (right) who had to leave the field with a badly dislocated pinky.

The youngsters in the Carlton dressing room were treated to an X-certificate show at the interval as their skipper somehow managed to squeeze a batting glove over his damaged digit without screaming or passing out. Thereafter, English's teammates were able to sit back and enjoy a masterclass of batting as Cedric, in tandem with the Carlton no 5 Ross Lyons, put together a sublime 165 run partnership at better than run a ball to take the visitors in sight of victory. In the end, Carlton won a memorable match with 10 balls to spare with English unbeaten on 143 after one of his finest ever innings.



Welcome to Clydesdale

This afternoon we welcome Clydesdale to Grange Loan. Founded in 1848 they are the third oldest established cricket club in Scotland and probably the City of Glasgow's oldest surviving team sports organisation.

In its early days Clydesdale also played football and were losing finalists to Queens Park in the first ever Scottish Cup Final. Back on the cricket field the Titwood club's honours include winning the Scottish Cup six times and they were crowned SNCL champions in 2004 & 2005.

In a busy off season the visitors have lost the services of Ross Lyons but have made a couple of shrewd signings with Scotland players Majid Haq & Omer Hussain joining from Ferguslie. Kamran Sajjid continues as professional for the third year running, having eventually made his way through the new immigration red tape, in a side led for the second year by Kasim Farid.

So far this year Clydesdale have beaten Aberdeenshire, Heriots & Ayr but lost to leaders West of Scotland and Uddingston to lie sixth in the table just below the home side.

Clydesdale's record against the Carlton is a good one. They have lost only twice in the SNCL, here at Grange Loan in 2006 and away at Titwood last year. The last league game completed at Grange Loan two years ago saw the visitors emerge victorious by a single run - the final Carlton batsmen famously managing to run "one short" which would have tied the game. The corresponding fixture last year was more of a damp squib as only 14 overs were bowled before the heavens opened. Let's hope the weather is not a factor today.

	P	W	T	L	BP	Pts	%age
West of Scotland	5	4	0	1	8	40	80
Aberdeenshire	6	5	0	1	6	46	77
Uddingston	6	4	0	2	4	36	60
Grange	6	3	1	2	6	35	58.3
Carlton	5	3	1	1	0	29	58
Clydesdale	5	3	0	2	2	26	52
Scot Under 19s	8	4	0	4	8	40	50
Watsonians	6	2	0	4	8	24	40
Heriot's	6	2	0	4	2	18	30
Greenock	5	1	0	4	2	10	20
Ayr	6	0	0	6	4	4	7

Lloyds TSB Scotland Premier League

Carlton v Clydesdale

June 13th 2009

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Carlton

1. Cedric English*
2. Fraser Watts
3. Steve Gilmour
4. Peter Deakin
5. Bryn Lockie
6. Ross Lyons
7. Gordon Drummond
8. Charles Legget
9. Jamie Davies
10. Fraser Boyd #
11. Mo Afzal

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Clydesdale

1. Harmanjit Singh
2. Majid Haq
3. Omer Hussein
4. Kamran Sajad
5. Kasim Farid *
6. Zeshan Bashir
7. Craig Smith #
8. Leon Scott
9. Andy Scobie
10. Mo Afzal
11. Neil Mitchell

Next home match: v West of Scotland, Lloyds TSB Scotland League Saturday 27th June