

Season Update

Following the disappointment of the rained off clash with Watsonians, Carlton got back to winning ways last Saturday with a comfortable win over Ayr at Grange Loan.

Skipper Cedric English, returning to the side following a hamstring injury, won the toss and strode

into bat with fellow opener Fraser Watts. After losing Fraser in the second over and Woody with the score on 37, Cedric put together a commanding partnership of 170 with Bryn Lockie. The captain was eventually out for a very fine 110, with Bryn reaching 80 before being run out, as Carlton reached a challenging 255 for 6 off their 50 overs.

After another sumptuous tea prepared by the multi-talented Carlton tea ladies, the home side took to the field determined that there would be no slip ups this week and well aware that prolific New Zealand batsman Matt Horne would pose the biggest threat. Good early spells from Rad and Ally Evans, who picked up the first wicket with a finely crafted yorker, set the visitors on the back foot before two fine slip catches from Ced and Woody tightened the Carlton vice. The seal was set on a comfortable victory when Horne completely misjudged the length of a straight one from Ced and was sent packing by the umpire.

For photos & video clips from the match, visit: www.carltoncc.co.uk/carltonvayr.htm



Welcome: Clydesdale CC

If the recent history of Carlton-Clydesdale clashes at Grange Loan is anything to go by then spectators are in for a nail-biting thriller today.

In last month's Scottish Cup clash between the sides, fortunes fluctuated first one way then the other. Kamran Sajid hit a fine 83 and Clydesdale looked to be heading for a formidable total before tight bowling from Legget, English and Wooden restricted Clydesdale to 244 for 9 off their 50 overs.

Fraser Watts then got the Carlton reply off to a great start before he was caught on the boundary going for one big shot too many. Wickets then began to tumble regularly and Carlton eventually headed into the final over needing 22 runs to win. Two thumping sixes from Michael Radnidge suddenly put the match back in the melting point, before the young Aussie just failed to make contact with Ross Lyons' final delivery with six more needed.

Last year's league tussle was no less dramatic as the visitors triumphed by just one run. The Carlton last pair of Dave Robertson and Tom Clarke appeared to have run two to bring the scores level, only for the umpire to signal 'one short'. Robbo was then caught behind off the next ball - a moment he describes as "the performance he most wants to forget" on the Carlton website. Zeeshan Bashir was the pick of the Clydesdale bowlers that day with figures of 4 for 21.

So with two losses in the last two Grange Loan encounters, Carlton will be desperately seeking a home win today – preferably one that doesn't go to the last ball!

	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
Greenock	11	8	0	1	2	0	82
Grange	11	7	0	0	4	5	75
Carlton	11	7	0	1	3	4	71
Uddingston	10	5	0	2	3	2	56
Ayr	10	5	0	0	5	4	54
Clydesdale	10	4	0	3	3	0	46
Heriots	11	4	0	2	5	6	45
Ferguslie	11	3	0	2	6	5	38
Poloc	11	2	0	2	7	10	29
Watsonians	10	1	0	2	7	10	24

Lloyds TSB Scotland League: Premier Division

Carlton v Clydesdale

July 5th 2008

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Carlton CC

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

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Clydesdale CC (from)

1. H Singh
2. G Williamson
3. Q Sheikh
4. K Sajid
5. K Farid *
6. Z Bashir
7. R Lyons
8. G Munro
9. C Smith #
10. M Afzal
11. N Mitchell
12. Z Shahid
13. M Borthwick

Next home match: v Grange, Murgatroyd Masterton 20/20 Trophy Final: Thu 10th July 6.15 pm