

Season Update

Carlton's SNCL championship hopes slipped away at Grange Loan a fortnight ago when they fell to a comprehensive defeat at the hands of Greenock. After an early breakthrough from Michael Radnidge, the Renfrewshire side's Kiwi professional Tim McIntosh showed his class as he powered his way to 84 before being caught and bowled by Steve Gilmour.



Thereafter, three wickets from Peter Wooden slowed the Greenock run rate and they finished on 223 for 7 off their 50 overs. Unfortunately, the Carlton reply got off to a bad start as openers Cedric English and Charles Legget departed early. Although Woody fought a rearguard action he was unable to find any batsman to support him and Carlton eventually capitulated to 112 all out.

The following day, Carlton travelled through to Glasgow for the Murgitroyd National Twenty20 Finals Day. The team realised that it wasn't going to be a great day when they hit a thunderstorm on the M8 and their bus began to leak, forcing them to perform a quick rescue of their kit, which was taking a soaking. A further couple of downpours on arrival forced the organisers to abandon the event and reschedule the matches for tomorrow, again at Poloc.

	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
Grange	17	11	0	2	4	5	119
Greenock	17	11	0	3	3	0	116
Carlton	17	9	0	3	5	6	97
Ayr	17	8	0	1	8	13	90
Uddingston	16	7	0	4	5	2	80
Heriots	17	6	0	4	7	10	73
Clydesdale	17	5	0	6	6	4.5	66.5
Poloc	17	4	0	4	9	12	55
Watsonians	17	4	0	4	9	12	55
Ferguslie	17	3	0	4	10	5	42



Welcome: Grange CC

Today we wish a warm welcome to President Bobby Frazer and the Grange supporters to Grange Loan.

The Portgower Place club, like ourselves, have been ever-present in the top flight since the formation of the SNCL in 1999. They have had considerably more success, however, winning the title 4 times and finishing no lower than 4th every year apart from 1999.

This year, despite using more players than any other Premier League side during the course of the campaign, the visitors are 3 points clear at the top of the table. Their main run scorers have been Kiwi pro Warren McSkimming, Saltires Gregor Maiden & Neil McCallum and skipper Sanjay Patel. With the ball, pro McSkimming, Stuart Davidson & Andy Wilson have taken the majority of the wickets.

History is against the home side as we have never won against today's opposition at Grange Loan in the SNCL. In fact Carlton have a mere 4 wins (and one winning draw) from our 19 league meetings to date, albeit 4 of those ties were lost to the weather. Recent history is more encouraging, however, as we have won 2 out of the last 3 league encounters as well as retaining the midweek Masterton trophy by defeating Grange in the final two years in succession.

In fact Carlton have emerged victorious from all meetings between the two clubs' senior XIs this year, except for one 2nd team game where the weather intervened. Let's hope that it's the cricket and not the weather that we're talking about at the end of today's game.

Lloyds TSB Scotland League: Premier Division

Carlton v Grange August 16th 2008

Match Sponsor: Richard Dickinson

Carlton CC (from)

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

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Grange CC

1. Sanjay Patel*
2. Gregor Maiden
3. Neil McCallum
4. Warren McSkimming
5. Giles Holmes
6. Simon Taylor
7. Simon Smith +
8. Stuart Davidson
9. Cameron Coles
10. Andy Wilson
11. Johnny Gray

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