

Season Update

It was a case of 'as you were' at the top of the Lloyds TSB Scotland League Premier Division last Saturday. Carlton travelled to Paisley minus Cedric English, but the loss of the talismanic skipper didn't hinder our title bid as Steve Gilmour took the bowling honours with 5 for 27 as Ferguslie crawled to 138 for 9 off their 50 overs. Peter Wooden then hit an unbeaten 48 as Carlton reached the target with over 8 overs to spare.



Any hopes that Carlton might close the gap on leaders Grange were dashed when the Raeburn Place side escaped with a victory from their trip to Uddingston despite being dismissed for just 91. In reply, Uddingston got off to a dreadful start, losing Ed Cowan for just 2 and they eventually crumbled to an abject 55 all out.

Today's opponents Greenock, meanwhile, shrugged off the loss of three key players to defeat Clydesdale. Professional Tim McIntosh hit 120 as they ran out comfortable winners by 62 runs.

Meanwhile, Carlton have progressed to tomorrow's Murgitroyd National Twenty20 Cup Finals Day at Poloc. Carlton play Dumfries in the second semi-final at 1pm with the winners taking on either Clydesdale or Dunfermline in the final at 4pm. Carlton are running a subsidised supporters' bus to the event - to book a seat ask at the bar!

	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
Grange	15	10	0	1	4	5	107
Greenock	15	10	0	2	3	0	104
Carlton	15	9	0	2	4	6	95
Ayr	15	8	0	0	7	9	84
Uddingston	14	7	0	3	4	2	78
Heriots	15	6	0	3	6	10	71
Clydesdale	15	4	0	5	6	4.5	54.5
Poloc	15	3	0	3	9	12	43
Watsonians	15	3	0	3	9	12	43
Ferguslie	15	3	0	3	9	5	40



Welcome: Greenock CC

Today we welcome current champions Greenock to Grange Loan. Two time winners of the Premier League and, before that, 17 times winners of the Western Union, Greenock have always been one of Scotland's leading clubs.

With only 9 points separating the sides in the league table today's match is sure to be a keenly contested affair. Unfortunately for us, the recent history of Greenock v Carlton clashes has very much gone the way of the Renfrewshire side.

Most memorably, the sides clashed in last season's Scottish Cup Final at Paisley when Greenock won a low scoring match thanks, in the main, to a key all round contribution from ex-Carlton star Craig Wright. That day Carlton under achieved with the bat and struggled to 99 all out. In reply, our opponents were in deep trouble at one point before Wright and ex-Carlton junior Sean Weeraratna steered their side home.

In the league this season, Carlton returned from Greenock with only 2 points as they failed to chase down 289 despite a battling 92 from Fraser Watts. Richie Berrington was the top scorer for the home side with 95. Neither player will feature today as both Watts and Berrington are in the Scotland Twenty20 squad for the World Cup Qualifiers in Ireland.

To find Carlton's last win against Greenock we need to go back to the beginning of last season at Glenpark, when a 5 wicket haul from Charles Leggett helped to dismiss Greenock for just 194. A fine unbroken partnership between Peter Wooden (76) and Jamie Kerr (60) saw the visitors to a seven wicket win.

Lloyds TSB Scotland League: Premier Division

Carlton v Greenock

August 2nd 2008

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Carlton CC

1. Cedric English *
2. Ben Duerden
3. Peter Wooden
4. Steve Gilmour
5. Darren Spink
6. Jamie Kerr +
7. Peter Swan
8. Michael Radnidge
9. Charles Legget
10. Mo Afzal
11. Ali Evans

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Greenock CC

(from)

1. T McIntosh
2. S Praabhu
3. H Byrnes Howe +
4. C Wright *
5. S Weeraratna
6. R Begley
7. R Wylie
8. J Hempsey
9. C Hempsey
10. S Sanghera
11. K Begley
12. D Brown
13. K Diffenthal

Next home match: v Uddingston, Saturday 9th August. 1pm