

Season Update

Due to the monsoon conditions of August 2008, competitive cricket came early to Grange Loan this year as Carlton took on Dunfermline in the rearranged Murgitroyd National Twenty20 Final on 18th April.

With coloured clothing, white balls and black sightscreens only the chill East wind reminded spectators that this was early season cricket in Scotland.

Dunfermline decided to bat on winning the toss and the visitors might have been beginning to regret their decision when Cedric English clean bowled three of the top order in his four over spell. A couple of wickets for Mo Afzal left things looking bleak for Dunfermline at 24 for 5. However, Barnes and Yasir Arfat combined well and Carlton were relieved when Tom Clarke trapped Barnes lbw as he attempted a sweep. A couple of stumpings from skipper Jamie Kerr saw the Dunfermline innings close on 92 for 9.

The combination of the new white ball and early season conditions – allied to a fine spell from the Dunfermline opening bowlers - saw three early wickets fall in the Carlton reply. However, Carlton's man for a crisis Bryn Lockie played an excellent anchor role, dispatching anything overpitched with immaculate timing. His partner for the fourth wicket was Stevie Gilmour and Gilly looked to be in great touch. He peppered the boundary with a range of fine shots, the pick of which was a straight one-bounce four to tie the scores, before he hit the winning run to make Carlton Scotland's 20:20 champions.



Welcome to Scotland U19s

This afternoon we welcome Craig Wright and his Under 19 team to Grange Loan.

The introduction of the Under 19s into the league last year was an excellent initiative designed to get the country's best young players playing against better players on better surfaces. In the words of the former Scotland skipper and current Performance Development Manager at Cricket Scotland: "Our national youth teams currently do not play enough cricket of a high enough standard to fully aid their development, and this results in our players maturing later than in other countries. In my opinion young players learn how to play cricket and develop psychologically on the cricket field."

Their results last year were mixed – convincing wins over both Grange & Greenock (who went on to finish first & second) as well as a narrow victory over Clydesdale and five heavy losses, including a 9 wicket drubbing, by soon to be relegated, Poloc. Carlton also scored an emphatic win in the corresponding fixture last year. Cedric English & pro Peter Wooden both scored centuries in a formidable total of 307. In reply only three visiting batsmen made it into doubles figures and the home side ran out winners by 190 runs.

So far this season the Under 19s have already demolished Ayr by 10 wickets and got the better of Heriot's by 16 runs and despite losses to Uddingston & Grange the visitors are showing definite signs that the experience gained over the last 13 months is being put to good use. The home side will need to play well today to ensure that the youngsters don't notch up another memorable scalp.



Lloyds TSB Scotland Premier League

Carlton v Scotland Under 19s

May 17th 2009

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Carlton CC

1. Cedric English*
2. Fraser Watts
3. Bryn Lockie
4. Steve Gilmour
5. Gordon Drummond
6. Jamie Kerr #
7. Ross Lyons
8. Peter Swan
9. Nathan Pietsch
10. Tom Clarke
11. Mo Afzal
12. Ben Stewart

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Scotland Under 19s

1. Aman Bailwal
2. Euan Chalmers
3. Craig Wallace
4. Calvin Burnett *
5. Oli Hairs
6. Keith Morton
7. Marc Petrie #
8. Matthew Parker
9. Paddy Sadler
10. Richie Lamb
11. Willie Rowan

Next home match: v Aberdeenshire, Lloyds TSB Scotland League Saturday 30th May