

Season Update

Carlton head into today's match following three defeats in three different competitions.

Two weeks ago, a maiden half century from opener Ben Duerden underpinned a Carlton total of 219 for 8 against old rivals Grange. However, after Ali Evans dismissed prolific young opener Ollie Hairs, loose bowling enabled the visitors to move smoothly towards the target. Although there was the inevitable late Grange wobble, the match was lost with four balls and six wickets to spare.

On the following day, Carlton's Scottish Cup hopes were put to bed for another year as Greenock won a thrilling match on the last ball, scrambling a run to tie the scores and winning by virtue of having lost fewer wickets. And last Sunday at Grange Loan, despite a belligerent 48 from Gordon Drummond (right), the home side failed to chase down Corstorphine's 129 in the Masterton Trophy Twenty:20 final.



Welcome to Uddingston

It could be said that there are no two sides better matched in the SNCL Premier League than Uddingston and Carlton. Once again this season both sides have rather flattered to deceive, notching up good wins early on and flirting with the top of the table before losing games they really should have won and heading for another season of 'what might have been'.

Both sides also come into the game following disappointing cup defeats on Sunday – Carlton losing to Corstorphine in the Masterton Trophy Final, while Uddingston lost out at Dunfermline in their Scottish Cup Quarter Final.

Uddingston have competed in the top flight since 2001 and of the league meetings to date Carlton have won 7, lost 5, drawn 1 with 4 no results (ominously all these were at Grange Loan).

In fact our record at home against today's opposition is poor, with the only win coming in 2006 thanks to an unbeaten 85 from Stevie Gilmour after a solid bowling performance restricted Uddingston to 201 for 9.

Carlton also came out on top in the match earlier this season when the two sides served up a cracker in the west. Uddingston batted first and notched up an impressive 271 for 5, with prolific pro Tom Plant hitting 107. In reply an unbeaten 143 from injured skipper Cedric English, supported by a brutal 80 from Ross Lyons, saw Carlton to a fine victory.

	P	W	T	L	BP	Pts	%age
Grange	13	9	1	3	12	89	68
Aberdeenshire	12	9	0	3	8	80	67
West of Scotland	14	9	0	5	18	90	64
Clydesdale	13	9	0	4	6	78	60
Uddingston	14	8	0	6	10	74	53
Scot Under 19s	10	5	0	5	8	48	48
Carlton	11	5	1	5	6	51	46
Watsonians	13	5	0	8	11	51	39
Heriot's	14	5	0	9	8	48	34
Greenock	13	4	0	9	6	38	29
Ayr	13	1	0	12	10	18	14

Lloyds TSB Scotland Premier League

Carlton v Uddingston

August 8th 2009

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Carlton

1. Fraser Watts
2. Ben Duerden
3. Cedric English*
4. Gordon Drummond
5. Jamie Kerr #
6. Ross Lyons
7. Ben Stewart
8. Nik Hunt
9. Charles Legget
10. Ali Evans
11. Steven Elder

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Uddingston (from)

1. TC Plant
2. PJC Hoffmann
3. Amir Gul
4. V Bird
5. G Bradley
6. DW Bill
7. KP Makwana
8. J Johnston
9. I Adrees
10. BG Clarke#
11. R Bawa*
12. N MacLeod
13. A Baxter

Next home match: v Heriots, Lloyds TSB Scotland Premier League Saturday 22nd August, 12 noon