

Season Update



Following a disappointing run in recent weeks, Carlton got their title bid back on track last Saturday with a vital win over old rivals Grange at Portgower Place.

After Grange won the toss and put Carlton into bat, the visitors overcame the early loss of Fraser Watts to build a challenging total. Cedric English played a captain's role, battling a hamstring injury to hit 57, ably supported by Woody who scored 45 to take his Premier League aggregate for the season to over 500. An entertaining unbeaten 50 partnership from Jamie Kerr and Michael Radnidge hauled Carlton up to 240.

Mo Afzal responded well to being handed the new ball by making a crucial early breakthrough and with Cedric bravely bowling his full 10 overs despite his injury Carlton were always in the game, particularly when Rad clean bowled two middle-order batsmen. The big breakthrough came via Dave Robertson who cleverly(!?) bowled a legside wide to entice pro McSkimming out of his crease and towards the pavilion, courtesy of the nation's top stumper Mr JAM Kerr.

With Grange dismissed for 200, the win gave Carlton a vital 10 points and moved us up to second in the table.

	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
Greenock	9	6	0	1	2	0	62
Carlton	9	6	0	0	3	4	59
Grange	9	5	0	0	4	7	57
Ayr	8	5	0	0	3	4	54
Uddingston	8	5	0	0	3	2	52
Heriots	9	4	0	1	4	3	40
Ferguslie	9	3	0	2	4	3	36
Clydesdale	8	3	0	2	3	0	34
Poloc	9	2	0	0	7	10	25
Watsonians	8	1	0	1	6	6	18



Welcome: Watsonian CC

Today we wish a warm welcome to President Tim Bunker and the Watsonian supporters. While our near neighbours from Myreside are a few years younger than us, they still celebrated their centenary in 1975.

The club was "closed" for much of its life with only former pupils and teachers of George Watson's eligible to represent it. If these constraints limited the on-field success, the ability of the school to employ the likes of Kim Hughes and a young Terry Alderman went some way to redressing the balance.

This year sees the club's return to the top flight, having bounced back from relegation in 2006 to successfully claim the First Division title in 2007. Indeed their history in the National Leagues has been something of an up-down affair having been promoted 3 times into and relegated twice out of the top division.

So far this year they have struggled despite a number of new signings over the winter, including Raj Routray from Ferguslie and Steve Paige, the new Cricket Scotland National Community Development Manager. Injuries to the latter and skipper Gordon Drummond have played their part. However, both are expected to be fit for today's encounter.

Although our visitors currently lie bottom of the Premier League with their only win to date coming away at Ferguslie, they have run a number of sides close. In fact, if recent history is any guide, then the home side had better be on its guard as the last meeting of the two sides at Grange Loan in 2006 ended with a 10 run win to Watsonians.

Lloyds TSB Scotland League: Premier Division

Carlton v Watsonians

June 21st 2008

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Carlton CC

1. Ben Duerden
2. Fraser Watts
3. Peter Wooden
4. Bryn Lockie
5. Steve Gilmour
6. Darren Spink
7. Jamie Kerr * #
8. Michael Radnidge
9. Dave Robertson
10. Ally Evans
11. Mo Afzaal

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Watsonian CC

1. Ryan Flannigan
2. Dave Stewart
3. Andy Delmont
4. Euan Chalmers
5. Gordon Drummond*
6. James Easton
7. Euan Stubbs #
8. Ross Paxton
9. Andy Learmonth
10. Raj Routray
11. Steve Paige

Next home match: v Ayr, Lloyds TSB Scotland League Saturday 28th June