

Season Update

Two league defeats in succession have slowed Carlton's progression in the Lloyds TSB Scotland Premier League.

A fortnight ago, a match constantly interrupted by rain meant that the Duckworth Lewis computer was doing overtime as Carlton chased a challenging target imposed by visitors Clydesdale. The Carlton reply got off to a nightmare start when English, Watts and Lockie departed early. Each time the players went off for rain the Carlton run-rate soared and, despite fine batting from Steve Gilmour and Peter Deakin, and some late fireworks from Ross Lyons, Carlton fell agonisingly short.

Last week at Goldenacre, Carlton again fell short chasing a Duckworth Lewis target. Heriot's openers Steve Knox and Qasim Ashraf got the hosts off to a flyer and a fine unbeaten 55 from Carlton's head coach Gordon Drummond was not enough to earn any points for the visitors.

There was much better news in the Scottish Cup on Sunday, however, as a perfectly paced 75 not out from Drummond saw Carlton knock out Watsonians at Myreside to advance into the next round. Arbroath will be the round two visitors to Grange Loan on Sunday July 12th.

	P	W	T	L	BP	Pts	%age
Aberdeenshire	8	7	0	1	8	64	80
West of Scotland	7	5	0	2	10	50	71
Grange	8	5	1	2	8	53	66
Uddingston	8	5	0	3	6	46	58
Scot Under 19s	9	5	0	4	8	48	53
Clydesdale	8	5	0	3	2	42	52
Carlton	7	3	1	3	2	31	44
Watsonians	8	3	0	5	8	32	40
Heriot's	8	3	0	5	4	28	35
Greenock	7	1	0	6	2	10	14
Ayr	8	0	0	8	4	4	5

Forthcoming fixtures at Grange Loan:

Tuesday 30th June (Masterton Trophy Semi-Final)

Carlton v Watsonians (6pm)

Saturday 4th July (SNCL Premier)

Carlton v Greenock (1pm)

Sunday 12th July (Scottish Cup Round 2)

Carlton v Arbroath (1pm)



Welcome to West of Scotland

Today's visitors are familiar foes: West of Scotland - the opposition in Carlton's first ever cricket match at Grange Loan way back in 1905.

West are enjoying being back in the top flight following their promotion last season in a playoff against Poloc, and after a great start they're flying high in second place in the SNCL just behind leaders Aberdeenshire.

The connection between West and Carlton is strong - our esteemed head groundsman Alasdair MacLeod (above left) is a member there, while current first team batsman Stevie Gilmour (above right) started his playing career at Hamilton Crescent, before realising that the sun shined for longer in the east of Scotland. Former Carlton bowler Craig Wright also made the switch from west to east. Rumour also has it that the current Carlton 2nd XI captain Charlie Paterson briefly masqueraded as a bowler/late order pinch hitter at West last season, but this is yet to be clarified ...

West captain Ian Young was once a member of the MCC Young Cricketers programme, and was twelfth man for England when they played the infamous test forfeited against Pakistan at the Oval in 2006. His team is spearheaded by experienced Scotland batsman and wicketkeeper Dougie Lockhart, and New Zealand professional Andy Ellis who has been scoring heavily in his first year in Glasgow. Another player to watch out for is spinner Niki Sood who's taken plenty of wickets in his debut SNCL season, but one man Carlton don't have to worry about today is injured Scotland paceman Gordon Goudie.

Lloyds TSB Scotland Premier League

Carlton v West of Scotland

June 27th 2009

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Carlton

1. Fraser Watts
2. Tom Barrett
3. Cedric English*
4. Steve Gilmour
5. Gordon Drummond
6. Jamie Kerr #
7. Ross Lyons
8. Charles Legget
9. Jamie Davies
10. Mo Afzal
11. Ali Evans

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West of Scotland (from)

1. IDK Young *
2. RA Brown
3. IL Cran
4. AM Ellis
5. Mohammad Kashif
6. DR Lockhart #
7. DK McCall
8. D McNulty
9. S Robertson
10. G Smith
11. N Sood
12. C Tulloch
13. G Watson

Next home match: v Greenock, Lloyds TSB Scotland League Saturday 4th July