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KEEPING IT IN THE FAMILY

More Carlton history was made on Sunday 18 May when four family pairs appeared together in the Development XI against RH Corstorphine. After a fine afternoon's cricket, they generously allowed the opposition to score more runs. That might technically make RHC the winners, but we know who the real winners are.



CARLTON V DRUMPELLIER



Following their exciting first round victory over Stenhousemuir, Carlton will face Shimla Cottage Drumpellier at Grange Loan on Sunday 25 May in the second round of the Scottish Cup.

Drumpellier CC celebrates its 175th Anniversary this year and it is 150 years since Carlton and Drumpellier first met. The club was established in 1850 when landowner Sir David Carrick Buchanan, himself a keen cricketer, made a field in his estate at Coatbridge available to enthusiastic local cricketers. While the ground is called Langloan, he insisted that the cricket club is called Drumpellier, after his estate and mansion. Many of the original players were workers on his estate.

Reflecting its origins, the motto of the club Audaces Juvo (I aid the brave) is the motto of the Buchanan clan.

Drumpellier have won 10 WDCU Championships, the most recent being in 1992. They have won the Scottish Cup 4 times, most recently in 1995, and they have won the Rowan Cup 5 times, the last being in 2019.

Drumpellier currently play in Premier 1 of the WDCU where they finished fifth in 2024.



Langloan from the air

CARLTON V DRUMPELLIER

Sir David Buchanan (right) was also instrumental in the formation of West of Scotland CC in 1862 and served as that club's first President. He died in 1904.

Buchanan was a descendent of Andrew Buchanan (1691-1759) (below), one of Glasgow's Tobacco Lords - now heavily criticised because of the use of slaves. He founded Glasgow's first bank, the Ship Bank, in 1750 and served as Provost of Glasgow between 1740-42. It is after him that Buchanan Street is named.



The Drumpellier estate was purchased by Andrew Buchanan in 1735. He built the oldest part of Drumpellier House (below) in 1736 and it was extended in the 1740s and 1750s with further additions being made in the mid 19th Century.

The estate was made over to the people of Coatbridge after the First World War. A golf course was laid out and the wider area serves as a country park. The mansion was demolished in the 1960s.



Drumpellier House, Coatbridge.

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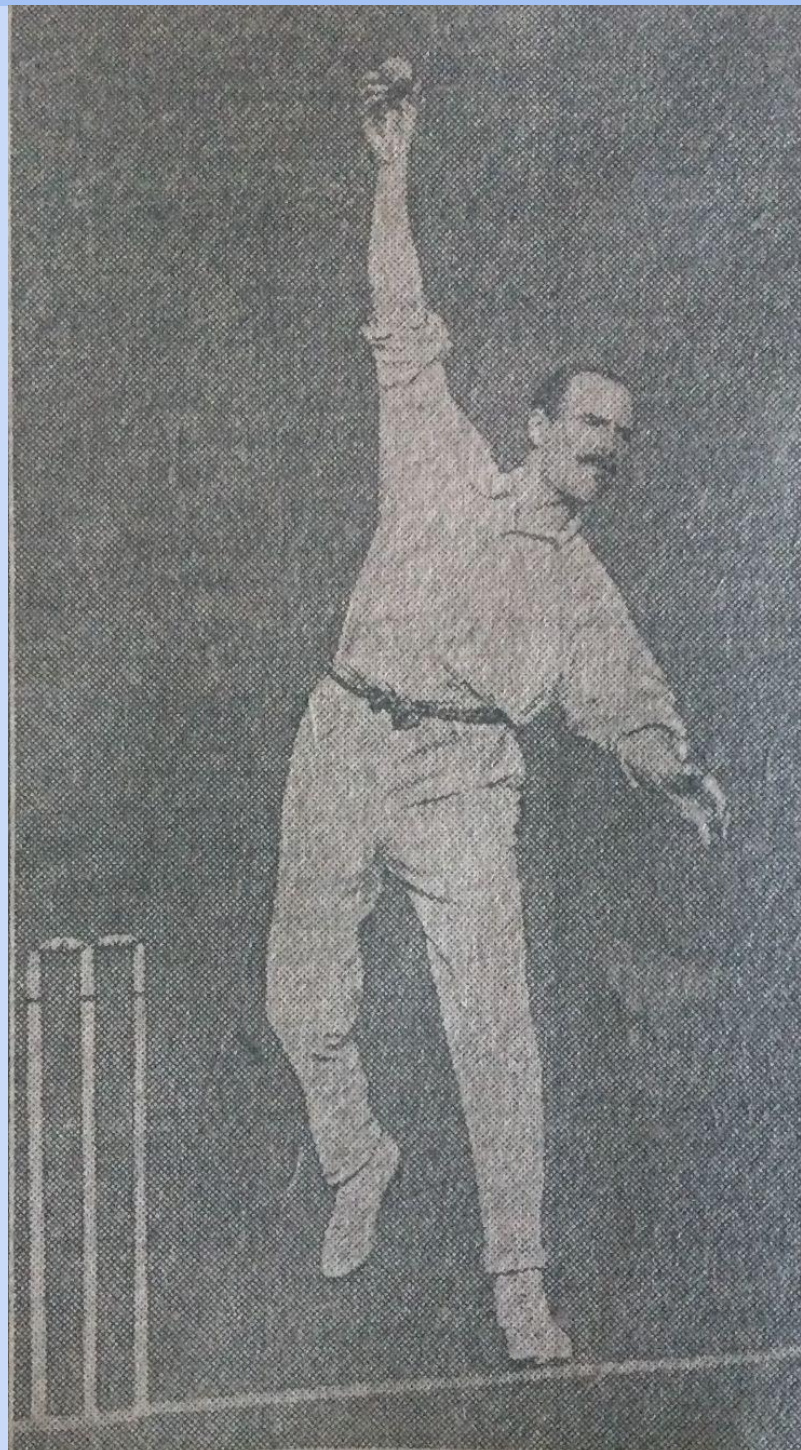
The ground at Langloan was laid out by the same man who had curated Hamilton Crescent for West of Scotland CC, John Sands. Drumpellier soon became a force in West of Scotland cricket and Langloan one of the best grounds.

In 1860 Colonel Buchanan's Scotland Team (of 16) took on Ireland (team of 11) at Langloan losing by an innings and 44 runs. The following year, Buchanan's team, this time numbering 14, managed a noble draw against the Irish XI.

In 1877 WG Grace's United South of England XI took on the 22 of Drumpellier and lost, despite Grace's 57 in the first innings. In the second innings he was run out for 0.

It is now 150 years since the first meeting between Carlton and Drumpellier in July 1875. Carlton travelled to Langloan - a gruelling two train journey and had considerably the worse of the draw for their pains. The home side batted for 5 hours to accumulate 206. The Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser summed up Carlton's response, *'Carlton next went in, but made no stand and when time was called they had only made 51 with one wicket to fall.'*

Regular encounters followed. In August 1877 Carlton visited Langloan again. The Airdrie and Coatbridge Advertiser reported that, *'The visitors did not arrive until 2 o'clock, just a couple of hours beyond the time fixed for commencement of the match and then only with eight men. Players were lent, one of whom, disguised in newspaper reports as 'Turnbull', was significant in Carlton's victory scoring 59 and taking 3 wickets - Drumpellier's first defeat of the season.'*



In 1885, Carlton's efforts over 2 innings failed to reach half of Drumpellier's first innings total. This was one of only two losses Carlton sustained that season.

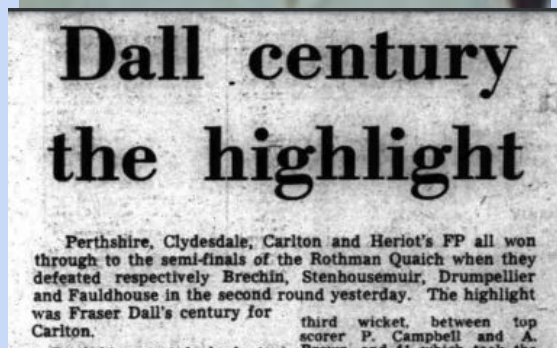
In 1904, Carlton were *'brilliant in the field'* restricting Drumpellier to 57. With rain threatening Jupp (left) and Stevenson (above) quickly won the match.' Jupp had earlier taken 5 wickets.

In 1908 Carlton were well behind, scoring only 61-9 in response to 226-9. NL Stevenson claimed 3 wickets and had further success in 1910 with 6 for 36. In 1920, in one of Carlton's first significant matches following WW1, AE Sellars took 7-46 as Carlton won

CARLTON V DRUMPELLIER

With the development of the Western Union, matches became less frequent and Carlton and Drumpellier did not encounter one another on league business during the SNCL. Meetings were restricted to cup ties, of which there have been 8 since 1972, 4 at each ground. Carlton have won 6 of these.

In 1975 at Grange Loan, Fraser Dall scored his only century for Carlton to bring the home side victory.



The clubs have twice met in the Cup semi-final. The first was in 1982, at Langloan, when Carlton lost by 55 runs, largely due to the innings of 95 by long serving pro Budhi Kunderan - see following pages. However Drumpellier lost the final to West of Scotland.

In the 2013 quarter final, Carlton's total of 249-7 was never challenged as 5-49 for 18 year old Fraser Allardice (right) left Drumpellier a long way short at 146ao. Carlton would go on to lose the final to Grange.

In 2017 the rain affected semi-final at Grange Loan was dominated by a partnership of 112 between Michael Herdman 106* and Tom Simpson 48 run out off the last ball (photo right). According to the over excited and imaginative match reporter, *'They ran like marauding gazelles being chased by a pack of bloodthirsty wolves (not sure wolves live close to gazelles but you known what I mean),'*



More rain meant that Carlton's 200-6 off 39 overs was reduced to a target of 194. Drumpellier never got going and, with further overs lost to rain, they could only muster 113-6 off 33 overs leaving Carlton the victors. Carlton would go on to the final where they triumphed over Watsonians.



The clubs also met the following year in the first round when Carlton were again victorious by a narrower margin of 8 runs, although Drumpellier's total of 152 was significantly swollen by 36 wides.

CARLTON V DRUMPELLIER

Drumpellier's efforts were bolstered between 1972 and 1995 by long-serving Indian pro **Budhi Kunderan** - a critical asset during their most successful period.

Kunderan played 18 tests for India, scoring 2 centuries, and was Indian cricketer of the year in 1960. He was first noticed when at the age of 13 he scored 219, then a record score in a school competition. Many commentators regard him as ahead of his time and see him as a prototype for MS Dhoni as a fast scoring wicket keeper. Indeed his top score of 192 against England at Madras was the highest by an Indian wicket keeper until it was overtaken by Dhoni.

However Indian selectors found it hard to choose between him and Farouk Engineer - they were both wicket-keepers and aggressive bats. When Kunderan was surprisingly left out of the tour party for Australia he was heavily critical of Indian cricket effectively turning his back on it. He played in Lancashire before coming to Scotland.

Kunderan settled in the West of Scotland, married locally and pursued a career outside cricket. He died in 2006 in Glasgow.

Kunderan played for Scotland in 5 Benson and Hedges matches in 1980 and 1982. Although he was normally a wicket keeper, he was also a bowler good enough to open India's bowling in the Edgbaston Test in 1967.

Kunderan played against Carlton in 1972 scoring 59* and in 1982 scoring 95.



Drumpellier will mark their 175th Anniversary with a match against an Indian Select XI on 10 August.



Carlton's cup victory in 1993 was despite the contribution of 82 by then Drumpellier pro **Alastair Storie**. Storie won Scotland's Batsman of the Year Award that season but left Drumpellier for West of Scotland. He then came to Grange Loan in 1996 and 97, a rare instance of a player playing for both clubs.

Another significant Scotland player to have played at Langloan was **Calum MacLeod** who was a junior at Drumpellier. He moved to Uddingston in 2006.



Murray Whitaker

Now based in London, pursuing a career in real estate finance, Murray remembers happy days at Grange Loan

Growing up at Carlton was a special experience. From my earliest memories, I spent way too much time on Saturdays down at the club, hitting balls in the nets, spectating the superstars of the 1/2's, destroying my way through 10 lucky bags at 20p a pop.

Carlton had everything a kid could want: competitive cricket and a real sense of community. I think the junior setup was brilliant—structured, welcoming, and run by people who genuinely cared about developing young players. It's thanks to the dedication of the greats such as John Boyd, Fraser Watts, Stevie Gilmour and others that I and so many others had the platform to grow.

Some of the highlights of the junior years included winning Scottish Cups at U13 level and a great ECB U15 Cup run. Admittedly, that cup run was recently put to shame by our juniors who managed the incredible achievement of going all way at Lord's!

Manoeuvring into my senior cricket, I never really found the same form as at the junior level, bar a hot streak in Covid - I'm not sure how many people have averaged over 80 for Carlton 1/2s over a season (Must've been the lack of ball shining)! My personal highlight at Carlton however was definitely playing/water boying in the European Cricket League in 2022. One of the only proper games I played was the final (due to Hugo jetting off for rugby premiership TNT sport duties (Priorities!?!)). Anyway from memory the opposition opening batsman managed 80 off about 20 balls, thus we ended up losing. Although I never batted in that final.. (what a mistake Gilly!)

Overall Carlton provided a real sense of community that gave the juniors confidence, discipline, and friendships that have lasted well beyond my junior cricket for which I'm extremely grateful. I'm sure at some point down the line I will return to Edinburgh and put on the sky blue cap once more. I'll hopefully be able to give back to what I benefited so much from.





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Carlton recently received the above certificate marking 100 years since its incorporation as a limited company on 16 May 1925.

The Memorandum of Association notes the principal objects of the company as:

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- (2) To purchase, hire or otherwise acquire and take over on such terms as the Company may think fit the undertaking and all or any of the assets and liabilities of the present unincorporated Association or Society known as the Carlton Cricket Club.

Carlton Cricket Club Ltd was established as part of the legal structures put in place following the purchase of Grange Loan in 1924 - fully described in [The Arrow 68](#). Ownership of the ground itself is in the hands of a Trust which makes it available to the club (as incorporated).

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The page above from the documents incorporating Carlton Cricket Club Ltd on 7 May 1926 shows the signatures of many key figures from Carlton's history including:

William W Forsyth, 30 Princes Street, Merchant, then President; Norman L Stevenson 7 Alva Street, Surgeon, then captain; J F Taylor, Elmore 7 Mortonhall Road, Merchant, Past President; Charles J Munro (address illegible) Accountant, past and future president, R Fortune (address illegible) SSC; AS Cairns, 1 Brights Crescent, Wine Merchant; and A Walker City Chambers, Law Agent. All witnessed by A H Hamilton SSC, Past President.

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THE HOUSE ON THE HILL

On many a long summer evening Carlton's cricketers, their exertions on the field complete, have looked up from the ale they are quaffing at the imposing house on the hill that overlooks the ground. They mumble to themselves, 'What a great clubhouse that would make. Why didn't the club buy it when it bought the ground.'

When Carlton first came to Grange Loan in 1904 - the house, known then and now as Grange Park - was occupied by George Boyd Thornton Esq, a successful local business man.

It was he who had first responded to the pleadings of NL Stevenson that Grange Park would make the perfect cricket field for Carlton. The club at that time were playing nearby - at a ground on Blackford Road which was heavily criticised as uneven and lacking the potential to be the facility of the standard the club deserved.

Stevenson was characteristically determined to improve things, 'I kept hammering at Mr Thornton, and finally, after many refusals, he gave his consent to the proposed lease.'

Thornton and Co had been established by GB's father in 1848. It was one of Edinburgh's many rubber manufacturers owning a prominent Princes Street store on the corner of Hanover Street.

On the opposite corner of Princes Street and Hanover Street was Thomas Stevenson's Foreign and British Bazaar, the family business from which NL Stevenson be sprung. It is likely therefore that they knew each other well when Stevenson began his pleading for the cricket ground. Stevenson might even have purchased his cricket gear at Thornton's store, since they carried a wide range of sporting goods.

Not much is known otherwise about Thornton, he may have had a sympathy for cricket and other sports, but there is no indication of him playing. However he was a dedicated sportsman in other fields. A newspaper report of August 1893 records that 'On Feddal Moor, Braco, on the 12th of August Mr G B Thornton and party (4 guns) killed 55 brace grouse and 5 hares; on the 14th 31 brace.'

THE HOUSE ON THE HILL - EGREMONT

Grange Park House was built in 1864-69 by the 'rogue architect' Frederick Pilkington. It is A-listed and described as 'an almost square-plan mansionhouse in stylized Romanesque with abundant carved decoration (foliate and animal), on a sloping site.' It bears many of Pilkington's hallmark features. These can also be seen in other of his buildings most notably Barclay Church (rt). The rich internal decoration can be seen in the photos of the main staircase and First Floor Drawing Room.



Shortly before turning to his Grange Park project, Pilkington had completed the building of Craigmount on the adjoining site, whose grounds were also used on occasion as a cricket field - most notably for the visit of W G Grace's United South of England XI in 1872. Craigmount was demolished in 1956 having in the interim served as a girls' school, during which period the girls were regular visitors to Carlton as players and spectators.



Pilkington built the house as his private residence. He named it Egremont in honour of his second wife whose childhood home in Ely, Cambridgeshire, was also called Egremont. The village of Egremont is in Cumbria and its claim to fame was to have been besieged and sacked by Robert the Bruce in 1322.



THE HOUSE ON THE HILL

GB Thornton died in 1908. Nearly twenty years later, when the field came under threat from speculative builders, prompting Stevenson to pursue its purchase, the house was in the occupation of Mrs Pelham Burn, widow of Charles Maitland Pelham Burn who had died in 1917. (This is perhaps the origin of the belief still held by many Carltonites that the house is occupied by a single old lady). Pelham Burn came from a very well connected military family and had himself served in 77th Highlanders. He had been a Director of the Standard Life Insurance company and was well known for extensive philanthropic work on behalf of military veterans.

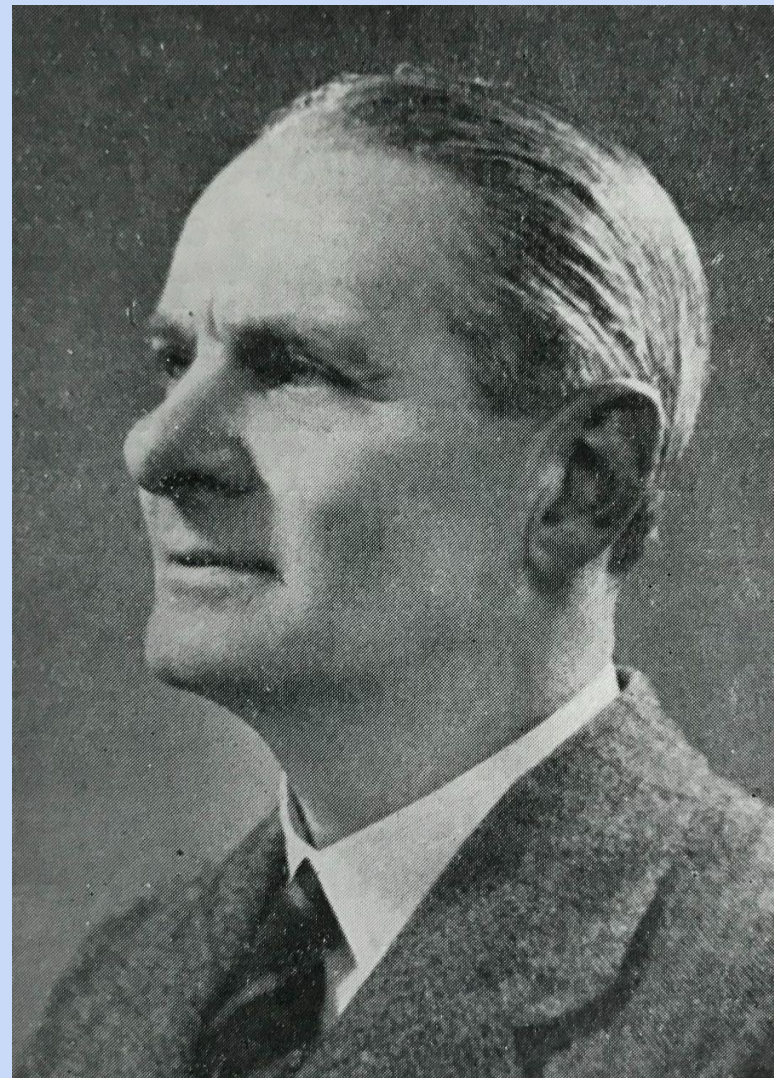
Mrs Pelham Burn died in 1929, when Grange Park was divided into apartments.

Their daughter, Kathleen (1887-1966), photo right, was better known as the Countess of Drogheda, who achieved some notoriety in the 1920s. Having married the Count of Drogheda in 1909, she divorced him in 1922 because of his infidelity. That same year she married Mexican playboy Guillermo Landa y Escandón, whom she subsequently divorced in 1929.

Amongst other things Kathleen had a great interest in aviation and was the first woman to fly as a passenger in an aeroplane. She was later known as the Flying Countess, a reference to her frequent aeroplane trips. She worked for aviation charities during both World Wars. She competed at Wimbledon in 1914 and was well connected with the artistic community. Jacob Epstein created a bust of her.

The Pelham Burns may have occupied the House, but they had no interest in the adjoining park. So when NL Stevenson eventually was successful in persuading Carlton to seek to purchase the field outright, he had had to negotiate with the heirs of GB Thornton. Stevenson may have found a sympathetic ear in the negotiations, GB's second son Arthur - photo right - had been captain of Carlton in 1909-10 and contributed useful runs from the middle order.

AG Thornton had been vice-captain in 1908, when the captaincy was held by Douglas Currie - ([see Arrow 68](#)). Currie was from another prominent family in Edinburgh's rubber industry and there may have been joint business ventures between the two firms. Edinburgh then was a small interconnected world. AG died in 1963.



THE HOUSE ON THE HILL



The photo above shows the Princes Street premises of Thornton and Co India Rubber Manufacturers, at the turn of the 20th Century. The firm also had retail and manufacturing premises in several other cities throughout the UK. Thorntons remained on site until the 1960s. A more recent photograph of the site is shown below - it is for you to decide whether it represents an aesthetic improvement to the streetscape. The site is now occupied by Blank Street Coffee and previously by Ernest Jones and others.



THE HOUSE ON THE HILL

In common with many other rubber manufacturers, Thornton and Co expanded and diversified from waterproof clothing to a wide range of other goods including sporting items. In particular, as golf increased in popularity, they first produced gutta percha balls and then branched into golf club manufacture ('Thornton Clubs are guaranteed to give satisfaction with fair usage.') Household objects were also featured - GB Thornton gained the patent for the door silencer seen below in 1886.



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In Memoriam John Bain



The club is sorry to hear of the recent passing of John Bain who played at Carlton between 1976 and 1980. He played 57 first team matches, taking 36 wickets. The photo above is from the First XI photo of 1980. Below is the full photo of the First XI in 1976, John's first season at GL - he is back row third from left..

John then moved to Holy Cross CC where he played for many years, for whom he took 118 wickets including a best return of 8-21 in 1986. He was the Crossers' captain in 1986-7.

Our condolences go to all his family and friends.

Carlton CC 1st XI 1976



R P Tarr, I F Millar, J R Bain, R F Dickinson, F N F Dall, R G Swan, M C L Gill

G S Innes, A Davies (Capt), Mrs M A Masterton (Hon Pres), J Jappy (Pres), N A Swan (Vice Capt), D G Jones

Inset: N P G Ross, J Hiley

Carlton Ties



Carlton 5

178/10 (40)

Match tied

ESCA Division 7

Grange Loan



Edinburgh 3

178/10 (34.1)

A tied cricket match is a rare thing. Sometimes the leveling of the scores feels like a win as what seemed a hopeless cause is redeemed. At other times it tastes bitter as early confidence of victory is dashed.

A tie requires the scores to be level after all innings of a match are complete. In the whole history of over 2500 Test matches there have only been two ties - Australia v W Indies in 1960 and Australia v India in 1986. In both matches the final wicket fell to the penultimate ball. In 200 years of First Class Cricket there have been only 65 such outcomes.

In the First Class game, a match where the batting side has wickets left at the end of play is deemed a draw. However things are different in single innings limited overs cricket. Where the scores are level at the end of the second innings, there is usually some means of determining a winner - either by reference to the number of wickets lost or the playing of a super over.

Not so long ago, tied scores in league cricket would be considered a drawn match - with teams sharing the points according to a formula which determined the winning versus the losing draw. But in Scottish cricket the draw was abandoned in 2004.

So, nowadays, when the teams finish level in runs scored, no matter how many wickets have fallen on either side, the match is considered a tie. Even so, tied matches are a rarity. In all of ESCA's leagues there were 4 in 2024, 3 in 2023 and 4 in 2022.

Tie Fives

It is therefore remarkable that with the result of their opening league match against Edinburgh 3 on 27 April ending with the scores level, 178 ap, Carlton's 5th XI have now played a tied match in each of the last 3 seasons.

In 2023, at the Arns, Carlton's attempt to overhaul Clackmannanshire's apparently modest total of 113 all out fell just short. That Carlton were able to contemplate victory on the last ball owed much to Josh Cully whose 36* denominated the match. With 3 needed off the last ball, he could only manage 2 and the scores were tied. Josh was also key to the most recent tie - his innings of 53 was the highest score on the day.

Josh Cully - left 2025, rt 2023



Carlton Ties

In 2024 at Peebles, Carlton 5's chase of the home side's 157 got off to a rocky start, but once again the innings was salvaged by a major contribution by a junior batter. John Gill (60) batted brilliantly and in a significant partnership with Angus Turner (27) put Carlton back on track. They reached the last over with 5 wanted and 2 wickets in hand. A score-leveling 4 off the first ball was followed by 2 wickets and the match tied.

Across all Carlton's other teams there have only been 7 tied matches since 2004. Three of those have involved the First XI - most recently in 2022 when Falkland failed to get the 11 runs they needed in the final over bowled by Neville Madziva (below left).



In 2009, Gordon Drummond (above centre) played his first match for Carlton against Grange at Portgower Place. The last over found him at the crease with Carlton needing 10 to overtake Grange's total of 209. He missed out by just one run and the scores were tied.

A Match to Remember - the Stuff of Legend

One of the Second XI's two tied matches is a legendary match in the club's history. The final match of the 2014 season saw Carlton requiring to beat Holy Cross at Grange Loan to avoid relegation.

Skipper Brad McKay (above right) came to the wicket with 2 balls left and 3 runs required. He tells the story, 'So, I walk to the wicket thinking that after playing cricket for 32 years, this *could be my chance to win a game of cricket with the bat. No pressure. It really is pretty dark out here. I hope Fraser (Allardice) has a plan. As I approach Fraser out of the dark, he gets in first and asks me what my plan is. As he was on 38 not out, I was hoping he'd have one. Anyway, I said that I'd try to get bat on ball and get him on strike for the final ball. So I took guard as Russell runs in and bowls and I didn't see it. It wasn't fast, but it was dark (did I mention that?). Luckily it didn't bowl me. So, now we're down to one ball to go in the season, 2 to tie (which I thought might help), but 3 to win. Fraser and I didn't speak between balls. Russell runs in and I see this one but I'm pretty sure my foot movement was minimal. Anyway, contact is made, hitting it back over the bowler's head. It's not going for four despite the fieldsman not seeing it. So we run, hard, and make two but a third is not possible. (see video on that link) 189/8 and it's a tie. There is no audible sound from the boundary and the overwhelming feeling is that a tie is not good enough and despite an amazing chase, we're probably relegated. We shake hands and walk off.'*

The sombre atmosphere soon turned to celebration as the maths showed that with other games falling to the weather the tie was good enough to avert relegation.

Carlton Ties

A reduced overs match v Glenrothes at Grange Loan in 2017 found Carlton looking good after a stand between Parker Neame and Michael Herdman (below) had put them in a strong position with 2 overs to go wanting just 6 from with 3 wickets in hand. Only 2 came from the penultimate over. Sayaan Sharif took the final over - a leg bye was followed by a wicket, then 2 off the penultimate ball tied the scores at 159-9. The final ball was firmly hit but straight at a fielder and no run could be taken. Tie.



In the days when draws were part of the game, several matches ended with the scores level. But only one ended with each team losing the same number of wickets. Hugh Parker remembers that particular tight finish against Kirkcaldy at Bennoch in 1992,

I remember we didn't play well at all and looked like losing for most of the game?! I wasn't a happy skipper.

It came down to the last over bowled by Jim Govan - they didn't need many but I think the scores were level with one ball to go and I spent some time setting the field/wasting time?! Our pro was Andrew Jackman but he had injured himself and could hardly move. I changed him from slip to leg slip as I suspected Jim would fire it in at leg stump. He did, the ball ran off the batsman's pads and Jacko managed to hobble a couple of paces, pick up the ball and take the bails off. A tie!

Scenes of muted celebration/relief!



Above

Andrew Jackman, Carlton's pro in 1992, seen here coaching 10 year old Sarah Muir of Cramond PS on a CS programme.

Below

Jim Govan Skipper 1996, 150 League and cup matches 262 wkts, 2290 runs; 26 T20 matches 43 wkts, 605 runs



Carlton Cup Ties

Carlton's First XI have twice been on the wrong side of the tie break rules when the scores ended up level in cup ties

Against Greenock the Scottish Cup 3rd round match in 2009 was reduced to 36 overs. The last ball was bowled and Jamie Kerr's run out attempt narrowly missed the stumps as Greenock scrambled a last ball single to level the scores at 173. Greenock had lost 6 wickets as opposed to Carlton's 8 and so progressed into the semi-final at Carlton's expense.

More recently, the pulsating final of the Masterton in 2023 ended with Carlton equalling Heriot's score of 187 largely due to the exceptional innings of Ali Shah. A run out off the last ball meant that Carlton could not overhaul Heriot's total. However once again Carlton had lost more wickets, 7 opposed to 4, and Heriot's were deemed winners. What would have happened if the super-over had been adopted as the tie-breaker?

In 1972, the world was different. When Carlton and Grange ended their Masterton tie all square at 101-9, a replay was mandated. The following week at Grange Loan, 20 wickets again fell - but the aggregate score remained below 100, itself a record of sorts in Carlton's Masterton history. Grange 55ao, Carlton 40ao. Playing in both matches for Grange was Richard Dickinson who made the move across town at the end of that season and never looked back, playing 292 League Cup and Masterton matches for Carlton taking 391 wickets, leaving him fourth in Carlton's all time wicket takers roll of honour.



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Carlton Neck Ties



From the left, classic striped Carlton tie, then the 125th Anniversary tie, then two different 2011 SNCL winning ties, and finally the 150th Anniversary tie.

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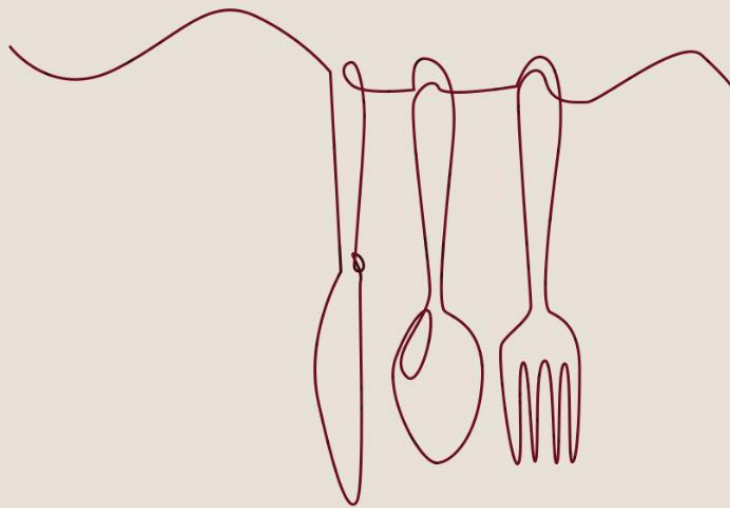




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