



THE ARROW

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THAT WINNING FEELING



U13 CUP TRIUMPH



Carlton's u13 boys did the club proud at the Doo'cot Park on Sunday 21 June in the Scottish Region finals of the ECB Vitality Cup. In two outstanding performances they proved too strong for Glasgow Hillhead in the semi and then Aberdeenshire in the final - in the end winning both matches comfortably.

Skipper Ollie McCallum reflects on the all round team performance:

Sunday's Scottish Cup Final was a tremendous team effort. In both the semi-final and final, the players showed their quality.

With the bat Arjun, Sebastiano, Aaradhy and Tom Sweet all played excellent innings to keep the scoreboard moving. Although we didn't post the highest totals, we remained confident.

Our bowling attack started strongly in both matches, with Tom Sweet taking a wicket in the first over each time. The spinners then took control and were outstanding throughout the day.

Captaining was made much easier by having clear game plans and players who understood their roles. A special thanks to Stevie Gilmour for his outstanding coaching and support. It was a memorable day in an amazing setting—one none of us will forget anytime soon.



U13s WIN AT MERCHISTON



On a sunny but chilly day at the Merchiston Super 8s, the Carlton U13 squad came out victorious - matching their efforts from 2 years ago in the U11 equivalent.

The format at the Super 8s is 8 a-side, 10 over games with round robin games in two groups of 3, followed by a final and 3rd/4th, 5th/6th playoffs.

Carlton's first game proved to be their most challenging. Cargilfield (who they had beaten two years previously in the final to win the U11 Super 8s) won the toss, chose to bat and posted 64/4 in their 10 overs. Carlton's reply started brightly, but a flurry of wickets brought Anas and Tom to the wicket earlier than expected. However, they calmed things down and rotated strike sensibly, keeping the target in sight. After Tom got out, late in the innings, Arjun joined Anas to see the team over the line, which they did with 3 balls to spare.



In the final pool match, Carlton bowled Belhaven out for 38. There was brief anxiety as early wickets were lost during the chase but the target was reached within 7 overs, taking Carlton into the final against Grange. In the final, Grange batted first and set a target of 59. In response, Sam set an excellent platform for the team, retiring after reaching 25, leaving it to Tom and Archie to finish things off with a few balls to spare. Congratulations to the Carlton U13s, whose valuable contributions throughout the team, over the course of a long day's cricket, led to a very well deserved tournament win. Congratulations also to Tom, who was presented with batter of the tournament with scores of 14, 14* and 16*.

Many thanks to Merchiston for organising another great day's cricket and to the Carlton supporters who showed enviable stamina to cheer the team to victory in the face of a very chilly breeze.

THE GLORY TRAIL BEGINS

Carltonks u13s now face opposition from south of the border in the next round of the ECB competition and will welcome the winners of the Northumberland-Durham region to Grange Loan on Sunday 26 July. Win that and the roadshow familiar to recent generations of Carlton youngsters and parents begins.

Carlton u13s were Scottish Region Champions in 2021 and 2022 and ventured increasingly deep into England as they progressed through the rounds: in 2021, having won the Scottish Final with a convincing win over Clydesdale, they won against Chester-Le-Street in a very closely fought tussle at Grange Loan. They then travelled to Neston where having won over Lincolnshire's Louth CC by DLS decimal points in a rain affected match they came an honourable second best to a strong New Rovers outfit from Yorkshire. ([Arrow 37 contains a full account of the trip](#)).



The following year, having won the Scottish region, getting the better of Grange in the Scottish final, they beat South Northumberland CC in Newcastle before going on again to Neston. There they beat Sandiacre CC from Derbyshire but lost out to Durham champions Whitburn. ([See Arrow 48 for a full account](#)).

A year on many of the team had graduated into the u15s who, battle hardened by the ventures of the previous years put that experience to good effect going all the way to glory at Lord's to become national champions. The present squad have every reason to be confident that they can match the achievements of their predecessors.

HISTORY MADE AS CARLTON GIRLS CROSS THE BORDER



Skipper Sonia Amin reports Last month we made history as the first Scottish girls' team to enter into the ECB U15 T20 Cup tournament, which was a great experience for all of us. Our first knockout match was against South Northumberland CC. What took us by surprise when we first arrived at the ground, being held at Kirkley Cricket Club, was a large oak tree acting as a square leg fielder, but marked off by boundary cones, indicating that if we hit it, a six would be given (sadly no one did).

After electing to bat, Carlton got off to a strong start with 52-1 after 6 overs, however not long after, wickets started to fall one after another, ending on a score of 84 all out (having succumbed to loopy, but accurate spin). Unfortunately, after an energetic shift in the field, the opposition were able to chase it down, winning by 5 wickets.

From chatting to the Northumberland girls over tea, we discovered that some of us will meet them again over the course of the summer, playing the English county sides, so we are looking forward to these next encounters. We all enjoyed this experience and we hope to enter the ECB competition in the future.



CHARIS

On 7 June Charis Scott became the first woman to play 50 matches for Carlton. She celebrated in some style - taking 6-41 and scoring 90*. The preceding week she had notched her 1000th run for Carlton - the first to that milestone.

Looking back on my time at Carlton CC, I feel incredibly grateful to have been part of such a fantastic club for so many years. From the moment I joined, I've received so much support and encouragement, both on and off the field, and that's something I'll always appreciate. Reaching 50 caps is a huge honour and a milestone I'm very proud of. It's made even more special by sharing the journey with such an amazing group of teammates, creating lasting memories together season after season.



One of the things I value most about Carlton is the culture within the team. Everyone is committed to improving, pushing each other to be better, and striving to win, which creates a brilliant environment to be part of.

A huge part of that comes from having Sam as our captain. She leads by example every single day, setting high standards and inspiring everyone around her to be the best they can be. Her commitment, positivity, and determination drive the team forward, and she's always encouraging us to keep improving and striving for success. Sam is an outstanding leader both on and off the pitch, creating a supportive environment where everyone feels valued while bringing out the very best in each of us. Every time I step onto the pitch, I want to contribute in whatever way I can and help the team achieve its goals. It's a place where hard work, teamwork, and enjoyment all go hand in hand.

There have been so many highlights over the years, from winning league titles and cup competitions to the close, hard-fought victories that have brought the team even closer together. While lifting trophies has been incredibly special, it's often those memorable matches, shared celebrations, and the friendships built along the way that stand out the most. Every season has created new memories, and I'm grateful to have experienced them with such a fantastic group of people. I can't wait to see what happens next.



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For your diary

Coming soon to Grange Loan

1 August - Mathilda and
Mirran's Quiz

8 August - the return of the
Cricket Olympics

Watch Pitchero for details.

CARLTON AND THE SCOTTISH CRICKET UNION

Carlton was one of the prime movers in early steps to form the Scottish Cricket Union*

In June 1879 a meeting of various cricket clubs in Scotland was held to discuss the establishment of Cricket Union. The Scottish Football Association and Scottish Rugby Union (initially known as the Scottish Football Union) had both been formed in 1873 to promote and oversee the game at a national level and cricket felt the need for a similar structure.

The main objectives seen for the new organisation were to provide a framework for the promotion of fixtures for, and the selection of, a national XI and the sharing of proceeds from these profitable ventures. Previously such fixtures had been arranged by clubs - a notable example being the match arranged by Carlton in 1872 between the Gentlemen of Edinburgh and WG Grace's United South of England XI which had greatly assisted Carlton's financial position.

The meeting followed an initial discussion earlier that year at a match between Edinburgh and Glasgow and was convened by the then skipper of Carlton, Robert H Christie. There was another Carlton connection at the meeting - Dr EF Scougall had played for Carlton as a student and attended representing Edinburgh University and Aberdeenshire. In all 17 clubs were represented, Christie also represented Drumpellier CC and Kilmarnock CC.

A further meeting was held in November at which Christie was elected Secretary of the fledgling organisation, which assumed responsibility for arranging fixtures with MCC and Ireland, including making selections. It immediately got into action. In 1880 a match at Lord's against MCC was arranged and a late season fixture against the touring Australians was also secured and successfully swelled the coffers..

**The full story is told in The First Scottish Cricket Union, Cricket by Neil Leitch published in 2023 Memories 21, Richard Miller*



Christie

It was an auspicious beginning and planning for the subsequent season began with enthusiasm. But things were to fall apart in a spectacular fashion and, in consequence, a considerable amount of acrimony ensued, much of it directed personally at Christie.

Planning had been put in place for the visit to Raeburn Place at the start of May of the Gentlemen of England led by the eminent English cricketer Arthur Hornby.

At very short notice before the date of the match, Hornby scratched, saying he was unable to raise a side. Christie's frantic efforts to secure alternative opposition came to nothing - the United North of England XI agreed at first to play but their ambitious travel logistics (they were playing in Southampton the day before) meant that after a flurry of telegrams the venture had to be abandoned. No game took place. The fledgling union was left with considerable financial outlays and much squabbling then ensued.



Arthur Hornby - while he failed to bring a side to Edinburgh he would go on to be skipper of the England side humbled by the Australians at the Oval in 1882 from which the Ashes emerged. A multi-talented sportsman he also captained England at rugby and played soccer for Blackburn Rovers).

CRICKET.

GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v GENTLEMEN OF SCOTLAND.—
 It will be learned with regret by Scotch cricketers that the above match, fixed for to-morrow and two following days, has been declared off, the hon. secretary of the Scottish Cricket Union having yesterday received a telegram from Mr Hornby, the English captain, stating that the match had fairly broken down, owing to his inability to raise a team. Seeing all arrangements had been made for this week, an effort was then made to get Shaw and Shrewsbury's United Northern team, which, fortunately, has been successful, and the cricketing public will therefore suffer no disappointment, as a stronger players' team has scarcely ever been put on the field.

[PARAGRAPH ADVERTISEMENT.]
GRAND CRICKET MATCH.

**GENTLEMEN OF SCOTLAND
 V.
 THE UNITED NORTHERN ELEVEN
 (SHAW AND SHEREWSBURY'S TEAM).
 TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY,
 AT RAEBURN PLACE.**

The Scotsman of 4 May 1881 breaks to 'Scotch cricketers' the unhappy news that the 'match had fairly broken down' due to Mr Hornby's inability to raise a team. 'The cricketing public will therefore suffer a disappointment as a stronger players' team has scarcely ever been put on the field.'

Christie was personally vilified by some sections of the press for letting the arrangements collapse, and, worse, he was sued by AD Cairns Spirit Merchant for £200 for breach of contract to supply refreshments at the match. The Sheriff found against Christie, deeming that he made the contract personally and not in a representative capacity. The Union decided not to appeal but determined to relieve Christie of the personal financial burden through a levy on its member clubs.

Carlton minutes of November 1881 (below) record: *The Secretary read a letter from the Scottish Cricket Union making a call of £5 on each club to meet expenses and decree of action Assus v R H Christie. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to raise the amount by levying an additional subscription of 4/- on each member. By a majority it was agreed to remain members of the union.*

The nature or temper of the lengthy discussion is not recorded. Four shillings in 1881 is equivalent to about £32 now.

Edinburgh Nov.

Which day a general meeting was held in the Prince of Wales Hotel - Mr Drum in the chair. The secretary read a letter from the Scottish Cricket Union making a call of £5 on each club to meet expenses & decree of action Assus v. R. H. Christie. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to raise the amount by levying an additional subscription of 4/- from each member. By a majority it was agreed to remain members of the Union. At the earnest request of the meeting Mr MacFie agreed to accept the post of secretary. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

Christie resigned from his position as Secretary of the SCU and, perhaps not surprisingly, had nothing further to do with the development of the Union.

While successful matches were organised in 1882, including the visit of the Australians, which allowed the substantial reimbursement to the clubs of the levy, the SCU continued to be beset by constitutional squabbles.

CRICKET.
AUSTRALIANS. V. THE GENTLEMEN OF SCOTLAND.

At Edinburgh yesterday the Australians beat the Gentlemen of Scotland by an innings and 18 runs. This easy victory was due to the capital bowling of Boyle and Palmer, who divided equally the twenty Scotch wickets. The ground helped them a good deal, but they were certainly in first-rate form. Of course, no one expected the Gentlemen of Scotland would have much chance against their powerful opponents; but at one time yesterday the match was interesting, for in the second innings of the home team Balfour and Wood scored 46 runs for the first wicket. Unfortunately, three other wickets fell at the same total, and then the game was practically over. By desire of the Scottish Cricket Union, there will be a supplementary match between the same teams to-day (Saturday). Appended are the complete scores and bowling analysis for the day:—

GENTLEMEN OF SCOTLAND.

The Press and Journal records Scotland's defeat in 1882, 'Edinburgh yesterday the Australians beat the Gentlemen Scotland by an innings and 18 runs. This easy victory was due the capital bowling of Boyle and Palmer, who divided equally the twenty Scotch wickets.

The match finishing early 'by desire of the Scottish Cricket Union, a further match - described as an exhibition match - was played on the Saturday which ended in victory for the Gentlemen of Scotland.

In 1883 Grange CC proposed a new constitution which would put that club at the centre of the organisation - particularly in the selection process. Other clubs, particularly those in the West, declined to participate in the discussions, notwithstanding which, and despite considerable opposition from many clubs, the proposals were accepted. The SCU was formally dissolved in favour of a Representative Committee on the lines proposed by Grange.

Grange effectively assumed the main burden for international matches over the following years - although other clubs such as West of Scotland continued to organize matches featuring a so-called Scottish XI.

There was never total satisfaction with these arrangements but Grange strongly resisted attempts to reignite the development of a genuinely national body. However as the new century dawned they changed their view and in 1907 agreement was reached on a new Scottish Cricket Union which duly came into being in 1908 with LM Balfour (of Grange and skipper against the Australians in 1882) as its first President and 54 clubs signed up.

That body continued more or less in its original form eventually becoming an International Cricket Council member in 1994 as an Associate nation. It underwent a major restructuring in 2001 including a name change to Cricket Scotland.

While neither Robert Christie nor any other Carlton luminary played a significant role in the subsequent development of the SCU, there have been a number of Carlton personalities who have played a role in its development.

In 1911 AK Bell was elected President. Although he might be more associated with Perthshire and Grange, Bell had played at Carlton and been Secretary in 1889. Bell is also known as the founder of the Gannochy Trust which supported sport in Perthshire including the development of the Doocot Ground.



Above left Bell, above right Cairns;
Right Dixon, far right Davies.



Dundee Courier 7 November 1907

AS Cairns, a former Scotland captain who had completed his distinguished playing career at Carlton, became President in 1925. (By some irony he was part of the Cairns spirit and wine business that had pursued Robert Christie through the courts 40 years previously.)

When The Scottish Cricket Union became Cricket Scotland in 2001 with significant changes in constitution its first Chairman was Carlton stalwart Alun Davies.

In 2016, Bruce Dixon became Chair. Between 1970 and 1976 Bruce took 196 wickets for Carlton @ 13.58 including 13 5fers. He subsequently moved to West Lothian.



TARTAN ARMY 2



While the media has been filled with reports of the Tartan Army's conquest of America, there has been less attention focussed on another Tartan Army - the one following Scotland's women in the Women's T20 World Cup.

Scott Fraser sets the record straight.

Spoiler - no statues received the traffic cone treatment.

A slog sweep to backward square leg, comfortably into the hands of Carlton and Scotland player, Gabriella Fontenla. That was the catch that sealed an impressive victory over Celtic rivals Ireland at the Women's T20 World Cup.

Over 7,500 spectators were there to watch the T20 double-header on a chilly Saturday in June at Old Trafford including a large Carlton posse who had travelled down from Grange Loan to cheer on club mates Gabriella and Maisie on the world stage.

Many had donned their full Arrows kits for the day, with the sky-blue caps making them easy to spot in the stands. Among those who made the trip, either that morning or the previous night, were current women's senior players, junior girls, junior boys, parents, hangers-on and even the odd senior men's player.

A wet forecast and cold wind, rather than the promised 27 degrees and sunshine, made for hardy conditions more often associated with Inverleith in April. That didn't dampen spirits though, as the weather stayed dry and Scotland Women kicked things off by posting 161 for 5 from their 20 overs. The murmur in the crowd was that Scotland might be 20 runs short of a winning total, but the strong crosswind and the slow Old Trafford outfield meant it turned out to be plenty of runs to defend.

That is only half the story, as Scotland's performance in the field completely choked the Irish run rate. Great energy, tight bowling and sticky hands meant the wickets kept coming, and the women in blue, pink and purple sealed a much-deserved 40-run victory in the final over.

Cue huge celebrations, signatures and a few tears. Both Maisie and Gabriella were brilliant, taking time to engage with the Carlton fans who had travelled to Manchester to watch them play. They chatted with the next generation of Carlton cricketers and happily posed for photos.

This was perhaps that was the best part of the day - a genuine celebrity moment and a chance for the junior cricketers to see what is possible.

The action was not over yet, as Australia still had to take on South Africa in the second half of the double-header. Unsurprisingly, it was the world number one side, Australia, who came out on top.

It was a memorable day for everyone who made the journey south, and hopefully one that will inspire a few more young Carlton players to dream big.



Everyone at Carlton was hugely proud to see Gabby Maisie and Hannah as part of the World Cup Squad. But we were also pleased to see Leigh Kasperek as part of the coaching team. During the Lockdown and in one of the earliest editions of this newsletter, Leigh shared her thoughts about what Carlton meant to her.

KASPER!

When Leigh was asked about Carlton she came over a bit poetical

What I love about Carlton

- I love the cherry blossom in full bloom down by the nets.**
- I love the view of Arthur's seat, a reminder of how close we are to the city.**
- I love that no matter your age, gender or level - your success is celebrated.**
- I love seeing young kids down at the nets playing with their friends, while older faces patrol the boundary and keep the benches warm.**
- I love coming back home and being greeted by familiar faces and instantly feeling the warmth of the heart of the club.**
- I love hearing and watching everyone help out at the ground.**
- Experienced hands trimming hedges while younger folk pull the roller over the wicket.**
- I love that in big games the smell of a BBQ is never far away and the support of the club can be seen out in full.**
- I love on junior night the whole ground is covered by enthusiasm and Carlton graduates to give a helping hand.**
- I love that Carlton was one of the first clubs in Scotland to have a women's team - this made me very proud.**
- I love-hate the undulating hill on the north bank which adds character and confusion.**
- I love the memories I have of Carlton and everything I learnt whilst being there - most so getting captained by Bob.**



Leigh then and now - receiving the outstanding junior award in 2009, and at the 2018 T20 WC.

Fantasy Bob pays his own tribute to Leigh here

<https://fantasybob.blogspot.com/2018/07/kasperek.html>

SPONSORSHIP

HOW ALL MEMBERS CAN HELP

Carlton has been fortunate to have benefited from the support of a number of sponsors over the years. Their support has allowed us to provide more cricketing opportunities and to improve the facilities at Grange Loan without significant increases to subscriptions.

It is therefore on everyone's interest to maximise Carlton's sponsorship.

Do you know or work with anyone who might be interested in supporting one of the premier cricket clubs in Scotland?

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It is also available in hard copy.

It would be great if as many members as possible could circulate the PDF through their own networks.

To discuss any aspect of sponsorship, please contact sponsorship@carltoncc.co.uk



TOM PEDLEY

A NEWCOMER TO GRANGE LOAN THIS YEAR HAS PROVED A USEFUL PLAYER AND A POPULAR COACH



2011 - age 7

Where it all started

I grew up in East Sussex and started my cricket at Heathfield Cricket Club. As I moved into senior cricket I played at Glynde and Beddingham. I was in the Sussex player pathway from the age of 11 through to U18 and attended Eastbourne College where I played 1st XI cricket.

Best Cricketing Memory

My favourite cricketing memory may well be my first match tea at the home of cricket (Sheffield Park), playing for Armadillos CC. But most likely would be a far more nostalgic memory, when I first started playing cricket at Heathfield CC, softball training would be on a Sunday morning, I have very distinct memory's of those sessions, but something that sticks out above the rest, is the memory of church bells ringing out from the church next to the ground on what would normally be a beautiful summer's morning.

Carlton

I found Carlton through Rory Ledingham, whom I play both cricket and rugby with at the university of Stirling. I initially contacted Steven Gilmour about coaching at Carlton, so we discussed me joining the club as a both a player and a coach.

First Impressions

I feel incredibly welcomed, the atmosphere is exactly what I was hoping for on the playing side, it's competitive yet friendly. The support we get on a Saturday is fantastic and the club really does have a great feel to it. On the coaching side I'm absolutely loving working with the women and girls as a coach

IN MEMORIAM - DAVID RAISTRICK

As noted on the website, Carlton was sorry to learn of the passing earlier this year of David Raistrick. David played 121 First XI games for Carlton taking 109 wickets with a best of 7-46 (v Royal High FP in 1986). He was a member of the 1988 League winning side. In 64 Second XI matches he took 82 wickets. He also served as Club Treasurer for 15 years and was a generous benefactor of the club.

In 2023 he gave the Arrow a recollection of the beginning of his cricket career in Edinburgh with Brunswick CC which is reproduced below.

My association with Brunswick CC came about in 1961 when I took up my first job after graduating from Cambridge. Being a solid Tyke (Yorkshireman) I took the best salary offered. This was by Ferranti in Edinburgh and so in September 1960 Edinburgh became my new home!

Shortly after starting one of my new colleagues, by name Ronnie Scott, suggested that with my background, I probably played cricket. My retort was, 'Yes, but you (Scotland) don't'. He was a member of Brunswick, (as the fixture card always said, 'Instituted in 1830'). As I had played cricket from the age of 5 at school, college and club, I decided to give it a go.

In the Spring of 1961, I was amazed at the numbers of people playing cricket in public parks. OK, the standard was variable but the numbers involved changed my mind about cricket in Scotland.



After a couple of weeks playing in Brunswick's 'A' XI, I was promoted to the 1st XI and stayed with the Club until its demise at the end of 1974. During this period, I met and became friends with all the top players in the East of Scotland. I became Vice-Captain in 1963 to the then Captain Tom Dunsire, Senior Partner at Morton, Fraser & Milligan, and then Captain in 1965. I stood down from this position in 1971 as I changed employer and my work requirements changed but I continued to play.

Our final match against Carlton in 1974 was a sad day, especially for me as I could remember when Brunswick beat Carlton at Grange Loan by 5 wickets in July 1964. I didn't score many runs but I did take 6 wickets!

During my time with Brunswick new members were hard to come by as the Club had no playing ground or pavilion. The Club depended on personal contact and to a large extent on the Secretary Haig Shearsby, an administrator at the Royal Infirmary, who for years seemed to be able to 'find' new players.

At the end of 1974 I was asked to join Stenhousemuir by Morrison Zuill but the thought of travelling to nets was sufficient to deter me. Fred Dall also made contact to invite me to Carlton and the rest is history.

IN MEMORIAM - DAVID RAISTRICK

In an earlier issue of the Arrow, jogged by an [article identifying the long list of Test players](#) who had appeared at Grange Loan, David had provided some memories of playing against some of these. He had the better of a couple of them.

Reading the Issue 13 brought back many happy memories for me, especially the Test XI. Unsurprisingly I cannot recall having played with or against four of them - WG, Sidney Barnes, Harold Larwood and Hanif Mohammed - but I do recall the other seven.

I have very pleasant memories of the time I spent with 'Rouki', Farouk Engineer, in our 125th Anniversary Year. At the time when I was the Treasurer with deep pockets!

Jimmy Adams and Gus Logie bring back special memories.

In my first match against Jimmy I managed to bowl him out, I didn't think he was the greatest of batsmen and was surprised later when he emerged as Captain of the Windies. A few years later I met him with AD when he still called me 'sir' and enquired if I remembered dismissing him years earlier. A very nice guy.

The Alleyne/Qadir story brought Gus Logie to mind. Shortly after he arrived at the wicket at Grange Loan there was a drinks break. Prior to this Gus had managed to accumulate 9 runs with little effort. Immediately after the break I managed to trap him LBW off the first ball of my over. When we met next at Kirkcaldy he repaid me by striking me for many fours through midwicket and finally walking off undefeated. He too was a very nice guy.

Thanks for the memories.



David with Alan Kemp and Alun Davies at GL, 2018

FOR THE RECORD..

34 in one over

James Stronach scored 34 in a single over during the Masterton tie against Edinburgh CC on 2 June. This is the most a Carlton batter has taken from a single over. There are not many similar scoring feats in the annals of Scottish cricket although Grange's Gordon Goudie scored 6 6s on one occasion. James is now 16th overall on the list of Carlton Masterton 6 hitters with 9 in 6 matches. But he has some way to go to catch Hugo Southwell who tops the list with 34 maximums in 37 matches.



Record 2nd XI Chase

On 23 May Carlton 2nd XI scored 274-7 to defeat Dunnikier by 3 wickets. This is the highest successful run chase by Carlton's 2nd XI.

The innings was grounded on a stand of 117 for the third wicket between Stevie Gilmour (68) and Pete Gill (rt) who went on to bring his century up in the last over as victory was secured.

This effort tops the 264-3 scored against Stew/Mel 2nd XI at Inverleith in 1991. This was the first match ever played by Carlton on an artificial pitch. Chris Kear scored 140*.

Carlton's 2nd XI has chased more than 200 runs on 11 occasions - most recently scoring 263-8 to overhaul Drummond Trinity in 2024.



Highest Partnership since 1951

The 50 run partnership for the First XI's last wicket between Shreyas Tekale and Ben Stronach on 30 May against Watsonians is the highest 10th wicket partnership since the partnership of 58* between JE Phillips and AM McFarquhar against Stewart's FPs in 1951.

Phillips was in the twilight of a long and illustrious Carlton career, having come to the club when he arrived in Edinburgh as a medical student in 1913. He was capped by Scotland in 1923. He won Carlton's best bat in 1936. He had a reputation as a big hitter and his highest score was 120* in 1920 against Dunfermline. His last match for Carlton was in 1953 - a 40 year career. The photo on the left shows him going out to bat at the start of the 1939 season.



MORE RECORDS AS FATHER AND DAUGHTER KNOCK IT TO ALL PARTS



Sonia and Anish Amin are snapped together earlier this year. Sonia had just made 56 for Carlton Women's 2 against Prestwick in the WPL30 - a record Carlton score in the Women's 2s.

Anish is recovering from his 155 for the 4th XI the previous day. Anish's innings is the highest in the history of the 4th XI, eclipsing by 1 run Eric Edwards' 154* scored at Grange Loan against Largo on 24 June 2018. Eric shared a first wicket partnership of 164 with Gavin Murray who recorded his first half century in senior cricket. Also in the 4th XI that day was Charles Stronach. Eric's innings just overtook the previous 4th XI record of 152* scored by Zaki Yusaf in 2015, also at Grange Loan, against Musselburgh 2s.

MORE RECORDS

Dads and lads

Saturday 25 April saw what is believed to be the first instance of a parent and child both making their debuts for Carlton hardball teams on the same day - albeit for different teams.

Taha Khan played his first game for the club in the 3s at Campbell Park, following his off-season move from Kirk Brae. Earlier his son 10 year old Awais Khan played his first ever hardball match for the Primary School team against George Heriot's School. It will only be a couple of years before Taha and Awais play together and continue the grand Carlton tradition of parents and children playing together.

That tradition has continued with Neil Kirk joining Ross and Dan Barry joining George as 5th XI regulars this season. Ross's first ball in senior cricket in a pre-season friendly at Myreside was a memorable family occasion. It produced a wicket - caught by his Dad!

Mothers and daughters are also getting in on the act - this season has seen, Alison Amin and Kelly Caton play alongside Sonia and Abi. See page 25 for pictures of these historic events.

Primary Team(s)

Another new record Carlton can be proud is that on 6 June the club fielded 2 teams of primary school cricketers against Edinburgh Academy. Many thanks to all who made this possible - particularly Euan Sweet. Unfortunately there was no photographer present to capture this bit of history.



OBSTRUCTING THE FIELD

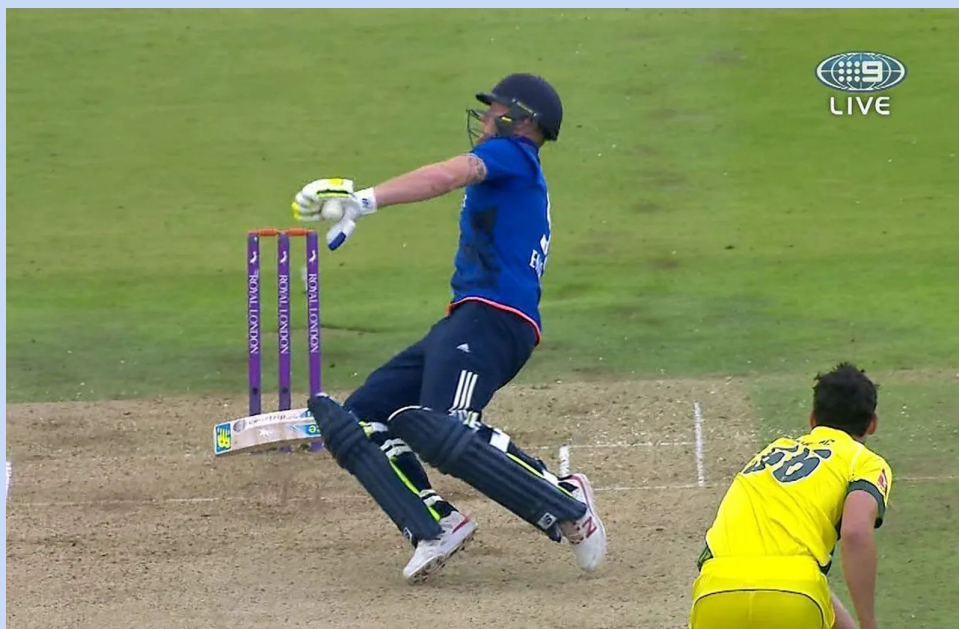
There was a rare entry in the scorebook of the 3rd XI's match on 4 July against EU Staff . A batter was dismissed Obstructed the Field. The batter played skipper Brad Mackay's ball into the ground and it bounced up, heading for the stumps. He knocked it away with the hand not holding the bat. Prior to 2017 the batter would have been dismissed Handled the Ball but this mode of dismissal was removed and the offence subsumed into Obstruction of the Field.



Prior to the law change, the most celebrated instance of the a batter dismissed for handling the ball in [Graham Gooch's dismissal in the Ashes of 1993](#). Another England skipper Michael Vaughan was also dismissed in this unusual way against India in 2001.

A celebrated instance of dismissal for obstructing the field occurred in an ODI against Australia in 2015 when [Ben Stokes put out a hand to stop a Mitchell Starc shy at the stumps](#).

Sadly there was no live stream at Peffermill to record the 3rd's historic dismissal.



Brain Forrester recalls an incident in Carlton's history with another unusual dismissal:

On 5th July 2003, I was playing for the 2nd XI v Murrayfield D.A.F.S. away at Muirhouse. Brent Lockie was captain, Batting no11 was Owen Fortune, He bowled leg-spin : wasn't much of a batter.

Having scored 2, he hit one in the air towards extra-cover, but as the fielder was about to catch the ball, Owen shouted, disturbing the concentration of the fielder who dropped the ball. Brent, who was umpiring with me at the time, raised his finger to give him out Obstructing the Field - both the correct decision and to defuse what could have been a rather unpleasant situation.

Proper Cricket



When there's no Pavilion, the scenery has to provide shelter from the rain. Women's 2s enjoy a visit to the Meadows

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SOME NEW FACES IN WOMEN'S 2S



Georgie Andrew, Varsha Suresh, Eve Wilkie have all debuted this season. Meanwhile Alison Amin (below left) and Kelly Caton (below rt) have finally been persuaded to cross the boundary line and join their daughters on the field of play.

Meanwhile congratulations also go to Mathilda Ellis (below centre) who took 5-3 v Westquarter and Redding in the Challenger Cup. This is the first Fifer in the short history of Carlton's Women's 2nd XI

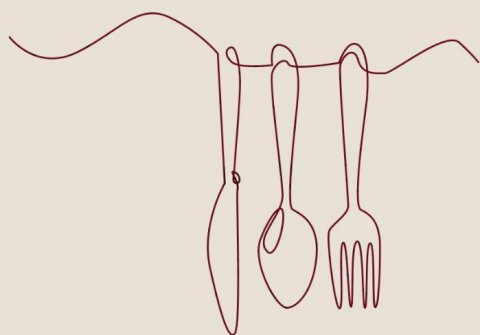




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