

# Season Update

Carlton faltered for the first time last weekend when they slumped to a disappointing defeat at home to Ferguslie. Despite 40s from Cedric English and Steve Gilmour – a battling innings from Ced and a spectacular one from Stevie – we could only post 185 after our 50 overs.

The suspicion among the large home support was that this might not be enough against a talented Ferguslie side. And so it proved, as Ferguslie's professional Con deLange hit an assured 89 not out to see the visitors to an 8 wicket win.

On taking stock though, everyone at Carlton is pleased with the way the season has gone so far for all our sides. At the time of writing our 1st XI sit on top of the Premier League while our 2nd XI lead the East of Scotland league after a fine start to their campaign. Our 3s have hit three victories in a row and our newly formed 4th XI have notched up a couple of fine wins while introducing a host of youngsters to adult cricket.

On the subject of youngsters, our booming youth section continues to expand with hordes of enthusiastic primary schoolchildren descending on Grange Loan during the week. And on the field, it's been a successful start to 2008 for our youngsters as our Under 13s have started well while our Under 15 side currently boasts a 100% record in league and cup so far.

And so to the cup today. We came so close last year ... could 2008 be Carlton's year?



# Welcome to Clydesdale CC

If previous Scottish Cup successes are anything to go by, there should be only one winner of today's tie. Since the inception of the competition in the 60s, Clydesdale have picked up the trophy six times while Carlton, if we're going to be brutally honest about it, have never won the cup. Zero victories in 42 years. Not a record to shout about.

However, closer inspection suggests that both sides have been something of under achievers in recent years, with Clydesdale's last triumph coming all of 20 years ago. Our visitor's drought in the Cup though, doesn't mean that Clydesdale have been having a lean time of late. After all, the Glasgow side won back to back Premier League titles as recently as 2004 and 2005.

All the indications, therefore, are that today's match should be a closely fought affair. Clydesdale's last visit to Grange Loan was an incredibly tense match, with the visitors winning by just one run. Indeed, the match would have been tied were it not for the Carlton last pair running 'one short' off the penultimate ball. In the league match between the sides this year, Carlton returned to Edinburgh with the points after a particularly hard fought 5 wicket win in a rain affected game.

Carlton, of course, reached the Scottish Cup final at Paisley last year only to lose out to double winners Greenock. Having come so close in 2007, the Grange Loan side want to go one better this year; but with the draw pairing them against such formidable opponents they're surely going to have to do it the hard way!

At 25/05/08	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
<b>Carlton</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>45</b>
Uddingston	5	4	0	0	1	2	42
Ayr	5	4	0	0	1	0	40
Grange	6	3	0	0	3	5	35
Greenock	6	3	0	1	2	0	32
Heriots	5	2	0	1	2	2	24
Ferguslie	6	2	0	2	2	1	24
Poloc	6	1	0	0	5	6	11
Clydesdale	5	0	0	2	3	2	6
Watsonians	5	0	0	1	4	2	4

# Lloyds TSB Scotland Cup: 1<sup>st</sup> Round

## Carlton v Clydesdale June 1st 2008

### Carlton CC

1. Cedric English\*
2. Fraser Watts
3. Peter Wooden
4. Bryn Lockie
5. Steve Gilmour
6. Jamie Kerr #
7. Peter Swan
8. Charles Leggett
9. Michael Radnidge
10. Dave Robertson
11. Mo Afzaal

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### Clydesdale CC (from)

1. H Singh
2. G Williamson
3. Q Sheikh
4. K Sajid
5. K Farid \*
6. Z Bashir
7. R Lyons
8. G Munro
9. C Smith #
10. M Afzal
11. N Mitchell
12. Z Shahid

Next home match: v Watsonians, Lloyds TSB Scotland League Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June