

Season Update

For the third time in four weeks Carlton headed west on Saturday to face Poloc. Fraser Watts led the way with 75, supported by Peter Wooden with 60, as Carlton posted a challenging total of 196 for 9.

At the halfway stage, smart money would have been on the home side. However, this Carlton side is nothing if not resilient and some top class bowling from Steve Gilmour and Woody pulled the visitors through with a hard-fought 10 run win.

The following day saw Scotland Under 19s as very welcome visitors to Grange Loan. After working hard to see off some good early bowling from the youngsters, the experience and talent of Cedric English and Woody shone through as they both hit centuries to take Carlton past the 300 mark.

The Under 19s battled hard in the face of some accurate Carlton bowling with Tom Clarke reminding his skipper that there is more than one left arm spinner at Grange Loan, finishing with 3 for 14 as the visitors were dismissed for 117.

So with 5 games under their belt Carlton sit top of the table. However, Ferguslie have proved to be particularly tough opponents over the last few years and nobody at Grange Loan will be expecting anything other than a difficult match today.

	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
Carlton	5	5	0	0	0	0	45
Grange	4	3	0	0	1	5	35
Uddingston	4	3	0	0	1	2	32
Ayr	4	3	0	0	1	0	30
Greenock	5	2	0	1	2	0	22
Heriots	4	1	0	1	2	2	14
Ferguslie	5	1	0	2	2	1	14
Poloc	5	1	0	0	4	5	10
Clydesdale	4	0	0	2	2	2	6
Watsonians	4	0	0	1	3	2	4



Welcome to Ferguslie CC

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Ex Carlton President Russell Weir began his career at Ferguslie. He recounts his memories of his formative cricketing years in Paisley ...

I am delighted to have been asked to come up with a few words to welcome Ferguslie as our guests, having spent my formative years at this fine Club. Traditionally, Ferguslie has run a very successful youth set-up and I consider myself most fortunate to having had my early cricketing education from the age of 9 at the feet of some extremely highly regarded professionals, culminating in my first team debut at the age of 18.

Due to business commitments, however, I was dragged screaming and kicking along the M8 to set up home in Edinburgh, but thankfully found solace in the welcoming arms of Carlton Cricket Club, where I have now spent the most enjoyable 38 years.

With both Clubs it has been my privilege to watch, play with, and against, some great names in world cricket; Rohan Kanhai, Intikhab Alam, Charlie Griffiths, Bob Massie, Kim Hughes, Terry Alderman, Abdul Qadir, and Manoj Prabhakar (bowled Weir...38 at Leith Links – God I remember it well!), and Sandeep Patil. I am sure that cricket is the only sport where club cricketers get the opportunity to take on world stars in a totally competitive environment. Can you imagine a Mortonhall member taking on Tiger Woods, or a member of a local boxing club facing up to Ricky Hatton? My thanks go to both Ferguslie and Carlton for these opportunities.

As long as I can remember Ferguslie have always been difficult opponents and perhaps have not won the honours which they should have done. Come to think of it, the same applies to Carlton. In the last two or three years, we have seen magnificent innings from Con de Lange, Fraser Watts and Cedric English and bat has certainly dominated ball on these occasions, providing superb entertainment.

Hopefully the dry weather will continue and the perennially good batting wicket at Carlton serves up another fine match.

Lloyds TSB Scotland League: Premier Division

Carlton v Ferguslie

May 24th 2008

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Carlton CC

1. Cedric English*
2. Steve Gilmour
3. Peter Wooden
4. Bryn Lockie
5. Darren Spink
6. Jamie Kerr #
7. Peter Swan
8. Charles Leggett
9. Michael Radnidge
10. Dave Robertson
11. Ally Evans

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Ferguslie CC (from)

1. Stuart Murray *
2. Wasim Haslim
3. Con deLange
4. Omer Hussain
5. Stuart Kennedy
6. David Stafford #
7. Alan Moreis
8. D Paterson
9. Jamie Carruthers
10. Martin McAllister
11. Greig Cameron
12. David Sturgeon
13. Richard Rutnagur
14. Tim Preston-Jones

Next home match: v Clydesdale, Scottish Cup 1st round Sunday 1st June