

# Season Update

With just 6 games left to play in the Lloyds TSB Scotland Premier League, Carlton find themselves in 3rd place, 9 points behind champions Greenock and 20 behind this season's pacesetters Grange.

However, with 5 of these 6 games to be played in Edinburgh - 4 of them here at Grange Loan - Carlton are not yet out of things.

If full points can be extracted from today's fixture and next week's trip to Ferguslie, then Carlton will be well placed as they head into August to face three home games in a row - two of them against the sides directly above us in the table.

Last week saw Carlton make the short trip to Heriot's. Batting first in challenging conditions, the visitors made heavy weather of their task and only Bryn Lockie (right), with 37, made a telling contribution towards a disappointing total of 154. Although chances were created when Heriot's batted, Steve Knox survived to hit 67 as Heriot's triumphed by 5 wickets.



	P	W	T	NR	L	BP	Pts
Grange	13	9	0	0	4	5	95
Greenock	13	8	0	2	3	0	84
<b>Carlton</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>75</b>
Uddingston	12	6	0	3	3	2	68
Ayr	12	5	0	0	7	9	59
Heriots	13	5	0	3	5	6	57
Clydesdale	12	4	0	4	4	2	50
Ferguslie	13	3	0	3	7	6	41
Poloc	13	3	0	3	7	10	41
Watsonians	13	3	0	3	7	10	41



## Welcome: Poloc CC

Today we welcome NVT Poloc to Grange Loan. This is the visitors' fourth year in the top flight having moved steadily through the leagues since the inception of the SNCL. Their best finish was fourth place in 2006, although last year they needed to win a playoff with Aberdeenshire to avoid relegation.

Founded in 1878 they moved to their current ground at Shawholm two years later. Their honours include Western District Union champions 8 times and 6 Rowan Cup wins (they are the current holders), but arguably their greatest achievement was the Scottish Cup win in 1984.

Poloc's professional this year is former Zimbabwe test player Gavin Ewing. Averaging 58 with the bat and with 12 wickets so far in the SNCL he is a key man for the visitors although veteran spinner Keith Sheridan has also been in good form this year picking up 13 wickets.

Honours are even between the two sides in League meetings at Grange Loan. Last year's match was washed out but in 2006 the visitors made 258 thanks to Walton (65) & pro Hampson (81). This proved too much for the home side who fell 19 runs short despite a fine 60 from amateur Ben O'Connell.

The previous year Poloc again batted first but were restricted to 175 with Rob Thornton taking a hat-trick. Josh Guy's century was the mainstay of Carlton's successful chase.

# Lloyds TSB Scotland League: Premier Division

## Carlton v Poloc July 19<sup>th</sup> 2008

### Carlton CC

1. Cedric English \*
2. Ben Duerden
3. Peter Wooden
4. Bryn Lockie
5. Steve Gilmour
6. Jamie Kerr #
7. Darren Spink
8. Michael Radnidge
9. Charles Legget
10. Mo Afzal
11. Ali Evans

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### Poloc CC

1. GM Ewing \*
2. BZ Chaudhry
3. DG Walton
4. DZ Chaudhry
5. EJ Williamson +
6. I Adrees
7. JW Dombroski
8. KG Young
9. KLP Sheridan
10. N Kenneth
11. S Sajjad

Next home match: v Greenock, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. 1pm