

2008 Season Review

Despite the wettest end to a cricket summer in decades, 2008 will be remembered as another highly successful season for Carlton with a best ever Premier League finish.. We welcomed Fraser Watts back to the fold and the Scotland star had an immediate impact, hitting a hundred in the first league match at Ayr to get the season off to a great start. Five wins on the trot – including 2 centuries from Peter Wooden – saw Carlton top the table in mid May.

The wet second half of the season proved something of a challenge and, in hindsight, a disappointing defeat at Heriot's in mid July put paid to any hopes of the title. However, August saw the most memorable performance of the season when Carlton came back from a seemingly hopeless position to defeat Grange in a thriller in front of a big home crowd.

Ultimately, only Grange and Greenock finished above Carlton after a season that included a number of memorable individual performances. Both Peter Wooden and Cedric English finished in the top ten scorers in the league. Woody also featured at no. 6 in the bowling rankings, taking 28 wickets at an average of just 15. Another top individual performance over the course of the season came from wicket keeper Jamie Kerr, who notched up a remarkable 14 stumpings in the league.

Despite a first round loss in the Scottish Cup, Carlton once again showed their liking of knockout cricket – particularly of the Twenty20 variety - as they won the Masterton Trophy thanks to a Fraser Watts half-century. This victory paved the way for Carlton to become the inaugural Murgitroyd National Twenty20 Cup winners.



Welcome to Watsonian CC

Today we wish a warm welcome to President Ross Brooks and the Watsonian supporters who are making the short journey across the capital.

The club was “closed” for much of its life with only former pupils and teachers of George Watson’s eligible to represent it. If these constraints limited the on-field success, the ability of the school to employ the likes of Kim Hughes and a young Terry Alderman went some way to redressing the balance.

The Myreside men’s experience of SNCL cricket has been an up and down affair having been promoted 3 times into, and relegated twice out of, the top division. This is the second year of their latest stint in the top flight and their only game played so far was a good win away at newly promoted West of Scotland. That match saw spinner Ross Paxton take 5-26, while youngster Euan Chalmers (68) and pro Andy Delmont (90) provided the bulk of the runs.

Recent matches between the two sides have been dominated by the weather. Last year’s home leg was abandoned one over shy of a match with the home side well ahead on the Duckworth/Lewis formula. At Myreside, in last year’s final league match, another rain affected game saw enough overs bowled in the second innings for a result to stand. This time, however, the Grange Loan side finished on the wrong end of the statisticians’ calculations. Let’s hope that today’s game reaches a conclusion without the need for a slide-rule!

Lloyds TSB Scotland Premier League

Carlton CC v Watsonian CC

May 16th 2009

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Carlton CC

1. Cedric English*
2. Bryn Lockie
3. Steve Gilmour
4. Peter Deakin
5. Jamie Kerr #
6. Ross Lyons
7. Peter Swan
8. Ben Stewart
9. Nathan Pietsch
10. Tom Clarke
11. Mo Afzal

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Watsonian CC

1. Ryan Flannigan
2. Andy Learmonth
3. Andy Delmont
4. George Cairns
5. James Easton
6. Dwayne Batchelor
7. Euan Stubbs #
8. Ross Paxton
9. Mike Legget
10. Steve Paige *
11. Raj Routray

Next home match: v Scotland U19s, Lloyds TSB Scotland League Sunday 17th May