



Carlton Cricket Club Junior Section

Newsletter October 2008

In this issue

We look back at a highly successful, if damp, 2008 and bring news of how parents can become involved in delivering more great coaching during 2009. There's great news on the representative front and we highlight some great new online coaching resources.

2008 Season Review

2008 was another vintage season for our junior section. In fact, before the season had got underway, our under 11s had already picked up silverware after finishing joint winners of the Lothian Indoor Tournament.



Skipper Haris picks up the Under 11 Indoor Trophy

The Kwik Cricket season started off well, before the dreadful weather washed out the entire latter part of the fixture card. Early season visits to Haddington and West Lothian saw our senior squad maintain a 100% record, while our development side, expertly marshaled by Eric Edwards, showed their talents with a number of impressive performances.

Eric's squad had another outing at Penicuik at the end of June, underlining their improvement by winning both their group games, including the second tie against a strong Grange side.

Our Primary School team had a number of excellent wins during their season of matches against the Edinburgh public school sides, saving the best to last with a thumping 10 wicket win over Fettes.



Francis smacks a four for the Primary School side

Chayank was an excellent captain, proving to be a fine role model for his side, although he admitted to coach Everett: "Wow. Captaining cricket is really difficult."

Many of our under 13 squad started the season with no experience of hardball cricket, but they soon responded to the guidance of new coach Andy Macpherson and started a run that took them all the way to the Scottish Cup Final. Although he missed out on lifting silverware as our boys lost out in a hard fought final to Clydesdale, skipper William set an excellent example throughout and had a vintage season with the bat, hitting a total of 274 runs (remember U13 batsmen have to retire at 30) and was out only once - and that was to a highly controversial run-out decision!



William led his side to the Scottish Cup Final

While an under strength Under 15 side lost their Scottish Cup quarter final tie in early July, they were untouchable in the league, winning all their matches to pick up the Lothian league title for the second season in succession.





Carlton Under 15s head into action at Barton

And our youngsters' contribution to the club didn't end there. 2008 saw the debut of the Carlton 4th XI in the East of Scotland league, giving many of our juniors an opportunity to make their senior cricket debuts. Among the highlights were: Cheeky bowling 3 overs and taking 4 wickets for 0; Grigor hitting 50 in his one and only match; Iain hitting a 6; and Neil out bowling his dad!

In all, no fewer than 27 Under 17s played for one of our senior sides during the 2008 season.

Help ... we need somebody!

Anyone who has been along to one of our Primary School coaching nights will have realised that we rely heavily on the support of volunteer players and parents to help us deal with the vast numbers of enthusiastic young cricketers at the club. We're hugely grateful to the parents who helped out during 2008 and we'll be delighted to see you back next year!

As we attempt to reach the next level as a club, we're looking to increase the amount of quality coaching we provide to our youngsters. However, to do this we desperately need more parents to lend a hand with coaching.

If you feel you can help, either with coaching or with the ever increasing burden of administration, please drop us a line at juniors@carltoncc.co.uk

If you'd like to join the coaching team but are worried about being left on your own, don't worry! We'll make sure we ease you in gently and we won't expect you to take charge of scores of youngsters on your own. Prior to the new season we intend to hold a meeting with all coaches and parent helpers to explain our plans.

In the meantime, Cricket Scotland Development Officer Gordon Drummond is running a couple of **Introduction to Cricket Courses** prior to Christmas. This is a perfect course for parents, volunteers and cricketers who would like to help out with youth coaching. The course lasts for 1 day and costs just £20. Carlton will happily refund the cost of the course to anyone who

would like to take the qualification and thereafter help out with a few coaching sessions in 2009. You'll find full details and an application form on our website at:

www.carltoncc.co.uk/documents/icc.pdf

More call ups for Carlton youngsters

Following the large numbers of Carlton youngsters selected to play representative cricket during 2008 there has been even more good news on that front.

The 2008/2009 intake to the City of Edinburgh Schools Sports Academy has been finalised, with a further 7 young state school cricketers selected to join the initiative. The great news is that no fewer than 6 of the group play for Carlton! Well done to Kyle, Craig, Fraser A, Cheeky, Iain and Matthew W.

Online coaching update

One of the great developments in cricket coaching in recent years has been the increase in online video coaching sites. During 2008, both NatWest and Telegraph have sponsored a series of online sessions and you can access these – together with a bit of vintage Bradman – at the Carlton website Coaching Corner:

www.carltoncc.co.uk/CoachingCorner.htm

Winter coaching

We're currently hard at work planning our indoor winter coaching sessions.



We'll be in touch via email over the next few months as we get things organised. In the meantime, if you have changed email address – or you joined late in the season and haven't yet given us your details - please drop us a line at juniors@carltoncc.co.uk

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