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Well it seems as if West have got off to a solid, if unspectacular start to this first Scottish National League season.

A comfortable, if protracted win, was managed against RHSM in the first game, and a thorough demolition undertaken on Saturday week against Perthshire. Last week Drumpellier eked out a pitiful draw, although West took 21 points.

Sunday games have seen a win against Penicuik in the Abbot Ale Cup Second Round setting up an away tie to East Kilbride in Round Three, tomorrow.

Last Sunday West travelled up to Williamfield to take on Stirling County and won convincingly in a rather dull match, well a dull second half anyway.



With the First XI at home to Poloc a nice coincidence in the fixtures will see the Partick XI strutting their stuff at Shawholm in a Western Union fixture.

The other fixture this weekend will see The Hamilton Crescent XI travelling down to Robertson's Field, Ayr in a Strathclyde League fixture. Hopefully West will register a number of wins over the weekend.

Poloc have had mixed fortunes to date in the Conference. Their first game was at Scroggie Park, Falkland, where they got the better part of the draw. When they set a total of 169 for Falkland who fell short by just half a dozen runs. Bulk of the 169 came from their pro Mohammed Ramzan who scored a ton.

Two weeks ago they entertained Stoneywood Dyce, who West travel to meet next

This week's fixtures

Saturday 23rd May
West v Poloc
National Conference

Shawholm v PXI
Western Union Div. 2

Sunday 24th May
East Kilbride v West
Abbot Ale 3rd Round

Ayr v HCXI
Strathclyde League

Wednesday 27th May
Hillhead v West
West League Cup

Thursday 28th May
HCXI v Greenock
Western Union

Friday 29th May
West v Glasgow Accies
Under-15

Glasgow Accies v West
Under-13

Saturday 30th May
Stoneywood v West
National Conference

Sunday 31st May
West v Kelso
Scottish Cup

NOTES AND JOTTINGS

West had two representatives in the Scotland team that played and defeated MCC at Lords during the week. Both Craig Wright with a reasonable haul of wickets and Gregor Maiden, played their respective parts in a notable victory over an experienced MCC team.

A book has been opened on who will be first to christen the physiotherapy bed in the home dressing room for a purpose other

than which it was intended. Soapy, who opened the book, offered the following as firm favourites. Star was number one, followed by Shane Stanton. Reddo apparently is highly quoted as are a joint effort from the scorers. A certain female Director claims a place on the card.

On the topic of Englishmen, how many Scots are left in the West firms. Two Aussies and two Englishers give a cosmopolitan feel

to things at present.

One who could not be described as English is Craig Walker who made his First XI debut last week at Stirling in the Scottish Cup match. Well done on that wicket Craig.

Remember the Ones play at Torrance House, East Kilbride in the Abbot Ale Cup tomorrow. Five steps from Lords?

All profits from this programme go to club funds.

A source, who must remain anonymous tells the tale of a certain former captain of West, let us call him Dobbin. At a recent dinner, he was the recipient of one of the prizes in the raffle. The previous ticket had been for something like a signed Ally McCoist shirt. What was Dobbin's prize - a £100 gift voucher for a ladies lingerie shop in Bearsden! We do not know if he has cashed it in as yet!

BEANS 'n' JEANS

With Sounds Familiar
Friday 5th June
Tickets £1 available from behind the bar
All welcome

Poloc - Briefly

Poloc were founded in 1878, 16 years after West, when a meeting in the Infant School, in Pollokshaws decided to form a cricket team and settled on the name Poloc. Their first ground was Bangor Hill, which was later occupied by Cowglen Golf Club. This ground was opened in the spring of 1879, but not before disaster struck. In January of that year the pavilion that had been set-up was blown from the foundations. That day, 29th January 1879, also saw a more horrific disaster in the form of the collapse of the Tay Bridge.

In 1880 the club were allowed to play at Shawholm and they erected a small pavilion.

The site of their present pavilion was taken over in 1887 when the laird, Sir John Stirling-Maxwell redesigned his grounds, and the avenue was built. The pavilion actually came after the demise of Pollokshields Athletic Club and their building

was acquired.

Like West, Poloc were in at the start of the Western Union in 1893, of which you can read about overleaf.

Both West and Poloc had a common pro in that era, when Arthur Carter first played. In Scotland it was at Shawholm, and he ended his days at West from 1902 onwards as the groundsman.

When the Union disruption occurred in 1910 Poloc stayed in and West withdrew.

Poloc's current pavilion was built in 1928-1929 and was opened officially in 1929.

Over the years West and Poloc have clashed often. The first Western Union game was here at Hamilton crescent on 24th June 1893. Poloc batted first and scored just 40. West batting second amassed 108 for the loss of eight wickets. Hopefully more runs will be scored today.

WORLD OF CRICKET

Cricket in Bangladesh

A Brief History

Cricket has been played in Bangladesh for nearly 200 years, having been introduced by the British rulers. Following the bloody freedom struggle which ended in 1971, cricket has continued to grow. It was slow to start, other things having priority at the beginning.

Early in 1975 the Dacca stadium was in disrepair, the square having sunk several inches and the Press Club shell-torn. The M.C.C. tour in 1976/77 helped to build the enthusiasm, over 40,000 people attending the representative match at Dacca. In 1977 Bangladesh became an Associate member of the I.C.C. Two further M.C.C. teams toured in 1978/79 and 1980/81. Regular tours by teams from Sri Lanka, India and Pakistan have also played their part in the growth of cricket in the country. Visits have also taken place from Denmark, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and Zimbabwe.

The Third Asia Cup took place in Bangladesh in 1988 with India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka participating as well as the host country. In 1989/90 Bangladesh played hosts to the First Under-19 Asia Cup.

The Bangladesh Cricket Control Board (BCCB) has overall responsibility for cricket in the country. There are National Championships and senior, youth and school level with all 64 districts, the universities and services eligible to take part. Over 250 teams compete in the National School championships.

Brian Beck's Third XI Bit

The start of the 1998 season saw the return to the West of the usual group of deadbeats, no-hopers and whingers, but that is enough about the Firsts.

The welcome mat is not only out for our antipodean visitors but also for Michael Greenhorn. Michael moved to the West end and has previously scored a century against West Thirds in a friendly for one of his previous teams, Glasgow Airport. He is also a medium fast left armer and should prove to be very useful. He also, unlike too many people here, knows how to put his hand in his pocket at the bar?

Congratulations are due to the younger players for their efforts last season, when for most matches they played against teams who were forced to play many senior players in their eleven's. This was due simply to the pressure on membership numbers.

The continued progress of Crawford McClure with ball and bat saw him appear regularly for the First XI. Recognition was deservedly given to Andy Talmie, who deserv-

edly was given the "X" Trophy for most improved player. He finds himself in the company of such previous winners as Craig Wright and was just reward for the discipline and aggression shown during consistent spells with the ball.

The 1998 campaign should be looked on optimistically, if all players make themselves available. The large squad has many young players such as John Stimpson, Liam Gibson, Alex McDonald, Charles Welsh, David Marsden, et al. All established, in early years and with this talent should be pushing for places in the more senior teams. If Damus Balfour can produce his quick scoring early season and maintain it, the middle order should ensure high totals similar to his solo efforts with bat last season.

I'm sure they won't mind too much if referred to as older players, but with exams and school over the competition for seamers should be very fierce. With Tony Lewis hopefully free more often and Mark Russell returned from injury there will be competition. The latter minus his flowing locks ap-

pears more like a school master.

With myself working at home this season and if my wife lets me play as often as I would like, and all the young players are available, I reckon I will have to use my position as skipper to claim a game.

Fraser McPhate is looking good after shedding some weight and should bag more than his usual brace of run-outs each match, to add to his wickets.

Having spent some time in the nets a couple of younger juniors are showing ample promise, to be included in the Thirds, again on merit.

Sadly missed this year will be Alec Knight. Our thespian team-mate has not reappeared and will be sadly missed. No other player has made such a lasting impression in such a short period of time.

Finally to the Paper Hankies and it seems as if a number have decided to take up the playing challenge. In very serious training all winter some may grace the hallowed turf, especially if Donnie wakes up in time for evening games.

BALL SPONSORSHIPS

Day	Date	Match	Competition
Sat	02/05/98	West v RHSM	Scottish Conference
Sun	03/05/98	HCXI v Queen's Park	Strathclyde League
Thu	07/05/98	Partick XI v Hillhead	Western Cup
Sat	09/05/98	West v Perthshire	Scottish Conference
Sun	10/05/98	HCXI v Monklands	Strathclyde League
Wed	13/05/98	West v GHK	West League Cup
Thu	14/05/98	HCXI v East Renfrewshire	Strathclyde Shield
Sat	16/05/98	Partick XI v Langloan	Western Union
Sat	23/05/98	West v Poloc	Scottish Conference
Thu	28/05/98	HCXI v Greenock	Western Union
Sun	31/05/98	West v Kelso	Scottish Cup
Wed	03/06/98	West v Poloc	West League Cup
Thu	04/06/98	HCXI v Kelburne	Western Union
Sat	06/06/98	West v Carlton	Scottish Conference
Sat	13/06/98	West v Strathmore	Scottish Conference
Sun	14/06/98	HCXI v Weirs	Strathclyde League
Tue	16/06/98	HCXI v Drumpellier	Western Union
Sat	20/06/98	Partick XI v Whitehaugh	Western Union
Sun	21/06/98	West v Strathmore	Scottish Cup
Sun	21/06/98	Nunholm v Partick XI	Western Union
Tue	23/06/98	HCXI v Uddingston	Western Union
Sat	11/07/98	Partick XI v Glenpark	Western Union
Sun	12/07/98	Partick XI v Hillhead	Friendly
Tue	14/07/98	HCXI v Clydesdale	Western Union
Sat	18/07/98	West v Drumpellier	Scottish Conference
Sun	19/07/98	West v Stenhousemuir	Friendly
Sat	25/07/98	Partick XI v Shawholm	Western Union
Sun	26/07/98	HCXI v Ayr	Strathclyde League
Sun	26/07/98	Partick XI v Hughenden	Western Union
Thu	30/07/98	HCXI v Allan Glen's	Friendly
Sat	01/08/98	West v Stoneywood Dyce	Scottish Conference
Sun	02/08/98	Partick XI v Balgray	Western Union
Thu	06/08/98	HCXI v Ferguslie	Western Union
Sat	08/08/98	Partick XI v Titwood	Western Union
Sat	15/08/98	Partick XI v Bothwell	Western Union
Thu	20/08/98	HCXI v Poloc	Western Union
Sat	22/08/98	West v Falkland	Scottish Conference
Sat	29/08/98	West v Corstorphine	Scottish Conference
Sat	05/09/98	HCXI v Renfrew	Friendly

WEST MERCHANDISE

Crest T-Shirt	£8.00
Crest Sweat Shirt	£13.00
Crest Polo Shirt	£12.50

Cricket Shirts

Gunn & Moore 5 Star 3/4 Sleeve	£15.50
Gunn & Moore 5 Star Full Sleeve	£17.00
Boys	£9.50

Club Caps	£8.00
Crest Ties	£5.00
Striped Ties	£7.00

**Assorted other pieces of cricket gear are often available
Ask behind the Bar for more information**

CLUB CRICKET SEASON OPENING TIMES

Monday	11.00 – 13.30	17.00 – 23.00
Tuesday	11.00 – 13.30	17.00 – 23.00
Wednesday	11.00 – 13.30	17.00 – 23.00
Thursday	11.00 – 13.30	17.00 – 23.00
Friday	11.00 – 14.30	17.00 – 24.00
Saturday	11.00 – 24.00	
Sunday	12.30 – 23.00	

All times are subject to change.
It is your club. Make sure you use it.

Below we append details of the Scottish National Cricket League tables up to and including the weekend fixtures. We will not promise for these to be completely accurate as the results services provided in the Herald and the Scotsman have been less than accurate. However these should be fairly correct. Any errors will be ironed out in due course.

As you will see there are only three teams left maintaining a 100% record, perhaps indicating just how keenly things will be fought over the rest of the season.

The lines indicate where a team needs to finish above to qualify for the First Division next year.



WEEK FOUR - 19/05/98

Conference A	P	W	WD	LD	L	P.F.	%	R.F.	W.L.	R.A.	W.F.	R/W.F.	R/W.A.
Grange	3	3	0	0	0	75	100.00%	369	14	360	30	26.36	12.00
Heriot's	3	3	0	0	0	75	100.00%	327	14	249	30	23.36	8.30
Kelburne	3	2	1	0	0	62	82.67%	512	27	459	24	18.96	19.13
GHK	3	2	0	0	1	56	74.67%	418	17	306	28	24.59	10.93
West Lothian	3	2	0	0	1	53	70.67%	421	18	422	22	23.39	19.18
Stenhousemuir	3	1	0	0	2	36	48.00%	481	26	414	20	18.50	20.70
Watsonians	3	1	0	0	2	33	44.00%	418	26	477	19	16.08	25.11
Fortashire	3	0	0	1	2	17	22.67%	431	27	592	21	15.96	28.19
Dunfermline	3	0	0	0	3	14	18.67%	298	30	389	19	9.93	20.47
Hillhead	3	0	0	0	3	13	17.33%	346	30	353	16	11.53	22.06

Conference B	P	W	WD	LD	L	P.F.	%	R.F.	W.L.	R.A.	W.F.	R/W.F.	R/W.A.
West of Scotland	3	2	1	0	0	71	94.67%	466	9	333	29	51.78	11.48
Stoneywood Dyce	3	2	0	0	1	56	74.67%	167	12	215	20	13.92	10.75
Carlton	3	2	0	0	1	55	73.33%	354	15	434	27	23.60	16.07
Falkland	2	1	0	1	0	36	72.00%	310	18	267	20	17.22	13.35
RHSM	3	2	0	0	1	53	70.67%	395	21	309	24	18.81	12.88
Poloc	3	1	1	0	1	40	53.33%	447	27	357	20	16.56	17.85
Strathmore	3	1	0	1	1	37	49.33%	499	25	450	22	19.96	20.45
Drumellier	3	0	1	1	1	29	38.67%	470	28	622	21	16.79	29.62
Castrophine	2	0	0	0	2	8	16.00%	86	10	198	6	8.60	33.00
Perthshire	3	0	0	0	3	5	6.67%	330	30	339	6	11.00	56.50

Conference C	P	W	WD	LD	L	P.F.	%	R.F.	W.L.	R.A.	W.F.	R/W.F.	R/W.A.
Aberdeenshire	3	3	0	0	0	75	100.00%	417	12	411	28	34.75	14.68
Ferguslie	3	2	0	1	0	58	77.33%	363	18	282	30	20.17	9.40
Greenock	3	1	1	0	1	53	70.67%	554	22	442	28	25.18	15.79
Freuchie	2	1	0	1	0	32	64.00%	339	17	335	19	19.94	17.63
Ayr	2	1	0	0	1	31	62.00%	381	12	382	14	31.75	27.29
Clydesdale	2	1	0	0	1	31	62.00%	302	16	363	18	18.88	20.17
Arbroath	4	2	0	0	2	61	61.00%	592	35	545	28	16.91	19.46
Uddingston	3	1	1	0	1	44	58.67%	416	25	465	21	16.64	22.14
Prestwick	3	1	0	0	2	35	46.67%	364	30	408	24	12.13	17.00
Stirling County	2	0	0	0	2	8	16.00%	249	18	340	12	13.83	28.33
Edinburgh Accies	3	0	0	0	3	11	14.67%	294	30	298	13	9.80	22.92

JUNE 1998

Schedule of Events

								<u>Wednesday 3rd June</u>
								West v Poloc
								West League Cup
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		<u>Saturday 6th June</u>
								West v Carlton
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		Scottish Conference B
								<u>Sunday 7th June</u>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		Irvine v West
								Friendly
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		<u>Saturday 13th June</u>
								West v Strathmore
29	30							Scottish Conference

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