

Other fixtures news and reports

(Please note that no offence is intended to any third party in the undernoted match reports that are produced with the primary intention of [hopefully] entertaining club members)

A *Panthers* XI loses tight Sunday friendly in Paisley [posted 22/08/21]

A Ferguslie XI sneaked home by one wicket today in the first of a double-header of Sunday friendlies against a *Panthers* XI. Batting first, after winning the toss, the *Panthers* XI posted 161 in their 4,.....sorry, their 35.1 overs. And this latyest instance of a side not using their overs would come back to haunt the

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XI as they would end up losing by just one wicket! Their 161 was anchored by a well-made 62 from Hasan Malik, batting at four, who continued his good season with the bat. His innings included eight 4s, and a 6, and came after Connor Browne, opening the batting, had made 26. Also making it in to the 20s was Irfan Hanif, batting at five. However only skipper Hunnain Sohail would be able, among the other batters, to get in to double figures, as no fewer than four batters failed to trouble the scorers, including Humza Baig who ended up the not out batter as his side left 25 deliveries unwrapped! 162 to win.

The Ferguslie XI's run-chase - eventually successful - was built on two innings from their established players: Haroon Tahir (51*) retired after reaching his half century, after opening the batting; and Taimoor Ahmad was unbeaten on 34, batting at nine, to see his side home. Crossing the winning live in just the 27th over, the home side's 162 for 9 included 34 runs in wides and no balls, the 33 wides being gifted in just the 26.2 overs bowled. Yup, same-old, same-old. All-other-things-being-equal [Ed': which of course they could never be!], imagine if the *Panthers* XI had even batted 38 overs and bowled just half as many wides? Answers on a *WhatsApp* message group please! The Ferguslie XI wickets to fall were shared around, with Hamaad Anwar, Haroon Khan, and Hunnain Sohail each grabbing a brace.

The return friendly is at "Shawholm", on September the 19th. [[Scorecard](#)]

A **'Loc** XI lose narrowly to Glasgow University [posted 29/05/21]

With Glasgow still under Level 3 COVID-19 restrictions, WDCU league and cup matches remain void, and so this afternoon's match was a friendly against Glasgow University, with players on both sides being selected from those resident in the city. Batting first the **'Loc** XI posted 149, thanks in the main to 49 from Kess Sajjad, who was well supported by Murtaza Syed (32), before Sarfraz Malik chipped in with a useful 18 not out towards the end. Set 150 to win the University side started well, with skipper Farndale (42) anchoring their reply, and number three Mav Lehal contributing a useful 40. However after the good start, the visitors' inings ran in to trouble, and they needed an unbeaten 12 from number ten Davenport to see them home with just one wicket in hand. For the '

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XI Murtaza Syed added to his 32 with 4 for 30 to, arguable, earn the

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Today's match was the club's last friendly before tomorrow's re-arranged - Glasgow-resident players-only - Scottish Cup first round tie against Clydesdale.

Tough day at the office [posted 22/05/21]

It was the proverbial game of two halves at "Shawholm" today as a pretty good first innings display from a Poloc XI saw visitors Langside CC bowled out for 173 in 40 overs, before a batting collapse for the ages saw the side skittled for just 29. Back to the first half though: Hunnain Sohail was "destroyer-in-chief" with cheeky wee "5-for", returning figures of 8-2-27-5 with his right-arm off spin, and tearing the heart out of the visitors' middle order. For Langside, Khan, at the top of the order, top-scored with 31, whilst two other batters - Kamran (28), and Ramzan (24) - got in to the twenties. Aside Hunnain Sohail's eye-catching return, Ahmed-Raza Hanif again showed his quality, returning figures of 10-0-35-0, adding two catches to a solid first innings performance. And Andrew Mallichan, in action for the first time in a 'Loc shirt, and captaining the side, took 2 for 23 in his five-over spell.

In their reply however it was a completely different story as Langside's experienced attack of Afzal, Shah, and Ali, rolled back the years with three wickets-a-piece, and quite literally blew the 'Loc batting line-up away. After a careful start that saw double digits reached without any alarm, 10 for 0 suddenly became 20 for 6, as batter-after-batter came-and-went without troubling scorer-for-the-day Connor Browne too much. Robert Cathcart top-scored with just 7, and three home batters added themselves to the this season's ["Webbed Feet Award"](#) table with blobs. 29 all out. Ouch! Never mind, it's still early in this, the second-strangest of seasons, and it's back to practice come Tuesday. [
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Cricket is back,.....at least for a day! [posted 15/05/21]

East Renfrewshire were the opponents as a Poloc XI, led by Irfan Hanif, kicked off the 2021 season at "Shawholm". Batting first after a drizzly morning, the side posted 123 all out in tricky conditions. Robert Cathcart top-scored with 39, with Hunnain Sohail chipping in with 30. Aside these two, and notwithstanding the side being 83 for 1 before the second wicket fell, only Sarfraz Malik (12), batting at seven, got in to double figures. The visitors' run-chase proved no easier however, and though *the 'Loc XI* would only take two wickets, the finishing line wasn't reached until in to the 39th over, East Renfrewshire eventually securing an eight-wicket win. [[Scorecard](#)]

The relief at getting cricket restarted today, after such a long time was, however misplaced with [news](#) this evening from the WDCU that Glasgow City remaining in Level 3 from Monday has resulted in all senior cricket under their jurisdiction being called off for the following seven days. Cricket Scotland has yet to opine on next Sunday's scheduled Scottish Cup tie, and the club awaits the national governing body's determination.

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Weekday	Date	Month	Venue/ result	Opponent	Match type
Saturday	15	May	Lost	East Renfrewshire	Friendly
Saturday	22	May	Lost	Langside	Friendly
Wednesday	26	May	n/a	Poloc XI B	Intra-club
Saturday	29	May	Lost	Glasgow University	Friendly
Wednesday	2	June	n/a	Poloc XI B	Intra-club

Weekday	Date	Month	Venue/ result	Opponent	Match type
Sunday	22	August	Lost	Ferguslie	Friendly
Sunday	19	September	Off	Ferguslie	Friendly

Poloc XIs

Poloc XIs are fielded to play friendly matches against other clubs - often as pre-, or post-season friendlies, sometimes against touring sides.