

Olly and Angus on board at Carlton CC

With the countdown well underway to the new Scottish cricket season Carlton have appointed Dan Da Costa as 1st X1 captain in succession to Arun Pillai.

Dan says: "The squad is shaping up nicely and I'm hopeful that we can put ourselves in a position to bring home some silverware with a good mix of experience and youth."

While Carlton, who open the Eastern Premiership season at home to Falkland on 3 May, will miss the likes of Angus Beattie, now working in London, and Ruairidh Main, who is in Australia, Olly Davidson and Angus Guy have been recruited to Grange.

Olly is a recent Worcestershire Academy prospect, and like Angus, a recent Scotland under-19 cap.

Sam Haggio again leads the women's XI and they hope to secure a fifth successive league title.



Captains of the lower men's XIs remain the same and Charles Stronach looks forward to leading the 2nd XI on their return to the ESCA Championship.

Taking over from Kerry Simpson after four years as club president is Bob Irvine, long-serving skipper of Carlton's 4th XI and still occasionally turning out for the over 50s XI.

Bob is also well known as the author of the club newsletter and "Fantasy Bob" blog. He says:

"The club was delighted to note the contributions of Gabriella Fontenla and Maisie Maciera during the under-19 women's world Cup and look forward to seeing their further progress. Sam Haggio and (Scotland internationalist) Ali Evans are due to be married in April and the club send them hearty congratulations."



Dan Da Costa captains Carlton as a wicket-keeper/batsman