

Ferguslie 1st XI SNCL Division
Game 5 Saturday 29th May
West Lothian 262 for 5 beat Ferguslie 143 All out

DL was a factor, a green but firm wicket another factor, Ferguslie won the toss and asked West Lothian to bat.

Early pressure from Jamie Carruthers and Greg Cameron had the home side on edge at 22 for 2, when professional Kruger van Wyk joined New Zealand overseas amateur Johnny Cookson. The pair impressively rode the storm of 6 over's and then easily plundered there way through to a 207 run 3rd wicket partnership. Van Wyk (116) had an array of shots all round the ground that wouldn't have been out of place in the IPL and Cookson (75) as solid a straight player as you would see. Other than the first 12 over's the Ferguslie attack was insipid and the fielding lack lustre at best. 262 could easily have been in excess of 300 if the home side had really pushed on. 262, always an imposing run chase, needed the big guns to blaze. In form Stafford out for 5, Mullick out for 6, Preston-Jones out of the game with unfortunate "Ankle Break", there was no positive run chase offered. Michael English in his 1st XI debut defended well the initial onslaught from the impressive Tony McKenna (3 for 21) but perished with a gentle cover catch at the hands of the experienced swing bowling of skipper Raven (4 for 33).

Ferguslie West league Cup
Game 3 Sunday 30th May
Ferguslie 219 for 5 beat Greenock 185 for 5

An emphatic opening batting display from skipper David Stafford (53) and Tim Preston-Jones (56) put on 110 in 15 over's. Shots all round the ground from both players Stafford started the more aggressively but was soon caught up by TPJ. The loss of Stafford saw professional Mullick come to the crease and he did not let up on the run scoring. 65 not out he ensured the home side set the imposing total of 219. Jamie Carruthers (2 for 32) now coming into some wicket taking form also had a few early chances spilled. Chris Bellwood (56) and C Hempsey (53no) destroyed Greg Cameron and Harry Mapplebeck just to kept the home side slightly on edge. More lack lustre fielding was not punished when the run chase fizzled out, but is an area of concern that needs some attention. Ferguslie 3 wins from 3 games are through to the semi finals.