



CLYDESDALE CRICKET CLUB

Instituted 1848

CLYDESDALE HOCKEY CLUB

Instituted 1902 as Carthaginians

CLYDESDALE WESTERN LADIES

Instituted 1903 as Glasgow Western Ladies Hockey Club

HISTORICAL MILESTONES

1848 Clydesdale Cricket Club formed by **Archie Campbell** of Hawick with a membership of 27, created by the merger of the Thistle and Wallace-grove clubs (Thistle played Albion in one of the first recorded cricket matches in Glasgow, on Flesher's Haugh in 1832: the match, which started at 5.30am, was broken up by a riot).

1848 First ground at Kinning Park, located on the corner of Pollok Street and Scotland Street (to the north of what later became Shields Road underground station and now covered by motorway), rented from cow feeder **Mr Tweedie** for "£7 or £9, I forget which", said Archie Campbell 40 years later.

1848 First match played on 19th August (one month after the birth of **W G Grace**), an away game against a Greenock XI (the present Greenock was founded in 1862). Clydesdale (39 and 41) beat Greenock (31 and 37) by 12 runs. Clydesdale's early 'colours' were green and yellow ribbons worn on their white bowler hats.

1848 First home game played on 16th September, a return game against Greenock. Clydesdale (63 and 106), Greenock (23 and 89): a first home victory by 57 runs. After one more game, **Mr Tweedie** was alarmed at the destruction of his lush grass and told Clydesdale to leave.

1849 Second ground at Kinning Park, located just to the west of the General Terminus Railway at the corner of Lambhill Street and West Scotland Street, rented from **Mr Meiklewham**. Membership doubled. First match played on 30th June, against Barrhead; Clydesdale beaten by an innings and 35 runs! Second match on 25th October!

1851 Club's first professional: Englishman **Edwin Temple Pierce**. These early pros were paid 30 shillings to £2 per week.

1851 18th-20th September: first of a series of annual 'international' matches at Kinning Park, between a XXII of Scotland (including 13 of Clydesdale) and an

All-England XI, attended by 7,000 to 8,000 spectators, with a grandstand, tents and stalls - including the printing tent providing scorecards and run by **Fred Lillywhite** of London. Glasgow (109 and 46), England (91 and 31): Glasgow won by 33 runs. The most remarkable statistic was the 20 wickets taken by pace bowler **Johnny Wisden**, 'the little wonder' who founded the famous almanac a few years later.

1856 New Clydesdale member: **John McNeill**, who developed into the best batsman of his era (and, in 1879, the first president of the Scottish Cricket Union). There were now more than 100 members, and two teams were being regularly fielded. A third, social, team - the 'Clydesdale Slashers' - soon followed.

1860 New Clydesdale member: **Ebenezer Hendry**, stylish batsman, footballer who played against Queen's Park, Clydesdale administrator and faithful servant until he died in 1913; his son, **John W Hendry**, became president of Clydesdale and of the Scottish Cricket Union; and his grandson, Gordon, was also a member.

1862 **John McNeill** registered the highest-ever score against All-England XI (36) and **Archie Campbell** took six England wickets: in the England team was **Edgar Willsheer** of Kent, whose bowling action in a match at The Oval later in the season led to the Law being changed to allow overarm actions. This year marked Clydesdale's rise to the top of Scottish cricket, with victories over Grange and Perth, and frequent totals over 200.

1867 First match between Clydesdale and West of Scotland, at Kinning Park, won by West by 34 runs. Clydesdale won the return game by 56 runs. There then followed more than a decade of frosty relations between the two clubs, with no matches played between them!

1873 Football had already become the popular winter pastime for Clydesdale's cricketers: the fledgling

Rangers club was 'gratified' to be given a game against what they considered to be 'one of the four great teams of the day' (the others being Queen's Park, Third Lanark Rifles and Vale of Leven). At the foundation of the Scottish Football Association, **Archie Campbell** was elected the first president, with two other Clydesdale men, **Ebenezer Hendry** and **William Gibb**, also on the committee.

1874 After beating Third Lanark in the second semi-final replay, Clydesdale played Queen's Park in the first Cup Final organised by the SFA. Clydesdale's goalkeeper, **R Gardner**, had enjoyed seven unbroken years of clean sheets as the Queen's Park goalie: in this final, he lost his record against his old club, the final score 2-0.

1874 **Sir John Stirling Maxwell** told Clydesdale it would have to move from Kinning Park. A choice of locations was offered for a new ground: Paisley Road around Ibrox, the new (Queen's) Park at Langside, or the fields to the south of Pollokshields.

1875 The final cricket match at Kinning Park was in September, the annual South v North engagement, followed by dinner in the pavilion. Clydesdale's footballers played here for one more winter - including a game against successors Rangers FC on 18.03.76.

1876 For Clydesdale's first match of the first season based at Titwood, the team travelled to Greenock, to win by 95 runs. The new Titwood ground was opened on 10th June. Clydesdale batting first (117) to register a 14-run victory over Caledonian (103).

1880 On 10th and 11th September, two days after playing the first ever Test match against England (including **W G Grace**) at The Oval, the original touring Australians came to Titwood to play a Clydesdale Invitation XVIII which included players from West of Scotland and Drumpellier. In front of a crowd of 7,000, the Clydesdale team scored 224, while the Australians could manage only 111 and 47-1: in the tradition of the time, the first innings score in an uncompleted two-innings match defined a victory for Clydesdale!

1883 With Hampden Park under redevelopment, Queen's Park agreed for the use of Titwood in December, to play Manchester in the first English Cup tie to be played in Scotland. Queen's Park won

1885 A match against Drumpellier at Titwood in June ended in rancour, and no matches were arranged between the clubs for three years. The same year saw the first match against Uddingston (founded 1883), with the first game (Clydesdale's 2nd XI) against Poloc following in 1886.

1889 Cricket at Clydesdale went into temporary decline, and tennis threatened to take its place, with a 'Clydesdale Trophy' - still in existence - competed for

among local tennis clubs. Rugby was also now being played at Titwood under the Clydesdale name.

1890 The Barrhead Railway Company decided to build a station (Crossmyloof) at the (original) Titwood gate, with neighbouring lands to be developed with roads and feued for housing. **Archie Campbell** obtained an assurance from **Sir John Stirling Maxwell** that a cricket ground at Titwood, or near it, would be preserved.

1893 New Western Union league established: Clydesdale's first match was a victory over Greenock away from home. The two clubs shared the first championship after Clydesdale beat Poloc to draw level in the final game of the season - though the records show Greenock as the sole champions. Clydesdale went on to win the Western Union championship 13 more times.

1893 Clydesdale introduced junior membership, for five shillings, and attracted 35 youngsters by the end of May. The first Junior Convener was one **John Brown**, and the first youngster to come through the ranks to stardom was **Andy Clark**, who played for the first team at the age of 17.

1894 Clydesdale travelled to play against Dumfries for the first time. Later, Dumfries's top batsman **Bill Jowett** joined Clydesdale and, at net practice near the railway, hit a ball which landed in a wagon of a passing goods train. The stationmaster at Crossmyloof successfully traced it - to Carlisle!

1894 During the Glasgow Fair, the South Africans came to Titwood for a match against a Glasgow & District team. Clydesdale finished the Western Union in second place to Greenock.

1895 Clydesdale won the Western Union outright for the first time.

1896 Clydesdale Rugby Club shared the Scottish league championship with Jedforest and Watsonians. Clydesdale also took part in an early Melrose Sevens final, and five Clydesdale players won Scottish rugby caps: **T L Hendry** (1893, 95), **E Spencer** (1898), **J M Dykes** (1898-1902), **J A Bell** (1901-02) and **J Robertson** (1908).

1898 Clydesdale's 50th anniversary celebrated in the St Enoch Hotel on 18th March with **John Robb**, one of two remaining founders, in the chair. The other survivor was **Archie Campbell** himself, and the tributes to him were fulsome.

1904 Clydesdale opened its new ground away from the railway, to the west of the original Titwood site, on 30 April, with a game against Greenock, of course. The cost of the new ground and pavilion was £2,000, with two members - the famous Pollokshields architect **Henry Edward Clifford** and 'measurer' **John Muirhead** - contributing much of the professional skill. The new square was laid by one of Clydesdale's great groundsmen, **Willie Ingles**.

Founder **Archie Campbell** was not there to see the opening: he had died a few weeks earlier.

1910 Young **Dan Mackay**, 6ft 4in tall, made his debut for Clydesdale's first team, batting No 11 at Meikleriggs: his first scoring stroke was a six! But Clydesdale, along with Drumpellier, Greenock and West of Scotland, had withdrawn from the Western Union objecting to the reliance of other clubs on their professionals. Mackay went on to thrill Titwood spectators with his batting, breaking windows in Kirkcaldy Road and clearing the other huge boundary into the allotments to the south. He scored 1,000 runs in a season on three occasions and scored 49 centuries. Off the field, he was a tireless worker and money-raiser for Clydesdale long after his playing days were over. He died in 1951.

1920 After six blank war years, the Western Union resumed with a full membership once again. Clydesdale won its first championship since 1895.

1922 **Dan Mackay** hit the highest individual recorded score in Scottish cricket history: 257 not out in a game against Leith Franklin at Leith Links on 15th July. The awesome scorecard is hanging on the pavilion wall.

1924 Fire in the roofspace of the Titwood pavilion destroyed many original records.

1926 One of Clydesdale's best-ever professionals, **Archie Ackroyd**, ex-Derbyshire, arrived and stayed until World War II broke out, the longest-serving of all time. Clydesdale won the Western Union three times in the next five years, twice under the captaincy of the legendary **Willie Ross**.

1936 **Bill Edward** made his debut for Clydesdale's first team at Hamilton Crescent, while still a junior, taking three wickets. He became one of the greatest all-rounders ever in the Scottish game, gaining 41

1948 Clydesdale centenary celebrated with a dinner in the Grosvenor restaurant on 22nd March. **John Hendry** was the centenary president, and Lord Provost **Sir Hector McNeill** paid tribute to the oldest club in the west of Scotland. A new flagpole donated by the Glasgow firm of Butters, whose managing director was a club member, was erected at the Shawlands gate (now a mobile phone mast).

1954 As *Centuries Blend*, 106 years of Clydesdale Cricket Club, by **Sam Courtney**, published by John Miller Ltd.

1958 Clydesdale shared the Western Union championship with Poloc - the first Titwood championship for 28 years: in the next 28 years, Clydesdale were outright champions on seven occasions.

1959 Members of **Carthaginians Hockey Club** (founded 1902) 'defected' *en bloc* to form a hockey club at Clydesdale.

1960 New Titwood scoreboard constructed, widely regarded still as the most comprehensive and best-designed in Scotland, though converted to electronic operation in 2005. The original architect was club member **Bill Maddison**, who died in 1997.

1965 **Terry Racionzer** won his first Scottish cap (against Ireland), and went on to become the club's most successful internationalist up to that date, with 51 full caps (scoring five centuries) and 14 appearances for Scotland in the B&H and NatWest tournaments. For Clydesdale, he scored more than 10,000 runs, and was contemporary with the club's most successful bowler, **Mohammed Siddique**.

1965 Clydesdale men's hockey gained its highest ever competitive honour, winning the *Scottish Daily Mail Cup*. It seemed every member of the club travelled to ICI Grangemouth for the match against Aberdeen Grammar School FPs: the final score was 3-1. It was in 1979 that promotion to the top league was achieved, and again in 1994 in the present national league.

1966 New junior pavilion constructed, replacing former junior hut.

1971 Titwood pavilion extended by the addition of two new changing room pods with linkspans to the main clubhouse, at a cost of £21,000.

1972 Clydesdale won cricket's Scottish Cup (instituted 1966) for the first time, but started an superb run in this competition of six Cup final victories and at least four other finals to date, including five consecutive finals 1985-89.

1977 After comparative investigation of ground facilities and standards, Titwood was chosen by the Scottish Sports Council as the 'national facility' for cricket in Scotland, in preparation for Scotland's participation in the Benson & Hedges and NatWest competitions.

1980 Clydesdale cricket's most successful year ever, with the 1st, 2nd, 3rd senior XIs and the Junior, Minor and Mini-Minor XIs all winning their respective Western Union leagues. Clydesdale's 1st XI also won the West League Cup and the Rowan Cup.

1983 Ladies admitted as associate members of Clydesdale, allowing **Western Ladies Hockey Club** to base itself at Titwood; a year later they became full members of the club in their own right. Western gained an entry in the Guinness Book of Records as 'the most successful sports team in the world', having won the national league championship 14 years in a row (1983-1996) thereby earning the right to represent Scotland in European club competitions.

1984 Clydesdale's U13s, captained by **Ian Stanger**, reached the Sherborne finals of the NCA Ken Barrington Trophy for the first time - and did it again the following year.

1987 Thanks to a generous bequest from **Victor Black**, the club's Titwood ground was purchased from Pollok & Corour for £29,000, and its ownership, along with buildings thereon, was vested in the specially-formed **Titwood Sports Ground Trust**, with former presidents and senior members as Trustees.

1988 One of Clydesdale's most dedicated groundsmen, **Cyril McLatchie**, arrived at Titwood from Kilmarnock Rugby Club. In his first season, the former J&P Coats pavilion off Dolphin Road was demolished, and the following year the bowling green area was reconstructed by the groundsmen as a third grass hockey pitch.

1988 Olympic Games in Seoul: Western's **Wendy Fraser** and **Morag McLeod** were there for GB. And Clydesdale's **Craig Madden** officiated as a member of the umpire's panel in the hockey tournament - also called into the panel for the 1996 Games at Atlanta.

1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona: the British women's hockey team which won bronze medals included three Western Ladies players from Titwood: **Alison Ramsay**, **Susan Fraser** and the evergreen **Wendy Fraser** (now **Justice**).

1995 Clydesdale are Western Union champions, captained by former internationalist **Scott Weir**, before the formation of cricket's national league.

1996 Award of 50% funding from the National Lottery Sports Fund, to enable Clydesdale to construct a synthetic-surface hockey pitch at Titwood, and to redevelop part of the clubhouse at a total cost of £720,000. The scheme was also supported by the Foundation for Sport & the Arts, Glasgow City Council and two local schools, Craigholme and the adjacent Hutchesons' Grammar School (which moved to the 'Old Titwood' location in 1968).

1997 Clydesdale's **Greig Williamson** played a leading part in Scotland's historic performance in its first ICC Trophy appearance, in Malaysia: by coming third. Scotland qualified for the 1999 Cricket World Cup. In 1998, at the age of 28 the club's captain for the second time, he became Clydesdale's most-capped cricketer and in 1999, along with **Ian Stanger**, he played in Scottish cricket's first World Cup (in England).

1997 Synthetic hockey pitch constructed between January and May, followed by discovery of a large subsidence on the cricket square: the Lottery Sports Fund agreed to fund the reconstruction of the square, carried out by club members under the direction of groundsmen **Cyril McLatchie**, at a cost of £27,000.

1998 Clydesdale's sesquicentenary, marked by a splendid Dinner in a Marquee. President was **Alan Sloan**, one of a handful of Clydesdale members who has played both hockey and cricket for the club at first team level. Clubhouse extension/redevelopment constructed January-May.

1999 The U21 Men's Celtic Cup tournament was staged on the new hockey pitch at Titwood.

2000 Western Ladies became the first Scottish club to host the A division of a European Hockey Club Championship on its own ground - and the first time an A division tournament was hosted in Scotland.

2004 Centenary of the opening of the new clubhouse and ground at Titwood. Milestone marked by replacement of all ground-facing windows with double-glazed units, and restoration of the roof-ridge clocktower. **Graham Dunlop** represented Great Britain hockey in the Olympic Games in Athens.

2004-5 Clydesdale's cricketers won back-to-back National League Premier Division Championships (captain **Colin Mitchell**, professional **Yasir Arafat**).

2005 Clydesdale Ladies Hockey Club formed, focusing on intake from local state schools.

2007 Titwood accepted by the International Cricket Council as an official One-Day International ground, and selected in this capacity for the first 'offshore' ODI in Scotland, the Friendship Cup between India and Pakistan, in aid of the Prince of Wales Charities, followed later the same year by Scotland v India.

2008 Western's **Laura Bartlett** represented Great Britain hockey in the Olympic Games in Beijing.

2009 Clydesdale Men's Hockey won the President's Cup final against Grange at Forthbank, Stirling, by 3-2. Fund-raising drive launched to enable the Titwood hockey facility to be upgraded to an international water-based standard.

2010 Six Scotland cricket matches at Titwood, with Scotland defeating India A and Netherlands defeating Bangladesh, both for the first time.

2011 Upgrading of synthetic hockey pitch to international water-based standards, at a cost of more than £250,000, assisted by a SportsScotland grant of £70,000.

2011 Clydesdale Men's and Ladies' Hockey and Western Ladies Hockey complete a formal union, with the latter becoming known as Clydesdale Western Ladies.

2012 Club member **John McKnight** appointed as one of the first Scottish Hockey club coaches, attached to Clydesdale for development purposes. **Laura Bartlett** represented GB at London Olympics.

2012 Construction of Multi-Use Games Area ahead of five women's hockey tests against South Africa. MUGA carpeted finally in November 2013, with funding from SportsScotland and the **Titwood Sports Ground Trust**.

2013 **Cyril McLatchie** completed 25 years as the Club's groundsmen.