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GUERNSEY got their Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division Six with a tense nine-run victory over Jersey at the Kinrara Oval, Kuala Lumpur, today.

Having easily overcome the 'old enemy' in the recent inter-insular, Guernsey fancied their chances as they went out to bat having won the toss.

On a nice batting wicket, they would have been disappointed not to have posted more than their 251 for eight wickets from 50 overs.

The Greens' top scorer was all-rounder Jeremy Frith with 80 runs while Ross Kneller weighed in with 50.

In reply, Jersey got off to a belter with openers Dean Morrison and Ed Farley put on 131 runs for the first wicket before the former was run out by a smart piece of work by Stuart Bisson who kicked the ball on to the stumps with Morrison out of his ground at the non-striker's end.

Jersey built on this foundation and when the players had to come off for the ever-threatening rain, they were well ahead on the Duckworth-Lewis calculation - if the match was to be called off.

However, play soon resumed but with thunder and lightning going off around the impressive Kinrara Oval and with the match hanging by a thread as to whether it would be completed or not, the aim of the game was to lead with your 'DL' score.

The match swung back and forth until Jersey required 10 runs off the last over and with only one wicket left.

But when the Reds' last man James Faudemer was bowled trying to reverse sweep Tim Ravenscroft off the second ball of the over, the honours went to the Sarnians.

Man of the match went to Frith for his 80 runs and figures of 10-0-33-1.

Guernsey now face Fiji tomorrow who had comfortably got the better of Nigeria at the Bayuemas Oval today.

The day's other result saw the hosts Malaysian defeat Kuwait by way of Duckworth-Lewis after their encounter was washed out.

Guernsey coach Andy Cornford was less than impressed afterwards.

'I knew it was going to be a game like that - Jersey and Guernsey games are always tight,' he said.

‘Obviously I’m delighted that we came out with a positive result but less so that we weren’t at our best today. We should’ve scored 25 to 30 more runs and with our bowling, we’ve got to up our game.
‘But they fought unbelievably hard and full credit to them.’

Notes:

For a full scorecard:

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