

## **Inter Insular #27 1978**

The match was played at FB fields, Jersey  
on Sunday 20th Aug 1978

for the John Haig Scotch Whisky Trophy

Umpires Ken G Clayton (Guernsey) and Dr Ray L Osment (Jersey)

Scorers Richard Gauvain (Guernsey) and Harry W Hall (Jersey)

55 overs per side

Toss won by Jersey who elected to field

Jersey won by 5 wickets

### **PREVIEW**

'No surprises in Jersey team'

There are no surprise choices in the Jersey team to play Guernsey in Sunday's inter-insular cricket match at F.B. Fields, Jersey. The Jersey team is: Mike Weaver (Capt.), John Homes, Norman Fage, Don Faux, Richard Allott, Barry Middleton, Derek Breed, Peter Stuckey, Chad Murrin, Dave Popham and Tim Forster. 12th man Dave Billingham.

Press

'Limited overs rule will suit Guernsey' by Rob Batiste

History will be made at the F.B. Fields, Jersey, tomorrow when the annual inter-insular cricket match will be played on a limited over basis for the first time since its inauguration in 1950. The score in the series stands at seven wins all with 14 matches having been drawn.\* It is because of the high incidence of drawn matches that the limited overs rule has been introduced. Guernsey has tried for many years to switch from the traditional day's play and the new conditions coincide with the offer of sponsorship by John Haig. The aim will be to make it a 60 overs match and a very interesting battle is in prospect. It's anybody's guess who will win but the new rule will suit Guernsey because they have invariably beaten Jersey opposition when there has been a limitation on the number of overs.

General opinion in Jersey is that their selectors have picked the strongest possible side, and local cricket followers feel the same in respect to the Guernsey team. Personally I have no complaints with the selection of the Guernsey team although I do tend to agree with those who think that a half match-fit Alan Lewis should still have a place in the side.

The Jersey team shows just three changes from the Jersey Cricket League side which was showing well before the heavens opened and brought play to an end in the inter-league match at the College Field a few weeks ago. Out go George Moeller, Jeff Wiseman and Mick Weedon. In come Derek Breed, Chad Murrin and Peter Stuckey. Breed is a newcomer to Jersey cricket and is presently enjoying a successful season with Springfield C.C. It is likely he will bat at number five. Murrin, I am told, is a useful all-rounder. He is Jersey's top spin bowler and will probably bat at six or seven. Stuckey played in last season's corresponding game at the College Field and will probably be a first change bowler to the pace spearhead of Richard Allott and Barry Middleton. Jersey's man in form is batsman Norman Fage. He has scored three centuries for JICC this season and scored a fine 66 for them against the GICC last month. Tim Forster, who batted well for 49 in the JCL-GCA match, and John Holmes are likely openers with Fage at three, Don Faux at four, Breed at five, Murrin at six, captain Mike Weaver at seven and Dave Popham at eight. With Peter Stuckey at nine and Richard Allott at 10 the Jersey batting line-up looks as formidable as our own.

My batting order for the Guernsey team would be: 1, H Davey, 2, R Winstone, 3, W Barrett, 4, I Damarell, 5, P Le Cocq, 6, J Hunter, 7, M Falla, 8, R Mills, 9, R Anthony, 10, P Lawlor, 11 M Dobson. Guernsey have not lost a cricket inter-insular for eight seasons. The last time they were beaten was in Jersey in 1970 when Tony Howeson took 6-30, ripping the Guernsey batting apart. Since then there have been five draws and Guernsey won twice. Those two victorious occasions were in Jersey in 1974 when Alan Lewis and Tony Taylor saw Guernsey through to a 10-wicket victory, and at the College Field in 1975. Only two centuries have been scored in the series. R.F.B. O'Callaghan scored 105 for Jersey in the 1959 match and Stan Cleal hit 103 not out to play a big part in the Guernsey success in 1962.

\* Since 1950 Jersey have won 7, Guernsey 5, and there have been 14 draws, with no games played in 1952 and 1956 (see relevant years for details)

Post

'Jersey's batting could swing result' by Bill Custard

JERSEY and Guernsey clash at the FB Fields tomorrow in the major match of the season in Channel Islands' cricket. At stake will be. the John Haig Trophy,

donated by the famed whisky company of that name, whose local agents are J J Le Sueur.

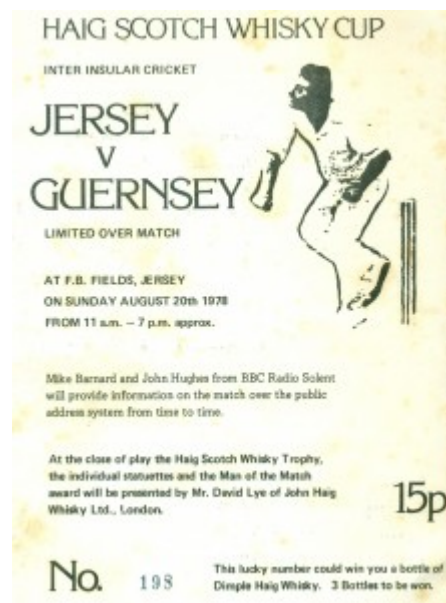
In recent years, since the formation of the Jersey Cricket Association, who organize the fixture in conjunction with the Guernsey authority, Jersey have never been successful, losing on two occasions with the remainder of the games being drawn, including the one in Guernsey last season. With tomorrow's fixture being one of limited overs for the first time in the series, a clear cut result is assured – barring, of course, serious interruption by rain. The number of overs per side has not yet been finalized. This will be governed by circumstances prevailing tomorrow. With all confidence, a fine game can be anticipated. Both islands are fielding strong, well balanced teams. Skippering the Jersey team once again is the shrewd and vastly experienced Mike Weaver, a fine bat when on song and whose aura of quiet confidence is always an inspiration to his side.

It is certain Mike is going to have a tough tactical battle with his opposite number, the equally experienced Ricky Mills, but you can be sure Mike won't miss a trick. It's Jersey's batting which is such a strong department. In all probability left-hander and wicketkeeper John Holmes will open with that rapidly maturing youngster Tim Forster. Holmes is a fine stroke player and Forster so sure and solid. Then follows Don Faux, very compact and of such an equable temperament. At No. 4 it is expected that the "1978 run machine" Norman Fage will step in to profit after the edge has been taken off the Guernsey attack. Norman also has the technique and temperament to play a waiting game if the occasion so demands. And then there's David Popham the classiest of all local stroke makers. Fluent in both style and run-getting, Dave is going to pose a big problem for Guernsey. Jersey also have Chad Murrin who is so sound and reliable; Derek Breed, a newcomer who has played much good cricket before settling in the Island, a batsman of great dependability, skipper Weaver, and Peter Stuckey who can be relied upon to push the score along with his forceful style.

Opening Jersey's attack will be the Springfield speed twins Allott and Middleton. Backing up the pace men will be Peter Stuckey, a bowler with great stamina and excellent line and length. Popham also bowls well, as does Breed, with Murrin, Faux and Weaver there to provide spin. Fage turns over a very useful arm in the medium pace department.

Guernsey's team is also strong in batting in particular, with much expected by the Sarnians of Mick Falla, who has been rattling up some very good scores in evening cricket. But he has only had limited experience on grass. Henry Davey is no stranger, a very reliable run getter and Pierre Le Cocq is also highly rated. John Hunter can score with the best of them when in form and excellent reports have come out of Guernsey on the batting of 19-year-old Ian Damerell who is also the side's wicketkeeper. It is reported that Guernsey bat down to No. 10. Opening their attack will be seamers Peter Lawlor and Pierre Le Cocq with speed merchant Miles Dobson as first change. Once again Warren Barrett will be spinning his web in the slow bowling department aided by skipper Mills. It certainly promises to be a battle royal and smart fielding and the ability to hold catches may well prove the decisive factors.

The trophy and all other awards, including that of man-of-the match, will be presented immediately after the game by David Lye, a representative of John Haig Whisky. During the match Mike Barnard and John Hughes of Radio Solent will give all relevant facts concerning the game over a public address system. The match is timed to start at 11 am.



## **MATCH**

Press

'Weaver swings match Jersey's way' by Rob Batiste

Jersey captain Mike Weaver hit a superb half-century in quick time to win the first limited overs inter-insular cricket match at the FB Fields, Jersey,

yesterday. His innings transformed a game which was drifting in Guernsey's favour and along with man-of-the-match Derek Breed he smashed all hopes of a Guernsey win.

Guernsey were put into bat and scored 174 for nine wickets in their allotted 55 overs but the home side were struggling at 89 for five after 38 overs of fine Guernsey bowling when Weaver joined Breed at the wicket. And with only 17 overs remaining and 86 runs still needed for victory Weaver clearly felt that the time had come for some bold action. Right from the start he set about the Guernsey attack and in no time at all had put his side on the road to victory. Weaver's half-century came up in only 42 minutes and included five fours and a five. Breed, who had a 56 minute start on his captain, was content to play second fiddle, but it was only a few balls later that he completed his 50. After the completion of his half century Breed played his most attacking shots and a hooked boundary off Pierre Le Cocq brought Jersey victory with four and a half overs to spare. Breed hit eight fours in his score of 63 which held the Jersey innings together after a bad start. It was for that reason that he won the man-of-the-match award.

Needing to score at just over three runs an over to win Jersey had an immediate setback when Tim Forster, who had scored a fine 49 for the JCL against the GCA at the College Field a month or so ago, was sent back to the pavilion with only two runs on the board. He edged a good length ball from Peter Lawlor to Ricky Mills at second slip and the Guernsey captain took the catch midriff high at the second attempt. Jersey went into the tea interval 11 for the loss of Forster's wicket but only a minute after the resumption Don Faux had joined the opener in the pavilion. Faux had scored just two runs and the team score was 13 when he played forward to Le Cocq, missed, was hit low on the front pad and was given out leg before. Norman Fage, who is a triple century maker for the Jersey Island Cricket Club this season, was next in to join left-hander John Holmes.

After an impressive opening spell by Lawlor, who conceded only eight runs from eight overs, and Le Cocq, they were replaced by Miles Dobson and Ricky Mills. These two continued to tie down Holmes and Fage and when the score had progressed to 39 the former played on a ball from Dobson. But that was to be the last success the Guernsey team was to enjoy for some while and although Fage and Breed continued very slowly they did take the score along to 84 before the fourth wicket fell. Fage was the man out. He played a ball

from Lawlor, who had been brought back into the attack, far too early and scooped a simple return catch to the bowler. Richard was sent in next at number six, four positions higher than he was scheduled to bat, with the obvious intention of scoring quick runs. But when he had scored two he was brilliantly caught by Damarell who sprang to his right to take a one handed catch in front of first slip Warren Barrett. Guernsey were then in an encouraging position with Jersey five wickets down with only 89 runs on the board and only 17 overs remaining. However, the fall of Allott's wicket signalled the end of Guernsey's chances because from then on Weaver and Breed were in the driving seat. All the Guernsey bowlers performed creditably, no-one more so than Lawlor.

Earlier the Guernsey innings had begun equally disastrously as Jersey's when Damarell, only 19 and playing in his first inter-insular match, was bowled by Allott for four. Allott was moving the ball into the right-handed batsmen considerably and causing them a lot of problems.

Barrett was joined by Le Cocq at the fall of Damarell's wicket and these two took the score to 16 before Le Cocq was bowled by the other half of the Jersey fast bowling spearhead, Barry Middleton, for four. With the ball swinging in the air so much a lot of credit must go to Barrett and Henry Davey who saw off the opening attack and took the Guernsey score to 89 before the latter was bowled by David Popham for 22. A fourth wicket went down just four runs later when Barrett, who had played very well for a fine 54, drove over a delivery from Popham and was bowled.

Guernsey went into lunch at 108 for four wickets with 32 overs completed and this should have provided a basis for a reasonably large score in the region of 225. But after lunch the middle order batting collapsed. John Hunter went for 13, Ricky Mills for two and Mick Falla for three. At the fall of the eighth wicket Robin Winstone, who had retired hurt earlier with a strained back, returned to the crease with a runner for the last few overs of the Guernsey innings. Ralph Anthony was ninth out with 151 runs on the board when he stupidly went for a second run and was run out for 12 but the last wicket partnership of Winstone and Miles Dobson realised another 23 runs. Dobson hit 14 of those 23, including a six out of the ground and the innings closed at 174 for nine wickets.

Jersey Post

'Weaver and Breed make it a 'Haig' day for Jersey' by Bill Custard

A GREAT game with a glorious result for Jersey. That was yesterday's major inter-insular at the FB Fields in which Jersey decisively defeated Guernsey by five wickets to gain their first victory in the series for nearly ten years. And with their thrilling triumph Jersey became the first winners of the Haig Scotch Whisky Trophy donated by the John Haig company who sponsored the match for the first time. In this first limited overs match in the series – 55 six ball overs per side – home skipper Mike Weaver won the toss and put Guernsey in to bat for the visitors to make 174 for 9. In their reply, which produced some excellent cricket, Jersey clinched a fine team effort to win with five wickets and 4.3 overs to spare. It was an inspired unbroken sixth wicket 86–run partnership between Weaver and Derek Breed, a comparative newcomer to local cricket, which gripped the interest of the fair-sized crowd who enjoyed the match. It was Breed who gained the man-of-the-match award of an outsize bottle of whisky. When Weaver joined Breed, Jersey were 89 for 5 after 38 overs. A very tight Guernsey attack backed up by keen and sharp fielding had considerably restricted the scoring of the home batsmen. Breed, with fine technique and equable temperament, had been at the wicket for nearly an hour for 22 when he began his association with his skipper. A much faster run-rate was imperative for a Jersey victory. And Weaver soon set about realizing this with Breed proving such an admirable foil. With controlled aggression the skipper began to unsettle the fielders. From one Weaver stroke the batsmen ran five. With 15 overs remaining Jersey were 113 for 5 and 62 were required. Breed continued to support with such solid assurance. Boundaries began to flow and the tide began to turn in favour of the locals. With ten overs remaining Jersey wanted 38 and victory was really in their grasp. Weaver thrilled the home supporters with some forcing strokes. He was particularly adept in neatly steering the ball through the gully area for valuable runs. Both batsmen were thoroughly at home against the various bowling changes made by the now very anxious Guernsey skipper Ricky Mills. Breed, when he opened out, cracked several thrilling boundaries. And with five overs to go Jersey were on the threshold of triumph needing just eight runs. And in the next over Breed finished it off with a magnificent flourish hitting Pierre Le Cocq for two consecutive fours amid great applause from the delighted home supporters. Such was the sheer forcing determination of

Weaver that he reached his 50 before Breed, but the latter followed a few balls later. At the close Breed was unbeaten with 63 (eight 4s) and Weaver was 50 not out (a 5 and five 4s). To both these batsmen go tremendous credit and especially to Weaver who rose to the occasion in such an inspired manner to play a major role in wresting the initiative from the opposition. It was a memorable match for Weaver as he had handled his attack so well and proved an excellent tactician.

Jersey made a fine start to the game, the opposition losing two quick wickets with only 16 on the board. But Warren Barrett, narrowly escaping from being caught and bowled by paceman Barry Middleton off the opening delivery of the match, went on to make 54, on occasions making some risky shots but riding his luck. He hit six fours. Richard Allott and Middleton formed a fine speed partnership, getting the ball to move off a fine batting wicket with some venom. Both kept excellent live and length and between them claimed four victims. Guernsey's Robin Winstone batted with style to make an unbeaten 26, which included a six. He had to retire briefly with a back injury, resuming with a runner. A lively undefeated 14 from last man in Miles Dobson, boosted the Sarnian total. Fast bowler Dobson slammed a six off Dave Popham whose accurate bowling gave him final figures of 4 for 54. Jersey's 'keeper John Holmes was his highly efficient self and went on to make an invaluable 26 in opening the home reply. His partner, young Tim Forster, playing in his first game in the series, was just getting set when he went to a brilliant catch in the slips by skipper Mills – in Jersey's third over. Norman Fage was most dogged in making 22, stroking one boundary, before being caught and bowled by Lawlor, and Allott was brilliantly caught down the leg side by 'keeper Damarell.

Tribute to chief groundsman John Gorin and his colleagues for the excellence of the wicket which was covered over night. At the end of the match Harry Hall, president of the Jersey Cricket Association, introduced David Lye, export manager of John Haig Whisky, who presented the trophy to Mike Weaver and statuettes to the members of both teams and to the umpires. The man-of-the-match award was judged by David Lye, and Mike Barnard, of Radio Solent. Mike Barnard and John Hughes, also of Radio Solent, provided information on the match over a public address system. John Haig will be sponsoring next year's game in Guernsey.



## **REVIEW**

Press

'We lost the toss and batted badly' by Rob Batiste

The losing of the toss plus far too many batting failures were the main reasons why Guernsey lost the first limited-overs inter-insular cricket match which was sponsored by John Haig Whisky and played at the FB Fields in Jersey last Sunday.

Indeed, when Jersey captain Mike Weaver won the toss he must have been delighted to have the opportunity of putting Guernsey in to bat on a slightly green fast wicket with heavy clouds overhead. His decision was completely justified as Richard Allott's huge in-swingers caused a lot of trouble to the Guernsey batsmen.

I felt sorry for Ian Damarell – playing in his first inter-insular – having to open the innings. Personally I think Ricky Mills made a big mistake opening with young Ian when he had more experienced players such as Robin Winstone and Pierre Le Cocq in the team. Ian was in trouble from the start and it was no surprise when Allott bowled him with his ninth ball of the match for only four runs.

Warren Barrett with a fine controlled 54, Henry Davey with a slow but critical 22, and Robin Winstone 26 not out, were the only batting successes. The others, Damarell, Le Cocq, John Hunter, Mick Falla and Ralph Anthony all failed. With the Guernsey score standing at 108 for four wickets at lunch with still 23 overs remaining, a score of 225 plus should have been achieved. One of 174 was a disappointment.

Medium paced Dave Popham, who bowled 21 consecutive overs from one end and took four wickets for 54 runs, was another Jersey hero with the ball. But I can't help feeling that he was treated with far too much respect and I think the earlier batsmen must have been slightly embarrassed to see Miles Dobson hit 14 very quick runs including a big six and a boundary off Popham.

In contrast to the batting, all the bowlers performed well, especially Peter Lawlor and Ricky Mills. Lawlor gave the early batsmen all sorts of trouble in his opening spell of eight overs which cost him just eight runs and he was unlucky to come away with just the wicket of Tim Forster. Ricky Mills bowled six very accurate overs in his opening spell of medium-paced swing bowling and was unfortunate not to take a wicket or two. Of the other three bowlers Pierre Le Cocq was the most expensive. He took two wickets for 51 in 11.3 overs.

If Mills had won the toss and put Jersey in to bat I think the story might have been different. I am sure if our bowlers had bowled as well as they did, but with heavy cloud and not bright sunshine overhead, Jersey would have struggled to reach 200.

At the close of play the Haig Scotch Whisky Trophy individual statuettes and the man-of-the-match awards were presented by Mr David Lye of John Haig Whisky Ltd., London. The choice of Derek Breed as the man-of-the-match surprised me, I know his unbeaten 63 steadied the Jersey innings but if it had not been for Mike Weaver's excellent 50 in just 42 minutes Guernsey would probably have won.