

Inter Insular #41 1992

Scheduled for Sunday 16th August but postponed due to rain

The match was played at Grainville, Jersey

on Monday 31st August 1992

for the Carlsberg Trophy

50 overs per side

Umpires Les Ferbrache (Guernsey) and R McCarthy (Jersey)

Scorers Richard Gauvain (Guernsey) and Pauline Kelly (Jersey)

Toss won by Jersey who elected to bat

Jersey won by 4 runs

PREVIEW

Vince Kenny and Mark Culverwell are the two new caps among the 12 players named last night to defend the Carlsberg Trophy against Jersey next weekend. One of the four seamers chosen will be asked to stand down, but a decision on who it will won't be made while doubts surround Dave Hearse's fitness. The Guernsey team is: from Ian Damarell (captain), Peter Vidamour, Vince Kenny, Stuart Mackay, Mark Bacon, David Marshall, Gary Kimber, Ralph Anthony, Dave Hearse, Mike Kinder, Mark Culverwell and Miles Dobson. Gary Rich will be the 12th man.

Meantime, Jersey have announced the following team: Ward Jenner (captain), Steve Blampied, Steve Carlyon, Stuart Robson, Chris Searson, Simon Short, Bob Braddock, Tony Carlyon, Mark Reynolds, Paul Horton and Jon Giles. 12th man Trevor Rousseau.

Her may be hot-headed for his own good at times, but in the end the Island cricket selectors just could not ignore the claims of Vince Kenny. There would have been nothing short of an outcry had the Cobo opener been ignored, especially after his quite breathtaking 147 in a Chandlers KO victory over Pessimists. Make no mistake the unpredictable Kenny can win the Carlsberg Trophy for Guernsey off his own bat.

The 12 announced Thursday will become 11 once Pilgrims' Dave Hearse proves his fitness or otherwise, and the selectors will be keeping their fingers crossed that Hearse comes through Monday's crucial Division One game with St Saviour's unscathed. It will be disappointing, not only for him, should injury again deny Hearse an Island place when arguably he is bowling better than at any time in his career. Some will quibble over the selection of university

students David Marshall and Stuart Mackay but the selectors have backed class, and I have no qualms on that score. Prediction: Guernsey win.

Guernsey Press

'A new era' by Rob Batiste

When Guernsey step out against Jersey at Grainville tomorrow, it will be at the start of a new era for inter-insular cricket. Gone from each side will be players who have achieved more at this level than any of their fellow islanders in the 35-year history of the match. Old Father Time has at last caught up with Warren Barrett and Barry Middleton. They remain fine cricketers but their inter-insular days will now be confined to the 'seniors' stage. Their influence has been immense. Barry Middleton has had Guernsey batsmen nervously ducking and weaving for two decades, in which time he claimed 50 Sarnian wickets.¹

Warren Barrett's 23 appearances for Guernsey is a record which may never be surpassed. In that time he took 50 wickets at 13.92 ² and scored 523 runs at 30.76. For years his was the prize wicket to be had, but it was Barrett the bowler that Jersey lost sleep over.

Today's youngsters have only hearsay to judge how good a bowler he once was. Without wanting to sound like Fred Trueman and all the other ex-pros who reckon cricketers were better in their day, Barrett was streets ahead of any other slow bowler. Warren's influence from now on will be as a selector, and I doubt if Guernsey could have three better selectors than the current triumvirate of Barrett, Mills and Fooks. Guernsey selectors Barrett, Mick Fooks and Ricky Mills have chosen a team that will start Sunday's 36th match in the series, firm favourites to win the trophy for the fifth time in six years.

Guernsey have all the qualities to win at Grainville and extend their narrow lead in the series.

Jersey should never be underestimated but this is a good Guernsey team and without Colin Graham, Barry Middleton and a quality spinner, Jersey's bowling lacks the cutting edge of the recent past.

Nor, apparently, have Jersey chosen their best team. Mark Bailey was worth a middle-order batting spot in the eyes of my Jersey contacts, but there still seems an impasse between the player and the selectors. Both sets of players are well-known to each other with the exception being Jersey's Bob Braddock, a 30-year old right hand bat and left-arm medium-pace bowler. Braddock's

presence in the side owes more to his batting, however, and he is likely to bat at first or second wicket down behind the left-hand opening pair of Steve Blampied and Stuart Robson. Indeed, his consistently heavy scoring is one major reason why Cariba are riding so high in the Jersey league.

¹ He actually took 51 wickets at 14.53

² He actually took 50 wickets at 15.46

Guernsey Press

'Guernsey are favourites to retain Carlsberg Trophy – but who will emerge as match winners?' by Richard Hamilton

Tomorrow sees the renewal of Inter Island rivalries as Guernsey visit Grainville in an attempt to retain the Carlsberg Trophy, won so handsomely last year at the College Field. The news that the pitch will not be as fast as expected, and looks likely to help both spin and seam, will only further the confidence of In Damarell's side, particularly of Ralph Anthony and Mike Kinder in their midst. Certainly the Guernsey side is strong, however, there are a number of players in the team who have yet to make their mark in inter-insular cricket and it will be interesting to see who will emerge as match winners. Damarell and Mark Bacon, undoubtedly two of the top batsmen in local cricket over the last two or three years, are two who have not quite produced the kind of form they have displayed in club cricket, with top scores of 38 not out in nine appearances and 30 not out in six respectively.

Vince Kenny could well be a major contributor on his debut, while Peter Vidamour will look to continue the consistent form he has displayed in his six previous appearances. David Marshall looked well suited and far from overawed on his debut last year and Stuart Mackay is still well remembered for his century three years ago. Both have definite class and could also be key figures. Gary Kimber, batting as seems likely at seven, will probably not get the chance to make a big score but is sure to hit the ball with his customary power and increase the run rate as the innings comes to a close.

Among the bowlers, Dobson, Kinder and Anthony have been consistent performers, with Dobson in particular proving the scourge of Jersey's batsmen. Mark Culverwell, much the same as Vince Kenny, will be looking to establish himself and definitely has the potential to tear the heart out of the Jersey top order. With quite a number of supporters making the trip, the team will certainly not lack support and should almost feel at home. Looking at the

teams, I feel Guernsey definitely hold the edge and, in wishing them well, confidently predict they will win.

Yesterday's cricket Inter-Insular in Jersey was rained off.

'Mark Culverwell's loss is David Hearse's gain' by Rob Batiste

Bank Holiday Monday has been confirmed as the date for the re-arranged Carlsberg Trophy inter-insular, which means Guernsey will be forced to make one change from their original side. But while Mark Culverwell's fully deserved first cap will have to wait at least another 12 months – unless he cancels his foreign holiday – it at least gives Dave Hearse another chance to win the place he richly deserves. Hearse, ruled out of last Sunday's scheduled game because of the combined effects of an injured hand and back, worked himself up to three-quarters pace during Pilgrims' victory over Taverners on Wednesday. 'It (the back) is feeling better with everyday and with another week's rest I will be aiming to bowl flat out against Rovers next week,' he said yesterday. Should Hearse prove himself fit I daresay the selectors will call him up to replace Culverwell. If not, then I expect all-rounder Gary Rich to win a place and give skipper Ian Damarell a second spinner on a pitch which looks like offering ample turn.

Certainly Jersey's number one pitch has changed its character since the inter-league B match back in early July when it was its usual concrete hard, quick and bouncy. By the time of the Under-21 clash a fortnight ago, the seamers were taking the top off the pitch and the wicket suited medium-pacers and spin. Had the game gone ahead last weekend, the likelihood is that the rain-soaked wicket would have been slow, offering lots of lateral movement and slow spin. Mike Kinder may have had a field day and I guess Steve Carlyon would have been Jersey's best bowler. Certainly lessons need to be learned from last Sunday's all-round botch up, none of which, I might add, was of Guernsey's making. Like that well-known Texas financial adviser, groundsman Bill Blampied was caught with his pants down by Sunday night's downpour. The rain was already belting down by the time he got the covers on a wicket still drying out from Thursday's downpour. The combination of a wet square and a dodgy weather forecast meant that Jersey also erred in asking Guernsey to travel and wasting a good deal of money in the process. As Island selector Mike Fooks pointed out this week, it is high time that a whole weekend was given over to the staging of an inter-insular.

Gary Rich has replaced the unavailability Mark Culverwell in a 12-man squad named for next Monday's re-scheduled Carlsberg Trophy cricket inter-insular in Jersey. Dave Hearse, selected in the original 12 before injury forced him out, is also named in the squad from which the XI will be chosen on the morning of the match. The full squad is: Damarell (captain), Vidamour, Kenny, Mackay, Marshall, Bacon, Anthony, Rich, Kimber, Kinder, Dobson and Hearse. Jersey are expected to be unchanged for the game at Grainville which starts at 10.30



Mike Kinder Gary Rich Dave Hearse Vince Kenny Miles Dobson (who is more interested in the blonde) Stuart Mackay
 Pete Vidamour Mark Bacon Ian Damarell Gary Kimber Ralph Anthony GEP

'Two major holiday weekend fixtures are expected to be doubtful starters' by Rob Batiste

Doubts surround the staging of the Bank Holiday Weekend's two major fixtures, the Chandlers KO final tomorrow and Monday's re-arranged inter-insular for the Carlsberg Trophy.

Rain – now that's a surprise – is again forecast for tomorrow afternoon when Cobo and Optimists are due to do battle. And, at the same time of writing, Jersey's Grainville pitch was under water and groundsman Bill Blampied was being distinctly pessimistic about the prospects of play on Monday. 'It's

absolutely flooded at the moment,' said Bill yesterday morning, 'It must be very, very doubtful.'

Wednesday's scheduled game between JICC and the Rutland Tourists was switched from Grainville to FB Fields, and with so much water on the square Bill and his fellow groundsmen haven't been able to do much work on it all week. 'It's fisherman's weather, not groundsman's weather,' said a rueful Bill. The wicket reserved for Monday's game has been under cover all week but the problem is that it was already very damp before the covers went on. 'We rolled it early in the week but the trouble is that it's so soft.' A decision on whether the Island match will go ahead may be made as early as late on Sunday and, if so, could pave the way for the re-staging if necessary of the Chandlers KO final on Monday.

Guernsey can expect a more positive batting approach from the Jersey batsmen if, or when, the inter-insular is played. Jersey captain Ward Jenner confirmed as much in an interview with Jersey Evening Post's Paul Le Conte this week. After analysing Jersey's recent inter-insular defeats, Jenner has come to the conclusion that their batting has been too negative. The Jersey skipper was quoted as saying, 'Jersey have tended to let Guernsey bowl at them and have taken a passive approach rather than being as positive as they should. With a young side and good runners between the wickets we will be looking to take the singles and put pressure on the Guernsey fielders from the outset.'

Jenner identified Stuart Mackay, Ian Damarell and Vince Kenny as the dangermen in the Guernsey batting line-up but believes his team have worked out ways to take their wickets. 'We have worked out how we think we can get them out, and I will set the field appropriate to each and hopefully the bowlers will be able to put the ball on the right spot.

He goes on to say that Ralph Anthony should only become a threat if the recent rain leaves the pitch damp and more receptive to spin, and revealed that Steve Carlyon will open the Jersey innings alongside Steve Blampied with Ward himself batting at three and newcomer Rob Braddock at four.

Ward doesn't actually predict a Jersey win but considers they have their youngest Jersey team – with no obvious weaknesses in the fielding – could prove crucial in a close match. There again, he is also quoted as saying that Jersey have the best equipped side to win the match IF the Grainville wicket is

hard, flat and bouncy, which, we now know won't be the case if played on Monday.

MATCH

Guernsey Press

'Guernsey lose an exciting run-chase' by Rob Batiste

Guernsey's hopes of a fourth successive senior inter-insular victory evaporated in an exciting run chase at Grainville yesterday. The home side lifted the Carlsberg Trophy by just four runs, this after debutant Vince Kenny and Stuart Mackay had laid the foundations for Guernsey to surpass Jersey's 50 over score of 201 for six.

In adding 70 for the second wicket Kenny and Mackay took Guernsey to within 93 runs of victory. However, the fall of Kenny's wicket, superbly caught and bowled for 63 by man-of-the-match Steve Carlyon, followed by the dismissal of Ian Damarell, sparked a mini collapse and Guernsey's subsequent failure to score the 93 required from the final overs.

Mackay did his best to underpin the Guernsey innings, but after Kenny had gone the 1989 inter-insular century maker couldn't raise the tempo sufficiently to keep Guernsey up with the required rate.



Vince Kenny tries to improve the score with a crashing cover-drive GEP
The rest of the middle order found it no easier. Damarell had scored 13 from 24 deliveries when he was excellently picked up at square-leg by a diving Steve Blampied, and Mark Bacon scored just a single from 13 balls before he became fourth man out at 148. One run later Mackay fell leg before to left-arm paceman Jon Giles and with Ralph Anthony soon bowled by the impressive Steve Carlyon, Guernsey looked dead and buried.
Suddenly 48 were required from the final five overs and after a whole day's

cricket – something that looked extremely unlikely first thing in the morning – the game would be decided in an exciting evening league style thrash. And there are few players in Channel Islands cricket better suited to that sort of game than Pilgrims' Gary Kimber. Kimber smashed his way to 29 from just 21 deliveries and with Gary Rich a willing ally Guernsey hopes were suddenly raised again.

Giles and Carlyon no longer had their own way and 33 runs came from overs 46 to 49 leaving 15 to be scored for victory from the last bowled by Giles. It was, however, a task just beyond the seventh-wicket pair, and four twos and two singles left them agonisingly short of their target. To be fair Guernsey's batsmen were handicapped by batting second on a deteriorating pitch.

Jersey had enjoyed best use of the wicket after Ward Jenner had won the toss and chosen to bat. Guernsey left David Marshall out of their 12 and although the visiting bowlers bowled tightly Jersey's left-handed opening partnership of Blampied and Carlyon gave Jersey a solid start. By lunch the openers had taken their side to 106 from 35 overs and provided the platform for the slog to follow. The openers were finally parted on 122 when Kinder bowled Blampied for 62 Jenner did not last long but Carlyon stuck around until the 46th over when he was bowled by the persevering Hearse for a fine 71.

Rob Braddock, Jersey's solitary debutant, provided the late innings fireworks his skipper was looking for and the newcomer hit 42 from just 31 balls before falling in the penultimate over to Dobson. Jersey ran superbly between the wickets in those closing overs, and, critically, Guernsey were unable to match them in this department. Ralph Anthony found turn in the wicket and bowled economically before conceding 11 in his final over, while Gary Rich took a little stick in his brief spell just before lunch. It was off Anthony that Steve Blampied struck the only six of the Jersey innings, while Kenny later cleared the ropes twice in an innings which saw him dropped three times as he went for his shots. Peter Vidamour, meanwhile, was struck a nasty blow on the hand.



Ward Jenner receives the Carlsberg Trophy from Nigel Robson GEP

Jersey Post

'Brilliant catch sets up last over victory' by Paul Le Conte

REVIEW

'How to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory' by Dave Marshall

The Guernsey cricket team travelled to Grainville, Jersey, on Monday and lost by the narrow margin of four runs. The question remains, however, 'How did the more talented side contrive to lose a game of which, until the final five overs, they were always in control?' Until that late stage, Guernsey had bowled tightly, restricted their opponents to just 50 runs from the opening 25 overs, fielded as though their lives depended upon it and batted with great composure on a pitch that forced five of the eight Guernsey batsmen to don helmets.

So what went wrong? Firstly, they were unlucky to lose the toss so that Jersey had the best of a pitch that did not, in truth, meet the standard required for such an important match. Moreover, this pitch was responsible for breaking Peter Vidamour's hand so that the Pessimists' opener was restricted to playing anything other than a purely defensive role. Secondly, all-rounder Gary Rich, drafted into the side after the first game was postponed, was poorly used. His off-spin was introduced at a stage when the Caesareans' openers were looking to accelerate and, understandably, they took to Rich's first spell in inter-insular cricket. Equally, Rich found himself at the wicket batting at number eight and

with less than six overs remaining. Gary would normally find himself entering the fray first wicket down for Cobo and it is not strictly fair to ask such a textbook player to strike the ball to all corners of the ground from the first ball received. Mark Bacon was Rich's antithesis. He took guard with Guernsey needing 58 runs from nine overs yet he managed one run only from his 13 ball stay and put Guernsey well and truly on the back foot. This is not to detract from Bacon's undoubted ability but there does seem to be a drastic change of outlook when he bats for Guernsey and not Pessimists. In seven outings for the Island he has only got to double figures twice and last year he made just six from 54 balls. A Sarnian Graeme Hick? Normally, Bacon would have relished the chance to bat looking for six an over and with this in mind Ian Damarell cannot be blamed for putting Bacon in at five.

However, Gary Kimber's hitting cried out for his promotion to five or even Gary Rich who, by batting closer to his favoured third position, might have been more adept at pushing a run a ball than trying to slog fours as he was forced to do. Perhaps the brightest part of the Guernsey performance was the batting of Vince Kenny who, though saying he was disappointed with the way he batted, refused to change his game because of the big occasion. By his own admission he was lucky to survive the first over but this is the way Vince bats – he will always give a chance, and may occasionally bat like a pools winner, but if he's there after the first 10 overs then the opposition has got problems. His dedication is undoubted and his upset at getting out when on 63 was as if he had made a single figure score. Along with Mackay whose 46 was the lynchpin to the innings, he batted superbly and, had the innings not fallen away as it did, Guernsey would have returned with the trophy and not the red faces of a team that had snatched defeat from the jaws of victory.