

Inter Insular #4 1954

The match was played at College Field, Guernsey

on Monday 2nd August 1954

Umpires B M Bell (Guernsey) and (Jersey)

Scorers (Guernsey) and (Jersey)

Toss unknown

Jersey won by 5 wickets

PREVIEW

Press Wednesday 28th July

Guernsey's teams for the two Inter-insular matches at the weekend were announced by the selectors yesterday. They are:

GICC v JICC in Jersey on Saturday: VG Collenette, AM Hunter, RJ Van Leuven, HF Rich, WF Druce, HV Stone, RCN Roussel, G Chatterton, VM Chapell, GW Stead, JW Brache.

Guernsey v Jersey at the College Field, Guernsey on Monday at 11.30am

VG Collenette (Capt), AM Hunter, JW Brache, HV Stone, GW Stead, RCN Roussel, TW Knight, HF Rich, VM Chapell, JA Martel, J Holland.



Hilary Rich GEP

RCN Roussel scored 107* for Elizabeth College against Victoria College in 1953 and obviously had the ability to perform on the bigger stage.

The August Bank Holiday match starts at 11.30am and the Guernsey umpire will be Mr BM Bell

Jersey Post Saturday 31st July

The main cricket match is being played at the Guernsey College Field and a good fixture is anticipated as both elevens are very strong.

The Jersey team has been selected as follows:

R Hyde, P O'Brien (Capt), D Walden, R Knowles, JD Harmsworth, PR Le Cras, JA Atkinson, L O'Neil, G Newton, D Pitman, P Bower

[PR Le Cras played one match for Hampshire 2nd XI in 1962]

MATCH

Jersey Post Tuesday 3rd August

The representative Jersey XI gained an emphatic victory over Guernsey at the College Field, Guernsey yesterday.

Press Tuesday 3rd August

'Guernsey open well – collapse. Jersey succeed by five wickets.'

In beautiful cricketing weather at the College Field yesterday, and on a good batsmen's wicket, Jersey defeated Guernsey by five wickets in the annual representative match between the two islands. Opening batsmen Stead and Hunter gave Guernsey a very good start by putting on 56 for the first wicket but once they had been separated the side collapsed and was eventually all out for only 115. When nine wickets were down for 85 it looked as if Guernsey were not to attain a century but a last-minute partnership of 30 by Chapell and Brache enabled the 100 to be passed.

Although Jersey's opening bowlers were hostile they did not avail themselves of the ball's shine and both Stead and Hunter batted forcefully. Both made a number of attractive drives through the covers and as a result gained several singles and twos to carry the score along to 56. At this stage wicket-keeper Hyde missed a possible stumping chance against Hunter but only two deliveries later the batsman was out when he skied a ball to square leg.

Following Hunter's departure Guernsey wickets fell cheaply. Roussel was out for a duck when playing over a ball from Newton and another batsman who can usually be relied upon for a good score, Stone, was never happy and was caught after making only seven. O'Neil was

too fast for Martel and he went for nine while Knight, who began cutting at balls outside the off stump too quickly, was soon taken at the wicket before he had scored.

Rich also failed to score and Holland made only five but the position was retrieved somewhat by Chapell and Brache whose batting was the best of the innings. Chapell scored with some fine off-drives while Brache played well on the leg side and between them they took the total to 115 before Brache also fell victim to Hyde.

O'Neil returned the best bowling figures for Jersey, bowling quickly and with plenty of power. Almost as effective, however, was Newton, whose steady off-break bowling sorely tried the patience of the Guernsey batsmen.

Hyde and O'Brien, left and right-handed batsmen respectively, opened Jersey's innings as the clock approached 3.30 and both were worried in the early stages by the fast attack of Collenette. Knight

operated from the other end but was rather erratic and conceded 26 runs in his four overs. Nevertheless, he claimed the first Jersey wicket, having O'Brien caught behind the wicket.

Brache took a second catch to dismiss Walden off Chapell's carefully concealed slow ball, and Chapell had another success when he claimed the wicket of the attacking Hyde who mistimed his drive and was caught at min-off. Rich, bowling slow off-breaks, had Harmsworth leg before but his length was inconsistent. Le Cras, who on Saturday scored 115 not out for the JICC against the GICC, and batted with the assurance of a player in form, and Atkinson, were at the wicket when Jersey passed the local side's total.

Star Tuesday 3rd August

'Stead and Hunter bat well – then Guernsey collapse.'

Jersey gained a five wicket victory over Guernsey in the all-day match at the College Field yesterday after bowlers O'Neil and Newton had dismissed the local side for 115.

Stead and Hunter gave Guernsey a very fine start by putting on 56 for the first wicket but after they had been separated – Hunter skying a delivery from Newton to square leg – there was a disappointing collapse. The middle batsmen could make little impression and it was only a last wicket partnership of 30 by Chapell and Brache which enabled the local team to amass a reasonable total.

Stead and Hunter batted forcefully against hostile bowling and both drove strongly through the covers on a number of occasions to score by means of singles and twos. Wicketkeeper Hyde missed a difficult stumping chance off Hunter at 56 but the batsmen was out to a catch by Walden only two deliveries later.

Roussel was out for a duck when he played over a ball from Newton and Stone, who made only seven – a big contrast to some of the scores he has made in the past – never looked confident. The soundest batting of the innings was that of Chapell and Brache, the former hitting some good off drives and the latter scoring frequently on the leg side.

O'Neil gained his successes for Jersey by putting plenty of vim into his fast bowling while Newton delivered steady off-breaks which tried the patience of the local bowlers. Knight, another duck, began cutting at balls outside the off-stump almost as soon as he arrived at the wicket and was consequently caught by Hyde.

Le Cras – who scored a century for the JICC against the GICC on Saturday – and fast bowler Atkinson were at the wicket when the Jersey side gained the winning runs.