

Inter Insular #40 1991

The match was played at College Field, Guernsey

on Sunday 11th August 1991

for the Carlsberg Trophy

55 overs per side

Umpires Alan Barnett (Guernsey) and John Le Gros (Jersey)

Scorers Richard Gauvain (Guernsey) and Jane Le Gros (Jersey)

Toss won by Guernsey who elected to bat

Guernsey won by 48 runs

PREVIEW

Jersey have named two new caps, Mark Reynolds and Peter Harvey, in their team for the inter-insular at the College Field on Sunday. Both are all-rounders, Reynolds being a left-arm swing bowler and Harvey a right-arm medium quick bowler. The Jersey selectors have packed their side with batting with 10 of their 11 players used to batting in the top six for their respective clubs. Two members of the defeated Under-23 team, wicket-keeper Simon Sort and batsman Tony Carlyon, have been included and the full team reads as follows: A Gibbs (captain), S Blampied, W Jenner, S Carlyon, T Carlyon, S Short (wkt), CX Graham, C Searson, M Reynolds, P Harvey, B Middleton and 12th man T Rousseau.

Guernsey Press

'Home advantage should see Guernsey through in tomorrow's Inter-Insular' by Richard Hamilton

Guernsey skipper Ralph Anthony, winning his 15th cap, will be relishing the chance to win back the Carlsberg Trophy at the College Field tomorrow and opening a 12-11 lead in the Inter-Insular series. Jersey's record in previous years at the College Field has not been good and their well known apprehension of the College Field wicket, which always plays a little slower than the premier tracks in Jersey, is something on which the Guernsey side should capitalise.

The Caesareans' dislike of the more subtle art of spin bowling could be a key to the match. Having been unable to fill the void left by veteran off-spinner Warren Barrett, the selectors have picked only one recognised spinner, the left-arm spin of Anthony. If, however, Mark Bacon fails to prove his fitness, it

will be interesting to see if Anthony gives Gary Rich the opportunity to bowl the off-spin which he has been developing in the nets and in Afternoon League matches throughout the season. This would give the skipper another string to his bow, which already boasts the pace of Rob Turville, the guile and consistency of Mike Kinder and Miles Dobson and the accurate medium pace of John Beasley.

Jersey's selectors have shown their reservations about the College Field wicket by naming a side packed with all-rounders and bating to 10. Their bowling attack, however, looks threatening with veteran Barry Middleton, although slower than in previous years, still a force to be reckoned with. Pace men Colin Graham and Chris Searson will, I am sure, have our batsmen hopping around a bit and with new caps Mark Reynolds and Peter Harvey, Jersey skipper Andy Gibbs has plenty of options.

Guernsey's batsmen have, dare I say it, nearly all come into form at the right time and as a result should prove more than a match for the Jersey attack. Dave Marshall and Peter Vidamour are without doubt the best opening pair in the island and a middle order of Ian Damarell, Richard Veillard, Mark Bacon (or Gary Rich) and John Beasley, with Anthony and hard hitting wicket keeper Gary Kimber still to bat, is as strong as Guernsey have selected for many a year.

I have a feeling that the Guernsey side will prove the better team on the day, and I expect Ralph Anthony to display the Carlsberg Trophy to the enthusiastic members of the 'hill' whose support throughout the day should prove one of the highlights. The Guernsey team in probable batting order reads:

David Marshall, Peter Vidamour, Ian Damarell, Richard Veillard, Mark Bacon (or Gary Rich), John Beasley, Ralph Anthony (captain), Gary Kimber, Mike Kinder, Miles Dobson, and Rob Turville. 12th man Richard Hamilton.

DJ Marshall had already scored 115* for Elizabeth College in 1989 against Victoria College so was used to the inter island rivalry.

Jersey's team: A Gibbs (captain), S Blampied, W Jenner, S Carlyon, T Carlyon, S Short (wkt), C Graham, C Searson, M Reynolds, P Harvey, B Middleton. 12th man T Rousseau.

MATCH

Guernsey Press

'Jersey shattered as Dobson takes six' by Rob Batiste

Miles Dobson's renaissance as a top class bowler was confirmed with a match-winning six-wicket haul as Guernsey completed a 48-run victory in yesterday's Carlsberg Trophy inter-insular match at College Field.

Dobson's six for 37 was a replica of his performance at Grainville nine years ago and helped Guernsey establish a 12-11 series lead. Guernsey were full value for their victory, having comfortably defended a total of 165 for nine in 55 overs. Jersey only had to bat their allotted overs to retain the trophy, but the Caesareans surrendered somewhat meekly and with rain threatening were dismissed for 117 in 45.1 overs. While it won't be a match remembered for years to come – too few runs were scored – Guernsey's workmanlike performance was sufficient to lift the trophy for a fourth time in five years. In general, Guernsey's batsmen punished the bad balls and, in return, the home attack dished up very few 'dollies' for the visitors. Jersey never seriously threatened a Guernsey total based upon useful knocks by David Marshall (24), Ian Damarell (31), Richard Veillard (38) and Ralph Anthony (32).



Ian Damarell clips the ball to leg GEP

Having scraped 13 from the opening eight overs from Dobson and Mike Kinder, Jersey lost Steve Blampied to the fifth ball of Dobson's fifth over, caught at the wicket for six. One run later wicket-keeper Simon Short, surprisingly elevated in the order, was snapped up by Peter Vidamour at second slip off Mike Kinder and Guernsey were sniffing victory already.

Ward Jenner, one-time schoolboy prodigy and desperate for a big inter-insular score after a string of failures, promised much in a third-wicket stand with

skipper Andy Gibbs, and looked comfortable as he quickly moved into double figures.



Ward Jenner drives into the covers

GEP

But Jersey suffered a second blow though as Gibbs, with the score on 39 was bowled by Dobson and, three runs later, Jenner fell leg before to the same bowler. Dobson had ripped the heart out of the Jersey batting and the visitors were never to recover. Dobson took a brief break from the pavilion end and having seen Rob Turville, his replacement, have the dangerous Steve Carlyon caught driving uppishly to cover, returned to york Colin Graham and also bowl Tony Carlyon and Mark Reynolds.



Miles Dobson generated plenty of pace as seen here against Steve Carlyon

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His prize as man-of-the-match was a case of Carlsberg and a ticket to a one-day international between England and Sri Lanka. Dobson was afforded admirable support by Kinder (one for 15 from nine tight overs) and Anthony (two for 24 from 13).



Dave Marshall prepares to receive a delivery GEP

Much earlier Guernsey, having won the toss and elected to bat, had got off to a flier. Vidamour produced three crashing cover drives off the surprisingly ineffectual Colin Graham as 15 runs were collected off the third over of the innings. However, on 22 and three overs later, Barry Middleton had Vidamour smartly picked up by Mark Reynolds at slip, and the Guernsey cause would have suffered a second blow had Steve Carlyon not put down a straightforward catch offered by Marshall to first slip.



Pete Vidamour caught at second slip by Mark Reynolds off fast bowler Barry Middleton GEP

Marshall unveiled some cultured drives in his 24 before being yorked by the Aussie left-арmer Peter Harvey and when Ian Damarell fell for 31 – a second wicket for the Australian – Guernsey suffered a mighty blow just before lunch. Damarell batted excellently for his 31, mixing watchful defence with an eye for the bad ball, but like Vidamour him fell to a smart catch by Reynolds at slip. Guernsey lunched at 85 for three in 33 overs but with Bacon – six from 54

balls falling to the second ball after lunch the innings failed to take off as the Guernsey 'hill' would have hoped. Beasley and Kimber went cheaply and it was left to Veillard with 38 from 87 balls and the skipper Anthony, 32 from 33 balls, to push the score up to the three an over mark.



Guernsey celebrating their success in the pavilion after the match GEP
G Kimber P Vidamour M Bacon D Marshall I Damarell
J Beasley R Turville R Veillard
M Kinder R Anthony M Dobson

REVIEW

Guernsey Press

'It's all in the head!' by Rob Batiste

Psychology has an important part to play in all sports and would seem to be playing an increasingly major role on the inter-insular cricket scene. While Guernsey's batsmen tread the pacy Grainville pitch to face Colin Graham with a degree of trepidation, evidence is mounting that Jersey batsmen have a real mental block to batting on the College Field. It was there for all to see at the College Field last Sunday. Faced with a very moderate target of 166 for victory, Jersey dug their own grave with as negative a batting performance as I've seen for some while.

Sure, the Guernsey bowlers did everything skipper Ralph Anthony asked of

them and bowled precious few bad balls. But Jersey did not seem to have the stomach for a fight and showed no trust in a pitch which played well. Ralph Anthony, who has yet to lose an inter-insular in three games as captain, saw no gremlins in the pitch either, 'It was a very good cricket wicket. It had something in it for everyone.'

It is now eight years since Jersey won at the College Field, having previously won three games in succession on the island's premier pitch, and it may well be another eight years before Jersey win again if they continue to bat so tentatively.

Anthony, a real inspiration as captain, put the result down to attitude. 'We had a positive attitude and punished the loose balls. They didn't. It was a good inter-insular score (165), but in terms of a 55 over match it should have been easy enough to get. But they weren't positive.'

Basically, Jersey only had to bat 55 overs to win the game. As it was there were still 10 overs remaining when man-of-the-match Miles Dobson took Jersey's 10th, and his sixth, wicket. 'Dobs was a revelation', according to his skipper. 'His attitude was brilliant. He's responded again. He is the best bowler of his kind in the Channel Islands but he has got to have the right circumstances for it to come out.'

Considering the havoc he caused in GCA-JCL games down the years it is a little surprising that Dobson's final analysis of six for 37 was only the second time in 11 senior Island appearances he has registered a five-wicket haul. He won the man-of-the-match award at Grainville nine years ago with another six for 37 performance.



Miles Dobson with his man-of-the-match award

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Incidentally, Ralph Anthony's all-important 32 was his highest score in 16 Island appearances – his previous best being 30 in 1983 – Richard Veillard's 38 beat his previous best of 36, Rob Turville picked up his first wicket and Guernsey's win gave them a 12-11 lead in the series.



Keith Phillips hands over the Carlsberg Trophy to the winning Guernsey skipper Ralph Anthony GEP