

### **Inter Insular #33 1984**

The match was played at Grainville, Jersey  
on Sunday 19th August 1984

for the John Haig Scotch Whisky Trophy

Umpires K G Clayton (Guernsey) and Dr R L Osment (Jersey)

Scorers R Gauvain (Guernsey) and P Kelly (Jersey)

55 overs per side

Guernsey won toss and elected to bat

Jersey won by 3 wickets

### **PREVIEW**

Paul Robson has been named as captain of the Jersey cricket team to face Guernsey in the Haig Trophy inter-insular match at Grainville on Sunday 19 August. There are two new caps in the side – Jon Giles, the left-arm seamer who did so well in the under-23 match between the two islands, and Chris Ollerenshaw, a former Cornwall county player who has created a big impression in his first season of Jersey cricket.

[CP Ollerenshaw born 15 Feb 1958 in Falmouth played for Cornwall 8 times from 1978 to 1983]

The full team is:

Robson, Stephen Blampied, John Holmes, Ward Jenner, Ollerenshaw, Wayne Gallichan, Derek Breed, Dave Billingham, Tom Gales, Barry Middleton and Giles. 12th man Mark Bailey.

There are no new caps in the Guernsey cricket team, named last evening to play Jersey in the annual inter-insular for the Haig Trophy to be played in Jersey on Sunday 19 August. The side will once again be led by Ricky Mills and there are only two changes from the GCA side which comfortably beat the Jersey Cricket League recently.

Ian Damarell replaces the unavailable Mark Wright behind the stumps and Andy Creed, who has shown a welcome return to form in the last fortnight, comes in for Guy Stuckey. The full team is:

Mills (Rovers), Warren Barrett (Rovers), Mike Kinder (Rovers), Ralph Anthony (Salemities), Damarell (Optimists), John Hunter (Optimists), Mike Webber (Optimists), Julian Wood (Taverners), Miles Dobson (Optimists), Andy Creed (Rovers), Paul Wakeford (Pilgrims). Alastair Tapp of Taverners is the 12th man.

Guernsey Press

'Guernsey should be too strong for Jersey' by Rob Batiste

When the Guernsey party leave Jersey at 7.30 tomorrow evening I am convinced that the Haig Trophy will be back in Sarnian hands after a 12-month absence from our shores. I was confident of a Guernsey win as soon as the local team was announced and after seeing GICC's splendid win over the JICC earlier this week I am even more certain of success in tomorrow's 50 overs per side inter-insular at Grainville.

The Guernsey side is strong in all departments and barring a disastrous loss of form on the day or over-confidence I cannot see Jersey winning for a second year on the trot.

There were several aspects of the GICC win over the JIOCC which bolstered my confidence. Firstly there was the fine batting and pleasing return to form of Ian Damarell. Secondly in the GICC second innings there was Warren Barrett's reminder that he remains as good a batsman as anyone in Channel Islands cricket. and thirdly with 13 JICC wickets falling to the spinners, Jersey batsmen still look uncomfortable against spin.

I believe the Guernsey selectors (Mick Wherry, John Appleyard, Tony Ayton and skipper Ricky Mills) could not have selected a stronger side. In the two previous Haig Trophy matches the selectors wrongly left out a third seamer and although they were saved in 1982 by a superb spell of pace bowling by Miles Dobson and the spin of Barrett and Anthony, last year they paid the penalty for not picking someone to back up Dobson and Creed. In this respect Mike Kinder is the obvious choice. He has bowled consistently well this summer and in addition he is also a very useful lower-order batsman. Kinder is a mean bowler in that he gives very little away. Against JICC this week he got rid of three of the visitor's best batsmen – Chris Ollerenshaw, Derek Breed and Paul Robson – and in an 11 over spell conceded just five runs!

Damarell's first innings century against the JICC could prompt skipper Ricky Mills to open with him against the full Jersey side. Ian certainly doesn't waste any time when he's at the crease and he could well get the openers' job along with Julian Wood or Ralph Anthony. In fact the strength of the Guernsey batting offers Mills many permutations.

The Jersey team contains six of the players that lost to Guernsey at Grainville two years ago and eight of last year's side. One of the newcomers to the Jersey team is the burly Chris Ollerenshaw. Including yours truly the big man

from Cornwall is the only other player in the islands that I know wears a batting helmet regularly.

Ollerenshaw likes to give the ball a whack and looks good off the front foot but I know that some of the GICC players think he might be susceptible to the short ball. The other two changes from Jersey's winning side of last year is the recall of Dave Billingham who batted well up here in the JICC first innings this week and young Jon Giles who I understand was very impressive in the under-23 inter-insular. Giles is a medium-fast left-arm bowler who judging by his under-23 performance has plenty of stamina – he bowled 25 overs non-stop that day.

The teams in my choice of batting order are:

Guernsey – Ian Damarell, Ralph Anthony, Julian Wood, Paul Wakeford, Warren Barrett, Mike Webber, John Hunter, Ricky Mills, Mike Kinder, Andy Creed, Miles Dobson.

Jersey – Ward Jenner, Stephen Blampied, John Holmes, Chris Ollerenshaw, Dave Billingham, Derek Breed, Paul Robson, Wayne Gallichan, Tom Gales, Barry Middleton, Jon Giles.

Jersey Post

'Banned Wakeford in Guernsey team'

Jersey cricket followers have been surprised to see Paul Wakeford included in Guernsey's senior side to meet Jersey for the Haig trophy at Grainville on August 19th.

Wakeford was banned by the GCA from all inter-insular fixtures after abusing Guernsey umpire Ken Clayton in last season's Haig trophy game.

It has been understood in Jersey that Wakeford was suspended for this year's senior inter-island game if selected, but according to Mr Eric Waldron, secretary of the Guernsey Cricket Council and president of the Guernsey Cricket Association this was not so.

Said Mr Waldron, 'He (Wakeford) was last year banned from all inter-insular fixtures for one season but a subsequent appeal, after discussion with the personnel involved and the Guernsey selectors, was upheld. The decision of the GCC was to give Paul Wakeford a stern warning as to his future conduct. The appeal against suspension was upheld but the warning was so phrased that the 1983 incident would not be forgotten and if there was a further occurrence of such behaviour suspension would then undoubtedly follow. From

the GCC's point of view the original suspension could be treated as "a shot across the bows" as to the conduct of all individual players in future inter-insulars.'

Mark Bailey by Dennis Mannion

I don't know how the selectors failed to pick Mark Bailey for I feel that he should be in the side not only for his batting but also for his bowling and fine fielding. The game should turn out to be a corker and well worth a visit up to Grainville.



Paul Wakeford Gary Kimber (12th man) Mike Webber Andy Creed  
Mike Kinder Ian Damarell  
Julian Wood Warren Barrett Ricky Mills Miles Dobson  
John Hunter Ralph Anthony GEP

## **MATCH**

Guernsey Press

'Guernsey outplayed in inter-insular' by Rob Batiste

That old saying 'catches win matches' was never more appropriate as Guernsey lost to Jersey by three wickets in yesterday's Haig Trophy cricket inter-insular match at Grainville. Guernsey's out-cricket needed to be at its best to successfully defend a mediocre score of 123 but several catches went to ground as the home side nervously edged their way to a second successive

victory in the series. It was not the greatest of performances by Guernsey who batted poorly, bowled a great deal better and fielded inadequately.

Guernsey skipper Ricky Mills won the toss and decided to bat but only five minutes and nine deliveries old when they suffered their first setback. John Hunter and Ralph Anthony opened the Guernsey innings and the lack of match practice of the former was quite evident as he struggled through Barry Middleton's opening over and then spooned a catch to cover in Jon Giles' first over in senior inter-insular cricket.

Julian Wood replaced Hunter and he looked in tip-top form from the outset. The Taverner's captain got off the mark with a push on the on side for two and then a sweet cover-drive to the boundary. Wood was looking for every opportunity to get after the young debutant Giles and he also drove him back over his head as he looked to get on top of the bowling.

All the while Yorkshireman Barry Middleton was menacing from the pavilion end and in conjunction with skipper Paul Robson brought about the end of Wood's promising innings. Wood had been dealing with the shorter pitched deliveries quite well until he failed to get right over a Middleton riser and Robson took a superb one-handed catch at short-leg. One run later Paul Wakeford drove at Giles and Stephen Blampied took a stupendous catch at cover, his second of the innings.

Consolidation was needed and Warren Barrett joined Anthony, who had been playing a subdued role in the proceedings with the exception of one crisp square drive for four. Barrett was soon in trouble however and he was fortunate to see Derek Breed spill a straightforward slip catch off Middleton. The score was then 32 for three and in the 15th over and only five more had been added when Anthony offered a return catch to Middleton – 37 for four. One run later Middleton failed to hang on to another catch offered by Barrett but the bowler made amends with the total on 54 when he bowled Barrett with a 'corker'.

Guernsey were in dire trouble and worse was to come as Ian Damarell fell to Middleton's sucker punch and was comfortably caught at square-leg for only one. The visitors recovered slightly to 76 for six at lunch at which stage Middleton's figures read: four for 30 from 19 overs and including nine maidens.

Only 18 overs were left to Guernsey on the resumption and although quick runs were needed Webber and Mills batted with understandable caution after

the break. Webber in particular batted very well and in one Middleton over he cut powerfully square for four and then rolled his wrists over a superb hook which found its way to the boundary. Mills was taking fewer chances and while Webber largely took care of Middleton the Guernsey skipper seemed content in keeping out the left-arm spin of Jersey newcomer Chris Ollerenshaw. Webber and Mills had put on 44 for the seventh wicket and taken the total into three figures when Mills danced down the track to Ollerenshaw and was neatly stumped by John Holmes for 20.

Mike Webber soon followed for a very fine 43 and the innings swiftly came to an end in the 54th of the allotted 55 overs when Miles Dobson holed out to Gallichan in the deep off Middleton giving the Yorkshireman figures of five for 57 from 27.4 overs.

Guernsey needed an early wicket and they got it. Ward Jenner half pushed forward to the third ball of Andy Creed's opening over and he was adjudged leg before. Creed look menacing in his opening spell but Dobson couldn't find his line or length and after struggling through five overs retired from the pitch with back trouble. Mike Kinder replaced Dobson but he did not look like taking a wicket and after only two overs gave way to Barrett.

Anthony had already replaced Creed after the big man had bowled four fiery overs and the left-armed's second delivery was firmly hit by Blampied straight at Creed at square-leg who dropped the catch. Jersey were beginning to get right on top when Creed held on to an identical chance offered by Blampied off Anthony with the score on 47 and in the last over before tea John Holmes was caught at backward square by Wood off Barrett for a stylish 26.

Guernsey made further inroads soon after tea when Ollerenshaw, who had been dropped by Hunter in the first over after the interval, gloved a catch to keeper Damarell off Anthony and one run later the experienced Derek Breed was caught at backward square leg off Anthony as he failed to keep down his sweep shot. Jersey were wobbling at 63 for five and Guernsey were now on top but the sixth-wicket pair of Dave Billingham and Paul Robson carefully repaired the damage and took their side to within sight of the finishing post. Guernsey's chances were becoming fewer and far between but they failed to take the few difficult opportunities which came along until Creed returned from the pavilion end and had Robson caught by the keeper for 25. The very next ball Creed trapped Wayne Gallichan straight in front – 113 for seven – and with only 12 more runs required Jersey were fretting. Then sub Gary Kimber

dropped a straightforward catch in the deep which would have ended Billingham's gritty innings and with it finally went Guernsey's chances. Not surprisingly Barry Middleton won the man-of-the-match award adjudicated by former Jersey player Ray Pearce and the home skipper, Paul Robson, received the trophy from Mr Colin Gallichan, representing the sponsors.



Barry Middleton as man-of-the-match

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## **REVIEW**

Guernsey Press

'Guernsey must be sick of Middleton' by Rob Batiste

Guernsey's cricketers must be sick of the sight of Barry Middleton who showed once and for all that he is the number one pace bowler in the Channel Islands during last Sunday's inter-insular cricket defeat by Jersey. For nearly a decade now Middleton has had Guernsey batsmen on the hop and at Grainville last Sunday the tough Yorkshireman showed he is as quick as ever with a performance which, quite rightly, won him the man-of-the-match award. Anyone who can bowl in excess of 27 overs with only a lunch break for a rest deserves a medal and by doing so in last Sunday's tremendous heat Middleton ought to be given the freedom of Jersey! My first recollection of him at inter-insular level was in the mid-70s when he worked in tandem with another splendid bowler, Richard Allott. Since then Middleton has been Jersey's spearhead and Guernsey can be thankful that Allott, another Yorkshireman, is no longer around, because he was just as quick and possibly a better bowler.

Guernsey's batting last Sunday did not reach the standard of which they are capable and had it not been for a fine gritty knock by Mike Webber Jersey would have been chasing a sub three-figure total. Batting orders are always difficult to work out when a captain has so many opening batsmen in his side but I thought that skipper Ricky Mills erred in his judgement last Sunday. I was more than a little surprised to see John Hunter open the innings with Ralph Anthony. Hunter has been in prolific form as an opener for Optimists in B and Q Division One this season but he had been short of cricket in the weeks leading up to the match. My main criticism of Mills' captaincy, however, is that his flexible approach to batting orders nearly backfired on him with disastrous results. When Guernsey's third wicket fell on Sunday the Sarnians had no-one else ready to go to the crease after Warren Barrett who went in at number five. Webber had to hastily don his pads etc. but had another wicket fallen almost immediately Guernsey would have had no-one ready to bat – very sloppy.

In the end Guernsey did well to reach a total of 123 and for a time it looked like being enough. At the start of the Jersey innings Andy Creed bowled with plenty of pace and extracted a good deal of life from the pitch but Miles Dobson's back trouble meant he had to leave the field after five overs which contained a large proportion of full-tosses.

In the spin of Ralph Anthony and Warren Barrett which brought Guernsey back into the game and again the Jersey side showed their dislike of the art. With half their team out and only halfway to the required target the home supporters' teatime smiles had given way to bowed heads and grumbles of poor batting. However, Guernsey could not make further inroads into the Jersey batting until it was almost too late and when they did get the breakthrough they were unable to grab their half-chance of victory.

It was disappointing to see so many catches go to ground but teams at every level have their off-days in the field and in this respect it was a black day for Guernsey.