

### **Inter Insular #37 1988**

The match was played on Sunday 14th August 1988  
at Grainville, Jersey  
for the Carlsberg Trophy  
55 overs per side  
Umpires J Williams (Guernsey) and B Maddox (Jersey)  
Scorers R Gauvain (Guernsey) and P Kelly (Jersey)  
Toss won by Jersey who elected to bat  
Guernsey won by 5 wickets

#### **PREVIEW**

Batsman Richard Veillard and fast bowler Andy Burkhardt are the only two new caps in the Guernsey team selected to play Jersey at Grainville for the Carlsberg Trophy on Sunday. Burkhardt was the outstanding Guernsey bowler in yesterday's Under-23 inter-insular at Grainville, and Veillard made a gutsy 32 to top score for an Island XI against Delhi on Saturday.

Ralph Anthony, who missed the Delhi game because of injury, is expected to be fit to lead out this side:

Warren Barrett, Paul Wakeford, Mike Webber (wicket keeper), Richard Veillard, Tony Masterton, Andy Burkhardt, Dave Hearse, Miles Dobson, Peter Vidamour and Mark Bacon. Gary Rich is the travelling 12th man.

An expenses paid trip to Lord's for the NatWest Final between Worcestershire and Middlesex awaits the man-of-the-match in tomorrow's annual inter-insular cricket match at Grainville. The star performer will be entertained in the Carlsberg hospitality box at Lord's, the company having taken over as inter-insular sponsors through their local agents Le Riches.

Both island go into the game with new captains at the helm, and it is an add coincidence that both should be left-arm all-rounders who spin the ball. Jersey must be regarded as firm favourites even though Guernsey won last year to reduce their deficit in the series to 6-4 since the match became a limited overs contest in 1978.

Undoubtedly Guernsey have the talent to pull off a third win in five matches on Bill Blampied's exemplary Grainville square. But, and it is big BUT, the Sarnians will have to be at their best if they are to retain the trophy for a first time since the mid-70s. Jersey have already wiped the floor with us in three

inter-insular games this season, and the omens are not good. Guernsey's best chance of success lies in the hands of our two spinners. Anthony and Barrett took four wickets apiece in last year's home win, and on Grainville's perfect batting strip they are likely to pose the biggest threat to Jersey's batters. Between them Anthony and Barrett have claimed 24 Jersey scalps in the last six inter-insulars, the same number as the seven seamers who have represented the island in that time. Indeed, you have to go back six years to the last time a Sarnian quickie turned in a top class performance. That was by Miles Dobson whose six for 37 at Grainville proved a match-winning effort. Jersey have not had that problem thanks to one Barry Middleton, who retains his place in the Caesarean side despite limited success in domestic cricket this summer. His past record speaks for itself though – 44 wickets in 11 matches against Guernsey.

Guernsey's batting is a major worry. The talent is there but our system is a drawback. Mike Webber and Barrett are our most consistent batsmen at inter-insular level, Webber averaging 34.28 in eight previous appearances and having failed only once. Barrett requires only 17 more runs for his 500 against Jersey and the veteran all-rounder averages 30.18.

Jersey are easily the more experienced side, Guernsey's XI having won only 61 caps between them. Barrett is our most experienced performer with 20 appearances against Jersey and Anthony (12), Webber and Dobson nine apiece account for a further 30. Jersey have packed their side with all-rounders, and skipper Chris Ollerenshaw has seven bowlers at his disposal tomorrow. Even so the Caesareans bat down to number nine.

Guernsey will probably have debutant Richard Veillard batting at eight, with Mark Bacon, who has yet to score in two previous inter-insular appearances, one place ahead of him. Hopefully Bacon will finally come off tomorrow and Veillard will repeat the performances of Tony Masterton and Julian Wood in scoring half-centuries on their first appearance for the island at Grainville. On the face of it Guernsey's selectors – Messrs Mills, Barrett and Enevoldsen – could not have picked a stronger side. Apart from Bryan Preston who was unavailable for selection and John Beasley who, word has it, told the selectors he was not playing well enough, there were not many options open to the panel.

If the weathermen's' gloomy predictions are right and tomorrow's Carlsberg Trophy game is postponed a second effort to play the match will be made on

Thursday 25 August. optimists One and Cobo One are due to meet that day in Division One of the Aurigny Air Services Evening League, and should there be a need to play the inter-insular on 25 August the Evening League game may be rearranged.

Incidentally, Guernsey will not be without vocal support at Grainville tomorrow. Dave Nussbaumer has arranged a day excursion for the match and more than 40 Sarnian supporters have taken advantage of the Cobo captain's package deal which includes flight, transport to and from the game, barbecue and refreshments, Orange squash of course!



Guernsey crowd on the 'Hill' cheer the Guernsey team to victory GEP

Jersey Post

'New sponsors – same 'old enemy' as Jersey chase a clean sweep' by David Taylor

It is only when a big game comes around that one realises just how much of an Aunt Sally a selection committee can make of themselves when choosing a side to take on the 'old enemy'.

Jersey's selectors – Ben Alexander, Don Faux, Peter Osment – were left with several options. Do they pick a team then a captain or do they first pick a

captain. Do they choose a side of batsmen and hope the bowlers come up trumps. Do they pick the best available wicketkeeper or a wicketkeeper/batsman.

I take Jersey to win but it will be a tight game and could well come down to experience and nerve.



A happy Guernsey team before the match at Grainville

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R Gauvain (Scorer) T Masterton M Dobson A Burkhardt D Hearse G Rich W Barrett  
J Williams (Umpire)

M Webber R Veillard R Anthony P Vidamour P Wakeford M Bacon

## **MATCH**

Guernsey Press

'Brilliant 88 by Vidamour in fine win by Guernsey' by Rob Batiste

Peter Vidamour's brilliant undefeated 88, preceded excellent bowling and out cricket, ensured that Guernsey became the first winners of the Carlsberg Trophy, and in so doing reduced their deficit in the inter-insular cricket series to one. Vidamour, whose innings was the highest score by a Guernseyman for more than 25 years, was rewarded with the magnificent man-of-the-match prize of an all expenses trip to Lord's for the NatWest final early next month.

Guernsey were well worth their win, having comprehensively outbowled, outbatted and outfielded a Jersey team which did not live up to expectations. It was Guernsey's second successive victory in the series and their third win in five matches since Grainville was first used for the Channel Islands' top game in 1980. In a match which saw more than 380 runs scored on a near perfect Bill Blampied prepared strip, the visitors nearly always held the upper hand. Ralph Anthony, in his first game as Island skipper, must have been quite surprised when opposite number Chris Ollerenshaw elected to bat on a quick, bouncy wicket that is always at its liveliest in the first hour. Ollerenshaw's gamble did not pay off. Andy Burkhardt, with a strong breeze at his back, bowled a fearsome opening spell from the pavilion end and in only his second over had Wayne Gallichan caught at short leg, fending off a short ball, by Guernsey debutant Richard Veillard.

Burkhardt was unlucky not to achieve a further breakthrough. On one occasion he was convinced that Stephen Blampied had edged a short ball to the wicket keeper, but in fact the ball had brushed the batsman's shirt on the way through and the appeal was turned down, much to the Pilgrims bowler's chagrin.

Ollerenshaw called for a helmet as Burkhardt and David Hearse let themselves slip, but the Jersey second wicket pair held firm and after 11 overs Warren Barrett replaced Hearse in the attack. By then Jersey had scored only 25 runs and with Barrett getting the occasional ball to turn sharply the batsman continued to struggle. At 38 Blampied fell to a superb catch by Vidamour off the off-spinner and at 55 Miles Dobson, who had replaced Burkhardt, bowled Ward Jenner. Ollerenshaw, however, was immovable, and with sensible caution set about rebuilding the Jersey innings. They had reached 66 when Barrett had Paul Robson brilliantly caught by Paul Wakeford, diving to his left backward of square.

Jersey went into lunch at a rather unhealthy 93 for four with only 20 overs of their 55 overs remaining. Soon after the resumption wicket-keeper Webber stumped Steve Carlyon smartly and only 16 runs came from the first eight overs after the break. Ollerenshaw, who batted 47 overs for 71 runs scored off 156 deliveries, had just struck Barrett for six over long on when he was stumped by Webber, and at 145 for six with only five overs remaining Guernsey were well in the driving seat. But with a little fortune brave hitting by Andy Gibbs and big hitting Mike Coward took 45 runs from those overs to

leave Guernsey requiring 191 for victory at approximately 3½ runs an over. It was essential that Guernsey had a good start, and with Jon Giles obligingly spraying the ball about in his opening couple of overs, Tony Masterton gave Guernsey a flier. Giles' first two overs went for 19 runs and even though Masterton fell to the fourth ball of Barry Middleton's second over Guernsey had already scored 24. Prepared to take a back seat in the early stages, Vidamour took control until disaster beset Guernsey with 41 runs on the board in the eighth over. While ducking a short pitched ball from Middleton, Webber failed to take his bat out of the way and was caught at short leg off the back of his blade. The next ball, Veillard received a brute of a delivery and Middleton picked up his third wicket and 47th in inter-insular cricket.

Vidamour and Wakeford played like men in form from the moment they came together and kept the scoring rate ticking along in a partnership of 46 which threatened to win the game until it came to an end the over before tea.

Wakeford, who had batted confidently for his 19, including three boundaries, hit a blistering straight drive only to see Chris Searson hold on to the sharpest of return catches. At tea, with Guernsey 88 for four off only 18 overs, the match was still well balanced but the visitors reasserted control and Anthony and Vidamour batted beautifully in the immediate post-tea period.

Vidamour brought up the hundred with a sweetly timed lofted off drive for six off Ollerenshaw and he was soon to reach his 50 off only 76 deliveries. The fifth wicket pair had added 39 in 13 overs when Anthony was caught down the leg side, hooking at Middleton, who was brought back into the attack, and another quick wicket then could have put Guernsey under tremendous pressure. But Vidamour remained unmoved and except for one lapse on 62 when he offered a sharp slip chance the Tortevites player remained rock solid. Mark Bacon needed 28 deliveries to score his first run in three attempts in senior inter-insular cricket but when he did it appeared to take a weight off his shoulders and he grew in confidence as Guernsey edged closer to their target. Drizzle helped Guernsey's cause in the latter stages of a well supported game, and when Vidamour made the winning hit off Ollerenshaw Guernsey had 5.1 overs in hand. Vidamour's 88 included 12 fours and a six. He batted for 176 minutes and faced 142 balls, Bacon finished undefeated on 24 having batted 67 minutes and played a vital role in Guernsey's win.





Mark Bacon's diffient innings steered Guernsey home

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Jersey Post by David Taylor

Guernsey deservedly won the full inter-island game at Grainville yesterday by 5 wickets. Their all-round determination in the various aspects of the game, batting, bowling and fielding, was greater than that of Jersey and so, on the day, the better team won to complete a unique football, rugby and cricket hat-trick for the northern isle. The man-of-the-match award went quite rightly to Peter Vidamour for a fine undefeated 88. He will enjoy as his prize an all expenses paid trip to London to see the NatWest Trophy final at Lord's on 3rd September as guests of Carlsberg, the new sponsors of the inter-island match.



Peter Vidamour receiving his man-of-the-match award for his outstanding  
innings

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Sadly the Guernsey triumph was marred by a minority of their spectators whose behaviour I personally found offensive. Some football style chanting and an apparent over-indulgence in liquid refreshment upset a number of people and it seems a shame when high spirits turns to boorishness.

## **REVIEW**

Seldom can a better innings have been played in Guernsey-Jersey cricket matches than that the one Tortevites' Peter Vidamour produced at Grainville last Sunday. It was a quite brilliant undefeated 88, the highest score by a Guernseyman against Jersey since 1962 when Stan Cleal hit 105 in another Sarnian victory.

In my preview of the game I stated that Guernsey would have to be at their best to beat a strong Jersey side. They did this with an excellent all-round performance coaxed out of them by the ever-enthusiastic leadership of Ralph Anthony. Ralph's performance finally destroyed the myth he should not be Island captain because he cannot command the respect of all the players. What utter rubbish. As long as Anthony keeps his form I'd expect him to remain Guernsey captain for some time to come.

Guernsey's bowling was as tight as I have seen it at this level, with all four bowlers used by Anthony giving little away. Andy Burkhardt, Dave Hearse and Miles Dobson all bowled with fire while Warren Barrett again came up trumps against Jersey's contingent of talented left-handed batsmen. By comparison, Jersey's bowling was tepid. Searson and Robson bowled straight enough but only the old 'warhorse' Barry Middleton looked particularly threatening. Vidamour handled Middleton superbly and found a staunch ally in young Mark Bacon who, after taking an age to get off the mark, gradually flourished. It was a very gutsy innings by Bacon who, after two previous ducks in this match, was under great pressure coming in at an awkward time. He was another one to silence the doubters.

The day was made all the more memorable for the support Guernsey received from their horde of travelling fans who made up half of the total attendance. Only in the final few overs did one or two of them let themselves, and the island, down. Otherwise they were well-humoured and made the match that more enjoyable. They recognised good cricket whether it came from a Guernseyman or a Jerseyman. When Chris Ollerenshaw, the Jersey captain, was stumped for 71, the big Cornishman received a standing ovation from the



'Hill'. Within a few minutes Ollerenshaw was among those supporters enjoying a few laughs. The 'Hill' were not everybody's cup of tea, though. Jersey Evening Post reporter David Taylor wrote, 'Sadly, the Guernsey triumph was marred by a minority of their supporters, whose behaviour, I, personally, found offensive. Some football-style chanting and an apparent over-indulgence in liquid refreshment upset a number of people and it seems a shame when high spirits turn to boorishness.'