

Inter Insular #1 1950

The match was played at Elizabeth College, Guernsey
on Monday 7th August 1950

Umpires CJH Rawlinson (Guernsey) and ASH Dickenson or Noakes (Jersey)

Scorers (Guernsey) and (Jersey) unknown

Toss unknown

Jersey won by 6 wickets

When match was won Jersey were 130 for 4. Estimate Dugue was 32 and Baton 30



The impressive Elizabeth College pavilion

PREVIEW

Guernsey Press

‘Inter island cricket. Strong teams have been chosen’

The annual cricket match between the Guernsey Island Cricket Club and the Jersey Island Cricket Club will take place at the College Field on Monday next. The match will start at 11.30am. The GICC introduce a new pace bowler in M Hart who is at present on holiday in the island.

Selected side: VG Collenette (capt), N Carter, WF Druce, M Hart, TW Knight, AE Martin, HF Rich, HV Stone, S Sandercock, RJ Van Leuven, EJ Wiscombe.



Bill Druce

A party of 16 will be coming from Jersey. The team and officials will fly from Jersey in the morning and will return after the match. The Jersey side appears to be a strong one and includes the former county professional AC Geary, L Baton and the former Guernsey cricketer M Allen who is now resident in the sister island. The team will be:

AC Geary (capt), GW Knight, AR Hyde, D Dugué, L Baton, MC Allen, G Newton, A Clyde-Smith, P O'Brien, S Bracy, CS Poree.

Umpires will be Mr CJH Rawlinson (G) and either Mr ASH Dickinson or Mr Noakes (J)

Spectators will be able to obtain tea at the College Field at a cost of 1s 6d

On Monday 7th August 1950 the match at the College Field was referred to as the Guernsey v Jersey game. On Saturday 5th August in the Press it stated the GICC v JICC match, and the Star reported as it as the GICC v Jersey game

The Jersey Post on Wednesday 2nd August had an article: 'The annual inter-insular match between Jersey and Guernsey will be played at the Elizabeth College Field, Guernsey, on August Bank Holiday. Play will commence at 11.30am and the following players have been selected to represent this Island: A C T (Bert) Geary (capt), G W Knight, A R Hyde, D Dugué, L Baton, M C Allen, G Newton, A Clyde-Smith, P O'Brien, S Bracy, C J Porée. Several of the Jersey side will be crossing to the sister isle by air.

On Monday 7th August in the Star its reporter stated: 'At the College Field there is the cricket match of the season where Jersey will once again do battle with the GICC in the first of the Guernsey-Jersey matches. This should prove to be a win for the sister island where cricket is the number one summer game – but there is some room to hope for a favourable local result. Guernsey is fielding what looks on paper her strongest possible side (from those resident in the island at the present) and cricket being what it is (a game where anything can happen and often does) a Guernsey victory is not the unlikeliest thing.

GICC: V G Collenette (capt), N Carter, W F Druce, M Hart, T W Knight, A E Martin, H F Rich, H V Stone, S Sandercock, R J Van Leuven, E J Wiscombe.

On paper the Jersey side is a strong one. Captained by the former county professional A C Geary it also includes the former Guernsey cricketer M Allen now resident in Jersey.

[M de Lisle Hart was born on 17th November 1927 in Ealing. He played 5 times for Oxford University, scoring 8 runs and returned bowling figures of 79-11-330-6 as well as taking 4 catches]

[V G Collenette played for Oxford University Authentics twice in 1945]

Jersey: A C T Geary (capt), G W Knight, A R Hyde, D Dugué, L Baton, M C Allen, G Newton, A Clyde-Smith, P O'Brien, S Bracy, C S Poree

[A C T Geary played for Surrey from 1922 until 1931. Born 11th September 1900 in East Croydon he took 198 first class wickets at 30.6 his best being 6 for 50 with an economy rate of 2.25 and a strike rate of 81.6. He took 5 wickets in an innings 6 times and 10 wickets in a match once. He was capped in 1927. He moved to Jersey and played for Jersey/JICC as well as captaining the side in 1950 and 1951, he died on 23rd Jan 1989 in St Peters, Jersey]

Umpires C J H Rawlinson (Guernsey), A Dickenson or Noakes (Jersey)

Spectators will be able to buy teas on the ground at 1/6 a head.

The Guernsey Press on 30th July 2011 stated: 'Bill Stone was quite possibly the outstanding Guernsey cricketer of the 30s. When it came to explosive batting Bill Stone had no peers.'

MATCH

Tuesday 8th August in the Guernsey Star

'No trouble for Jersey – hit 60 runs in 30 mins'

Jersey yesterday beat the GICC by six wickets. The most interesting part of the game played at the College Field between Guernsey and Jersey was undoubtedly the half an hour of big hitting which followed Jersey's winning run. In this period 60 runs were added.

Guernsey batted first and scored 129 all out. The highest scorer in the side being Hart with 41. Jersey scored 196 for four and their highest were Baton 68 and Dugué with 60. The GICC won the toss and decided to bat on a wicket that looked as though it might crumble after an hour or so.

Collenette opened the home batting with Martin and Geary opened the Jersey attack. The batsmen started cautiously and Geary bowled six maidens out of his first 10 overs. Allen, bowling from the pavilion end, was not so successful and had two fours taken off his third over.

The score rose slowly to 36 when Collenette was bowled by Geary after scoring 29. This was a wicket maiden. Van Leuven came in and had to face a new bowler, Baton, who had come on at the pavilion end in place of Allen. The next over saw the fall of Martin's wicket, he was also bowled by Geary, for 7. The next bowling change got results after six overs when Van Leuven went out to a ball from Baton, and was neatly stumped by wicketkeeper Hyde.

Stone came in and was next out, bowled Geary. He had scored two. Carter was another who did not last long, he was caught at the wicket for two. At this stage it looked as if a rot might set in, the scorebook had read 41 for 3, 41 for 4, and now 43 for 5.

Sandercock came in and dispelled all fears by staying there. With Hart he made a stand which took the score right up to 110 before Hart was caught by O'Brien in the covers. Rich came in and stayed with Sandercock for about three overs till he was caught at the wicket by a ball from Bracy.

Sandercock did not survive him long and was soon afterwards bowled by Bracy . His contribution was 27. The two remaining wickets fell for 10 runs. Tom Knight stepped out to a ball from Geary and was stumped. Wiscombe hit a ball hard to mid-on and was well caught by Dugué. The innings closed with the GICC score at 129.

Hyde and Dugué opened for Jersey and Collenette opened the bowling from the Rue a l'Or end. Hyde immediately started to flog the bowling and hit a six in the fourth over. In the sixth over he hit another six off Hart and at this stage he had scored 17 out of a total of 23. This six proved to be his swan song, however, because the next ball he hit hard and low to silly mod-on, and was well caught by Druce who made a dive for it.

Knight came in and was at the wicket for five overs before opening his score. The score continued to mount slowly, at the rate of just under 3 runs every four minutes, until the score reached 31 when the GICC had a change of bowling. Sandercock came on instead of Collenette at the Rue a l'Or end. He was rather unfortunate in his first over when he had Dugué dropped in the gully. The ball was rather wide on the off, Dugué attempted to hit it and Rich just got his hand to it but could not hold it.

In the next over Knight faced Hart. He played defensively to the first two balls but went forward to the third, which went under his bat and bowled him for one. O'Brien was next in and opened his score immediately with a two and took five altogether off the over. O'Brien started to score rather quickly and hit 14 in his first 10 minutes at the wicket.

Carter came on at the pavilion end in place of Hart but the score continued to rise until at 56 O'Brien played back to a ball which completely beat him and wrecked his wicket. He had scored 23 – everyone of the runs that were scored in the 20 minutes he was at the wicket.

Poree was next in and got under way in the same over with a single. Dugué and Poree were still together when the tea interval was taken with the score at 64. After tea the scoring slowed down somewhat while the batsmen dug themselves in again. Three runs were taken off the first over but the next two were maidens. The score had reached 69 when Poree, batting at the Rue a l'Or end complained of the dazzle from the windscreen of a car parked near the nets. Play was held up while the offending vehicle was moved and then Poree celebrated this by hitting a four. The next over saw another change in the bowling with Hart coming back on at the Rue a l'Or end in place of Sandercock. He had three runs taken off his first over.

Carter continued at the pavilion end and with his second ball got Poree's wicket. He bowled one a bit short, Poree attempted to drive it, played it too soon, and skied a catch to Van Leuven at mid-on. Baton came in. The score rose steadily to 93 with no sign of either batsman being dismissed, so, at the end of Hart's over Collenette made another bowling change and brought on Rich at the pavilion end in place of Carter. At the end of the over Sandercock came on again at the other end in place of Hart and had a gift catch dropped by Rich in the slips during his first over.

A few overs later another catch was dropped when Carter failed to hold a ball hit high to deep mid-on by Dugué, the batsmen running three off the hit. The score was then 117 for 4 with Jersey needing 13 to win. At the end of the Rich's over Knight came on at the Rue a l'Or end in place of Sandercock. He only bowled one over and gave three runs before Jersey passed the Guernsey total. The score stood at 124. Dugué hit Rich for 3 and off the next two balls Baton reached and passed the Guernsey score with two 2's.

After this Jersey ceased to worry and their batsmen began to play on the principle of 'Hit out or get out'. They did not get out and the fours followed freely, four of them in as many overs. The orgy of hitting in which 35 runs were put on in 10 minutes, resulting in another change in bowling. With the score at 165 Stone came on at the pavilion end in place of Rich. The score continued to rise at the rate of about two runs a minute and the field was set very deep. Mid-off, mid-on, mid-wicket and extra cover were fielding on the boundary.

Druce came on the bowl and had a catch missed almost on the boundary. Play finished at the end of his over with the Jersey score at 196.

Tuesday 8th August in the Press

'Comfortable victory for Jersey. Guernsey defeated by six wickets in annual game'

An unbroken fifth wicket partnership between D Dugué and L Baton gave Jersey a resounding victory over a Guernsey XI at the College Field yesterday. In reply to the local team's total of 129 Jersey had reached 196 for four wickets when stumps were drawn and the spectators were treated to a fine display of hard hitting and quick scoring during the final hours' play.

Good as the Jersey batting was, however, the visitors were assisted by indifferent fielding and a series of dropped catches. It is doubtful whether the result would have been affected had these chances been taken by the home side but they would at least have given a far better account of themselves.

Encouraged by the magnificent weather and an attractive fixture many more spectators than usual turned up at the College Field to watch the game and all the available deck chairs were occupied during the afternoon.

The match started promptly at 11.30 Guernsey batting first. The local opening pair, VG Collenette and AE Martin opened for Guernsey and runs came slowly off the accurate attack of two medium paced bowlers A Geary and M Allen.

The visitors showed great keenness in the field right from the start and for five overs runs were kept to the barest minimum. In Allen's third over however Collenette drove a full toss on the leg side almost to the square leg boundary, taking four runs. In the same over he registered the first boundary with a grand drive through the covers. Martin played out two consecutive maidens from Geary but Collenette continued to score freely and followed up a two to fine leg off Allen with another square cut to the boundary. Twenty runs were on the board in 23 minutes without loss.

At 26 Collenette gave a very difficult chance to Knight at cover who just failed to bring off a diving catch.

A Geary, the former Surrey player, continued to bowl splendidly and his first seven overs, including four maidens, had yielded only three runs.

Allen, however, after a spell of six overs for 25 runs was replaced by L Baton. Martin took a single off his second ball and Collenette drove him hard to the long off boundary two balls later.

When the partnership was looking well set, however, Collenette gave a chance in the slips, which was dropped and playing back to the next ball appeared either to have played on or hit his wicket, and was out for 29.

The next man, RJ Van Leuven, got off the mark with a single off Baton, while another maiden from Geary gave him the remarkable figure at this stage of one wicket for three runs in nine overs, six of

them maidens. He had a further success in his next over clean bowling Martin after only three runs had been added for the second wicket.

HV Stone joined Van Leuven but they were soon separated with the total at 41. Van Leuven played well forward to a ball from Baton and was smartly stumped by Hyde, having scored only one run.

The Guernsey position which 20 minutes before had been a comparatively strong one deteriorated still further when with the total still at 41 Stone was bowled by Geary and the last three wickets had added only five runs. Worse was to come for Carter added only two singles before he got the edge of his bat to a ball from Geary and was caught behind the wicket. These further successes gave Geary four wickets for five runs in 12 overs including seven maidens.

Hart, the Oxford Authorities player, eventually opened his score with a fine on-drive to the boundary off Baton and took three more runs off that over to send up the 50 in 70 minutes. Geary's next over was the first to yield more than one runs, a single being taken by each batsman, Hart and Sandercock. With Hart beginning to score more freely the position began to improve and he took 7 runs off Geary's next over including a drive to the leg boundary. Hart was now playing a most entertaining innings and drew a round of applause when he drove Geary for six to the mid-wicket boundary. Some of his most masterly strokes were late cuts through to third man but he was also driving beautifully in front of the wicket and it was an on-drive of his which took the total into three figures.

After a spell of 18 overs Geary came off and Knight bowled from the Rue a l'Or end. The invaluable sixth wicket partnership came to an end at 110 when Hart, attempting to drive Knight, skied the ball to cover where it was safely held by O'Brien. Hart had scored 41 of the 67 runs added for this wicket.

HF Rich joined Sandercock and another bowling change was made, S Bracy coming on in place of Baton. The score was taken to 118 and then in the last over before lunch Rich was caught behind the wicket off Bracy and lunch was taken with three balls of the over to come.

After lunch Geary resumed bowling at the Rue a l'Or end and his first over was again a maiden while Bracy, after finishing his incomplete over, bowled Sandercock with the first ball of his next over, a wicket maiden.

Knight was next to go, being smartly stumped by Hyde with the total at 123, but Wiscombe and Druce continued to add to the score, mainly in singles and Baton came on again in place of Bracy. The innings closed when Dugué, fielding at silly mid-on made a fine catch to dismiss Druce with the Guernsey total 129.

VG Collenette opened the attack, bowling to Hyde and Dugué. Hart opened from the pavilion end. Slack fielding gave away some early runs and with 9 on the board left-hander Hyde hit a loose ball from Hart for a six to leg and repeated the shot off the final ball of his next over. He played forward defensively to the next ball, however, and Druce dived full length to dismiss him with an acrobatic catch.

GW Knight joined Dugué, who continued to do all the scoring for ten minutes, and took the score into the 30s before Sandercock took over from Collenette. He nearly had a quick wicket when Rich almost held a cut through the slips by Dugué – a fine attempt which would have been a brilliant catch had it succeeded. Knight had only scored one run when he was bowled by Hart with the total at 33.

O'Brien soon opened his account with two to leg off Hart and added three off the same over with a drive to deep extra cover.

After a spell of six overs for 21 runs Hart came off and Carter took over. The batsmen were well set, however, and with O'Brien in particular batting forcefully, the score rose to 50 in just under the hour. At 56 however, O'Brien played back to a ball from Sandercock, missed it and was bowled after a bright innings of 23. Poree was next man in and though runs came slowly he and Dugué took the score to 64 at the tea interval.

Runs came slowly after the tea interval until Poree cut Carter square to the boundary and ran three for an off-drive in the same over. Hart, who had previously bowled from the pavilion end, then came on at the other end in place of Sandercock, who had bowled 10 overs. At 79 Poree attempted to drive Carter in front of the wicket but gave an easy catch to Van Leuven at mid-on. Baton came in with 51 needed to win and six wickets to fall.

Hart bowled two no-balls in succession to Baton, a left-hander, and Dugué, who had batted for 30 minutes since tea without scoring, then took a single. A short ball from Hart in his next over was sent high to the square leg boundary by Baton and Rich came on for the next over from the pavilion end. Hart also came off and Sandercock bowled again from the Rue a l'Or end. A drive by Baton to the leg boundary took the score to 99 and two balls later he was dropped in the slips by Rich. An off-drive along the turf to the long-on boundary by Dugué saw the hundred up and both batsmen continued to score freely. At 110 Baton skied a ball from Rich but although Carter managed to run in under the ball he failed to hold the catch.

With the total at 120 and only 10 needed for a Jersey victory another bowling change was tried, Knight coming on in place of Sandercock. His first over yielded two runs and Baton was nearly run out off the last ball due to a smart return by Stone. A three to fine leg by Dugué and an on-drive for two by Baton left two runs needed for victory and Baton scored the required runs off the next ball giving Jersey the victory by six wickets. Dugué and Baton took the score to 196 before stumps were drawn.

Tuesday 8th August 1950 the Jersey Post reported –

'Jersey's fine win in Guernsey'

Playing in their annual Bank Holiday fixture against the sister island of Guernsey at the Elizabeth College Field, Guernsey yesterday, Jersey achieved a notable success when after dismissing the strong Sarnian side for a total of 129 runs, they went on to score 196 for the loss of only four wickets.

Guernsey won the toss and elected to bat and their opening pair Collenette and Martin soon had 36 runs on the board without loss, Collenette having scored 29 of these including four 4's. Bert Geary then came into action for Jersey and in a spell of 12 overs took 4 wickets for 5 runs, including the wickets of Collenette and Martin, both of whom he clean bowled. From being 5 wickets down for 43 Guernsey, thanks to a fine stand by Hart and Sandercock, then carried their total to 110 before the partnership was broken, this coming about when George Knight had Hart caught by O'Brien at cover point. Hart had contributed a faultless 41 and shortly after this Sandercock, whose total was then 27, was bowled by Bracy, the scoreboard reading 118 for 7.

The home side's tail failed to wag and the last 3 wickets fell for a further 11 runs giving Jersey a total of 130 runs to make to win. Jersey's fielding throughout was keen and a feature of the game was the

brilliant wicketkeeping of Hyde who, in addition to stumping Van Leuven and T Knight and catching Carter and Rich, only let 4 byes, all to leg, go past him.

Coming out to bat Jersey soon settled down to their task but with 23 runs on the board Hyde, who had then made 17 of this total, was caught by Druce off Hart. His innings included two 6's and a three. Dugué, the other opening batsman, was slow off the mark and at the end of two hours at the wicket had only reached Hyde's score of 17.

In the meantime G Knight was dismissed for a single but O'Brien (23) and Porée (19) paved the way and Jersey was in a strong position of still having Dugué in and being only 4 wickets down for 79. This brought Baton to the wicket and in a merry knock he was still unbeaten with top score 68 when stumps were drawn.

Seeing his partner going for the runs Dugué, who had got his eye well in, then opened out and in three quarters of an hour he added a bright 43 to carry his, also undefeated, total of 60, the match ended with 4 wickets down for 196 and a 6 wicket victory for Jersey.

Guernsey's fielding was also good and of the Jersey total Mr Extras conceded only 8 runs.