

Inter Insular #58 2009

The match was played at King George V Playing Fields, Guernsey
on Saturday 8th August 2009

for the HSBC Bank Trophy

50 overs per side

Umpires Dave Bray (Guernsey) and Mike Carpenter (Jersey) 3rd ump M Gray

Scorers Sue Veillard (Guernsey) and Gina Kearns (Jersey)

Toss won by Guernsey who elected to bat

Guernsey won by 21 runs

PREVIEW

Jersey Post

'Jersey favourites for Inter-Insular hat-trick but should be wary of Sarnian quartet' by Mark Saralis

Jersey are marginally favourites to win. In Matt Oliver, Jeremy Frith, captain Stuart Le Prevost (who may miss the game as his wife is due to give birth) and in particular Lee Savident, Guernsey have several potent match winners who can turn a game and will expose any chinks in the Jersey armour.

Lauren Gouyette wrote

Jersey cricket coach Craig Hogan is confident he has the side to win tomorrow's inter-insular in Guernsey before their three matches against Italy next week.

Guernsey Press

'Hearse takes ICC route for Jersey' by Aaron Scoones

Guernsey have picked an ICC squad for Saturday's inter-insular at the KGV – while Jersey have gone with their strongest outfit possible. The rules for the annual clash do not stipulate that only cricketers who qualify to represent their island in ICC matches are allowed to play.

Jersey have named a 12-man squad that contains non-ICC qualified players such as Dean Morrison and Hannes Botha as well as former captain Matt Hague who had stepped away from playing international matches. However, Guernsey have gone for a 13-strong squad in which every player is ICC qualified. The Sarnians are off to Singapore at the end of the month for ICC World Cricket League Division Six.

'The inter-insular is a very important game and it's close to our hearts, but we've got a very important tournament coming up in Singapore and I want to give the guys going another test,' said island manager David Hearse.

Guernsey's middle order, which infamously capitulated in the defeat to Jersey in the final match of last year's ICC European Division Two, could have been bolstered by Ian Atchison. The New Zealander has impressed in his debut season in the island. A compact left-handed batsman he also bowls some tidy off-spin and many people had tipped him to be included. 'Ian could have batted in the middle order but it's gone to someone who is going to Singapore', said Hearse. 'I'm sure Ian will play in Guernsey colours in the future if he decides to stay on the island'.

Another player to miss out is Tim Duke. The Rovers all-rounder pulled out of going to Singapore last week and Hearse said that he has not been picked for the same reason as Atchison. But Hearse has named Matt Oliver in his squad. The Cobo wicket-keeper batsman was an integral part in Guernsey qualifying for WCL Division Six but he has also made himself unavailable for Singapore due to work commitments. 'He's not going to WCL Division Six but he's obviously contributed (in the ICC for Guernsey),' said Hearse. 'He's had a good season and he's the best glove-man. It's just unfortunate he's unavailable for WCL Division Six.'

The only Guernsey players who could make their inter-insular debuts are the Warr brothers. James and Jonny who are both going to Singapore.

'From back garden to the island squad' by Aaron Scoones

Guernsey could declare 'Warr' on Jersey tomorrow. Having been named in Guernsey manager Dave Hearse's 13-man squad, brothers James and Jonny Warr could feature in the inter-insular.

'It's going to be nice to possibly step on to the field with him [Jonny],' said James. 'I've played alongside him in different age groups. It will be nice for mum [Sue] and dad [Dave] as well. 'I'm sure they will be proud.' At 23-years-old, James is the older brother. He graduated from Nottingham University this year with a degree in management studies and, in October, he is set to begin a career in accounting with Deloitte in Reading. A tall right-handed opening batsman,

James also bowls seam up. Turning out for Corinthians in the Evening League and for Wanderers at the weekends, he has notched up a couple of 50s and taken some vital wickets. He has represented Guernsey at nearly every age group and featured in the B inter-insular a few years ago. But he has yet to be selected for the senior inter-insular. 'I'm delighted to be picked,' said James. 'It's a privilege to be picked for the island as it's such a big game. Having

grown up in Guernsey, it's nice to be involved.' Jonny, 20, has spent the last three years living with his brother as he attended Nottingham College to study IT. He is off to Reading as well at the beginning of the new academic year to study computer science at the city's university. The brothers are clearly very close and James' selection into the senior set up has spurred Jonny on.

Jonny hopes they both play tomorrow. 'That would be awesome if we do,' he said. 'That was part of the driving force of getting into the island squad because I wanted to play with him.' Although an all-rounder like his brother, Jenny, who plays for Cobo, is a different type of cricketer in that he is a middle order batsman who is also a nagging medium pace swing bowler. It is his bowling, particularly his performance in the under-23 inter-insular, in which, despite top scoring for Guernsey in the defeat with 57, he really stood out with the ball taking one wicket for just 17 runs from his 10 overs. Jonny described himself as batsman who bowls but admitted that it is his bowling that has come to the fore this season. 'I've had a few chances with the bat but I've not really made them count,' he said. 'But with my bowling, I've been on form.' Both brothers have been selected to represent Guernsey at the ICC World Cricket League Division Six in Singapore at the end of the month. James was part of the original squad while Jonny came in as a replacement for Rovers all-rounder Tim Duke, who pulled out last week. 'I'm obviously chuffed about that,' said James of his selection. 'That's going to be a really good experience.' James did admit that there is some sibling rivalry between the two brothers. 'It's only friendly if anything,' he said. 'We're both all-rounders. 'We've played in the back garden for years together,'

'Jersey bring strongest side yet for hat-trick bid' by Aaron Scoones

'WE'RE putting out our best team ever.' That is the message from the Jersey camp ahead of tomorrow's inter-insular at the KGV as they look to retain the title for the third year running. 'In the five inter-insulars I've played, this is the strongest team we've brought as far as I'm concerned,' said Jersey captain Ryan Driver.

'Every base is covered. With pace and spin and the batters are firing as well.' Former county professional Driver has reason to be optimistic because his batsmen have been in astonishing form. Driver himself has knocked up some big runs, but two Australians have dwarfed the powerful left-hander. Former Jersey skipper Matt Hague walked away from the game after he fell out with

old coach Peter Kirsten. But after coming out of retirement in June, he scored 175 against St Ouen on his debut for his new club, Optimus, in the NatWest CI League. He followed that up a week later with a remarkable 200 not out against Optimists-Rovers. 'What Matt has done has been phenomenal,' said Driver. 'A 175 and then 200, that's going some, and 500 runs in five innings? I don't think anyone is going to be doing better than that in the future.' In a word of warning for Guernsey's bowlers, the 34-year-old Hague feels revitalised. 'I needed that break and it's done my game a world of good,' he said.

'I'm enjoying it again and I'm looking forward to Saturday. 'When you look at it, the batting order, it's pretty strong with Dean [Morrison] in good form and I would say that most of the batsmen are in good form. 'It's the strongest team we've ever had.' Fellow Aussie Morrison has also been hitting some serious runs.

The compact left-hander hit three tons on the bounce in the CI League. Two were for St Ouen before he left in acrimonious circumstances to join Springfield where he carried on his incredible form with another century on his debut. His fourth innings in that run was 95. One name that Guernsey spectators might not recognise in the Jersey ranks is Hannes Botha. The South African all-rounder has been quietly turning in some match-winning performances for Farmers-Caesareans to see them third in the CI table behind leaders Optimus and Cobo.

'I think he's third in the leading run scorers and second in the leading wicket takers,' said Driver.

'We said we were going to be picking this team on form and consistency and he's certainly done that. He's been getting nice scores and he thoroughly deserves his place.' Old Victorians' Pete Gough has also been in the runs and the left-hander is set to open tomorrow. Veteran Tony Carlyon also features for the visitors as does St Ouen's promising young all-rounder Anthony Kaye. Spin will come in the form of orthodox left-arm spinner, teenager Ben Stevens. 'It's a one-off game and anything can happen and both teams have got match winners, but we're quietly confident,' Driver said. 'We're hoping that the team we're bringing over is going to put up a good fight. It's going to be a good game.'

MATCH

LEE SAVIDENT wrote his name into the inter-insular history books as the KGV witnessed another remarkable game of cricket between Guernsey and Jersey on Saturday. Savident became only the second Guernseyman in the 52-year history of the inter-insular – Stan Cleal was the first in 1962 – to carry his bat for an unbeaten century as the home side won by 21 runs.

In the climax to last year's ICC European Division Two Championship, the Greens were coasting to victory at the ground before they had the mother of all batting collapses and lost five wickets for five runs to end up just one run short.

This year, the tables were turned on the heavily-fancied Jersey side who looked on course to win the trophy for the third year running when they found themselves 117 for 0 in the 33rd over chasing Guernsey's target of 224 on a stiflingly slow and low wicket. But a fantastic bowling and fielding display by the home side eventually restricted them to 203 for eight.

'What a game of cricket,' said island manager Dave Hearse afterwards. 'They were well ahead of the game because they had 117 and they hadn't lost a wicket. They must have been huge favourites but it shows that it mustn't have been easy to score easily on that wicket. Overall it was a fantastic team effort. We stuck to their guns throughout the game. Jersey went in as favourites but it just shows you that labels mean nothing.'

Unsurprisingly, the man of the match award went to Savident. The former Hampshire professional, who last played in the inter-insular in 1995, carried his bat for 102. It was the first century in the annual clash for 20 years.

'I told my mum yesterday that I was going to get this,' said Savident as he held his award after the match. It's been more than 15 years of waiting. It was hard out there. They bowled well and we didn't get a four ball until the 14th over.'

While the Guernsey players were spraying around the champagne afterwards, the mood was at the polar opposite in the Jersey camp.

'It was just a cock up,' said Jersey captain Ryan Driver. We didn't go into the game complacent. It needed someone to go on [and get the runs] and no one did. 'It was more disappointing as we had a good start. I wish Guernsey good luck in Singapore [for ICC World Cricket League Division Six] and we'll be watching and supporting them.'

Ed. Lee Savident (102*) was the third player to score a hundred for Guernsey in Inter-Insular matches after Stan Cleal (103) in 1962 and Stuart Mackay (100*) in 1989

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Dave Piesing on the GCB website gave his account of the match:

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'Savident makes the most of his lives to spur Sarnian victory' by Andy Bradshaw

Jersey dropped centurion Lee Savident twice and missed a run out opportunity and they paid the penalty as they were defeated by 21 runs in the inter-insular on Saturday. At the KGV Field Savident, Guernsey's first professional cricketer, scored an unbeaten 102 helping his team to a 50 over total of 224. Jersey replied with an opening stand of 117 from Dean Morrison and Peter Gough but the middle order failed to continue the momentum.

REVIEW

Inside Track on Saturday 1st August by Rob Batiste

'Apathy must be nipped out'

FOOTBALL may cast jealous eyes towards cricket and yearn for its financial backing and international opportunity, but there is one area where the summer sport is not ahead of its winter counterpart.

Indeed, cricket has major concerns about how to inspire its best young talent in the face of growing evidence that some youngsters just don't want to try.

Inside Track has heard no end of tales relating to poor attitudes and commitment levels among a group of young cricketers who the GCB and no end of coaches and administrators were pinning hopes on.

Local cricket, thanks to the GYDC and PWC Academy, has never produced so many good young players and flow of talent is encouraging.

But some of our best under-19s, it seems, just don't want to know.

As a consequence, island age-group sides are walking onto the field severely weakened. Even Elizabeth College, whose cricket traditions are rich and date back to, the 19th century, have suffered this summer when, in theory, they have one of their most talented group of players in a generation.

Now football takes many knocks, but I find it hard to imagine any of the island's best under-18s or under-21s, the two key development ages below

senior ranks, acting in the manner of cricket's spoiled and, in some cases, clearly ungrateful few.

David Nussbaumer, manager of the island under-23 cricket squad, was positively livid to hear some of the excuses trotted out by disinterested players who declined the chance to play against Jersey last weekend. I have also heard it said, and I have no reason to doubt the truth of the tale, that in a recent European Championship under-19 game between Guernsey and Jersey, one of our better players said to his captain while batting with him in the middle something along the lines of: 'I don't really care whether we win this match or not and I'd rather not be here'. I'm pleased to say that the player did not play again in the tournament. All summer long these stories have been leaking out about talented youngsters who have been given so much by a well-organised and relatively wealthy sport, not caring a lot about what is on offer and simply going through the motions.

Several of the very best have virtually ignored the chance to play in the NatWest CI League because they prefer to do something else with their weekends.

Football might lose good players when they come out of the juniors but at least the best kids seem totally committed until they move into the stale senior ranks.

Every sport has a fallout rate and, indeed, it is not always a bad thing for a developing sports star to have a break, but cricket, which desperately needs young talent to come through after it lost out in a whole generation of development, is hurting badly this summer from a spreading bout of apathy. Let's hope that it can be nipped in the bud as an awful lot of time, effort, money and manpower is going into development.

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'The most predictable thing about sport is that it's unpredictable' by Mark Saralis

Last Saturday's inter-insular was no exception and prior to the match most were predicting a Jersey win, even the Guernsey Press unwavering optimism was showing signs of creaking under the obvious fact that Jersey were the stronger team and their beloved side would be hard pressed to win.

Most of those who had predicted a Jersey win were therefore, as they reached 117 for 0 chasing a total of 225, patting themselves on the back but then as happened, albeit slightly less dramatically to Guernsey a year ago in the ICC

Division 2 final, one wicket led to a domino-like collapse and a dramatic U-turn that Jersey were unable to right.