

## **ICC WCL Division 6 Singapore 2009**

Guernsey v Malaysia

ICC World Cricket League Division Six 2009 (3rd Place play-off)

Venue The Padang, Singapore on 5th September 2009 (50-over match)

Balls per over 6

Toss Malaysia won the toss and decided to field

Result Guernsey won by 2 runs

Umpires S Gurung, VK Jha

Scorers L Hariharan, S Veillard

Man of the Match JDJ Frith

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### **MATCH**

GUERNSEY ultimately came third in the Pepsi ICC World Cricket League Division Six tournament after overcoming Malaysia by just two runs in a nail-biter that went down to the last ball at the Singapore Cricket Club on Saturday. The Sarnians' final position in the table looked unlikely after they lost their first three matches of the tournament against Singapore, Bahrain and Malaysia after which they were fighting for their survival. But after defeating Norway and Botswana, their place in Division Six was safe. And there were great scenes after their third and fourth play-off match which saw them get their revenge over the Malaysians. 'What can you say? The boys have been fantastic all week,' said island manager Dave Hearse. 'To come third is a true reflection of their ability, their resolve and their commitment.' For the first time this week, Stuart Le Prevost lost the toss but surprisingly Malaysia put Guernsey into bat. They may have regretted that as the Greens set an imposing total of 264. Guernsey had sent in James Warr to open.



JJ (James) Warr smites a mighty six

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The young Wanderers batsman, who has been mostly a squad player this week, certainly grabbed his opportunity with both hands. He struck 69 off 105 balls before he holed out.



JJ Warr repeats the medicine with another six

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'Jimmy responded fantastically as he has been left out of the side,' said Hearse.

'He was very disappointed to be left out of the side but he's proved a point. He batted very maturely. 'He's well on the radar and we think he's got a fine future in Guernsey cricket.'



Jeremy Frith gets his head down early on

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Jeremy Frith continued with his great form. After getting a duck against Singapore in the first game, 'Mr Cricket', as he is known in the Sarnian squad, responded with scores of 56, 25, 79, 54, 59 and, finally, 101 before being bowled by Suresh Navaratnam playing a tired shot. The innings duly clinched the overall player-of-the-tournament prize and he was also the leading run scorer of the competition with 374 runs. The Cobo all-rounder was also named man of the match. 'You can't give more praise for an amateur cricketer,' said Hearse of his prized all-rounder. 'He works very hard at his game and that's reflected in the performances he gives.'



Jeremy Frith acknowledges the applause for his century      ICC  
In reply and needing 265 to win, Malaysia got off to a good start. By the  
halfway stage they had 129 for two and with their danger man Ahmad Faiz still  
at the crease, victory looked very much on the cards for them.  
But Guernsey hit back in the 29th over when the little number three was  
caught brilliantly by Stuart Bisson running backwards off the spin of GH Smit  
for 67.



Blane Queripel bowled looking for runs

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However, Malaysia kept fighting and through their captain Suhan Alagaratanam and Aminudin Ramly, they took their total up to 198 with 10 overs to go.

Guernsey desperately needed a breakthrough and it duly came about when Alagaratanam went for 32, well caught by Jonny Warr off Frith's left-arm spin. Ramly continued with the charge and hit one massive six off Gary Rich that landed in the road in front of the old parliament buildings. With five overs left, the Asians were on 219 for five and looking good. But the islanders got the wicket they craved when Jonny Warr bowled Ramly going for a huge wipe for 38.

Despite Smit getting rid of keeper Mohamed Shafiq for 12, Malaysia kept at it. James Warr bowled very well with his medium pace and going into the final over bowled by Stuart Bisson, they required 15 to win. Three runs came off the first three balls but Guernsey's hearts were in their mouths when Hassan Ghulam launched medium-pacer Bisson for a huge six over long on. That was followed up by a single the next ball, leaving five to win off the final delivery. Bisson pitched it up and Suresh Navaratnam could only manage a smear for two into the on side.

In the day's other play-offs, the competition's best team, Singapore, secured their champions status with a 68-run victory over Bahrain at the Kalang, while

in the clash of the bottom two-placed sides, Botswana beat Norway at the Singapore Indian Association ground.