

Inter Insular #14 1965

The match was played at College Field, Guernsey

on Thursday 19th August 1965

Umpires (Guernsey) and (Jersey)

Scorers (Guernsey) and (Jersey)

Toss won by Jersey who elected to field

Match drawn

PREVIEW

Post Thursday 19th August

P O'Brien was selected but could not play

Star

'Unusual hours for cricket inter-insular' by Guernsey Star reporter

Hours of play in next week's inter-island cricket match at the College Field will be somewhat unusual to say the least. A representative of the Jersey team telephoned yesterday to say that the team was travelling by boat which means they will arrive in Guernsey at 10am and leave at 5.30pm. For a match of this importance a full day's play – normally 11.30am to 6.30pm – is needed. The Guernsey captain is keen to get in as much cricket as possible. Indeed he plans to get the usual all-day quota of six hours. It will mean getting the Jersey side to the College Field and ready to play in half an hour. There would be only half an hour for lunch and play would end just half an hour before the boat is due to leave.

It is very unfortunate that the Jersey party could not be in the island for a longer period. The Guernsey team – which shows a few changes from last year's is keen to gain revenge for last year's defeat in Jersey. Up till then Guernsey had enjoyed a fine run of success. The team selected this year by Guernsey is a strong one. In Tony Shepherd, Phil Sarre, Pierre Le Cocq and Terry Nicholls there is a pace attack which is bound to trouble Jersey's nest batsmen. The guile of left-arm swing bowler 'Ricky' Mills together with the leg breaks of Simon Hollyer-Hill and off-spin of Alan Bisson complete the bowling set up.

Recognised early order batsmen will find themselves as low as number nine in the Guernsey batting list which is a clear indication of the scoring potential. Leading the side for the first time will be Brian Anthony who will also probably keep wicket. Completing the side are batsmen Robin Roussel, Mick Mechem

and Bob Kimber. Nicholls and Kimber are the only 'new' caps. Probable hours of play will be 10.30am to 1.30pm and 2pm to 5pm.

[TF Nicholls born on 25th April 1941 was born in March, Cambridgeshire, and played 30 times for Lincolnshire between 1979 to 1988.]



Terry Nichols

MATCH

Press

'Runs flowed in inter-insular cricket' by John Le Poidevin

Runs flowed in an entertaining day's cricket at the College Field yesterday when Guernsey and Jersey met in the season's top match. The result was a draw after the batsmen had gained the major honours. Four half centuries were seen in the day which produced nigh on 500 runs.

Guernsey set the pattern with a delightful display of batting in the morning. The wicket looked dangerous and Jersey's captain, C Poree, having won the toss imagined that it would conjure many difficulties for his batsmen. He put Guernsey in to bat. And in no time must have regretted it. Runs came in grand style and by lunch, taken after 170 minutes play, Guernsey were sitting pretty with 251 for three.



Guernsey's opening batsmen, Simon Hollyer-Hill and Alan Bisson, stride to the wicket GEP

It was a beautiful batting wicket. Anthony, the Guernsey captain, had a difficult decision to make. He chose an attacking approach and gave Jersey a little more time to get the runs than his own batsmen had taken. Jersey lost a wicket without a run on the board and as a result did not bat aggressively in the early stages. Runs came well, at about one a minute. But on this wicket the batsmen might have been a little more adventurous. At stumps Jersey were only 21 runs away from victory and they must have felt that they had been a little slow to pile on the pressure.

Guernsey emerged well from this match. Their batting was of a higher grade and so too was their bowling. Jersey were a little slack in the field and in this respect Guernsey could not escape without criticism. The fact that Jersey finished within sight of Guernsey's total is a little misleading. Guernsey attacked in the field just as they had done with the bat. Near the end, with four wickets to claim and defeat a mile away, Guernsey set an ultra-aggressive field. Vowden then punished Le Cocq's bowling severely for 21 in an over., This made it appear that Jersey might have won. Yet in fact Jersey were never in with a real chance of victory. Guernsey could, I am sure, have closed the game had it seemed they were likely to be defeated. However, Anthony had done his utmost to claim victory. And in failing he gained a very honourable draw. Jersey too can claim much credit from the day's play.



Guernsey team

P L Le Cocq T F Nicholls A G Shepherd
M Mechem R W Mills R Kimber

P V Sarre R C N Roussel B A Anthony (Capt) S J Hollyer-Hill A C Bisson

The thick mist which hung over the pitch at start of play seemed menacing. But the sun soon came through and the pitch was as docile as a glass of milk. Hollyer-Hill showed the way with a sprightly 33. It was an innings of great importance although by comparison with the half centuries which followed his runs were cheapened. Bisson was again in splendid form. Anything loose he punished and, without ever appearing to hit out, he pushed the scoring along gaily. Le Cocq, his ally in last week's fine match against the Incogniti, was not found lacking. Perhaps his stroke play was not as pure as then but nevertheless the runs came from his bat too.

And when Bisson went 'leg before' when seemingly set for his century Le Cocq found a good partner in Roussel. Between them they punished the Jersey bowling for 112 in 60 minutes play. Le Cocq was out in the last over before lunch and in this same over Roussel passed the 50 mark. Le Cocq had made 85.

Not surprisingly the Guernsey camp was more than a little smug at lunch. And even more so when R Poree went for a duck to the third ball of the Jersey innings. Jersey had batsmen of the right calibre too and if their stroke play was not as elegant the end result was there. Le Marquand was the stalwart. He

and Conway saw them out of trouble before the latter went to a superb short-leg catch by Hollyer-Hill.



Jersey team

G Vowden A Smith

D Arden A Tagg J Painter R Poree

M Conway B Le Marquand C J Poree (Capt) D Young D Hunt

Shepherd and Sarre bowled well in the opening spell. Then Mills enjoyed a fine run of bowling which always threatened to break through. Jersey scored well, but not fast enough for victory. It wasn't until that one over slam by Vowden that one even considered what might have been if Jersey had attacked earlier. Le Marquand's innings of 86 was the result of a very competent and solid spell of concentration. The first memory of the day's play will however be of the Guernsey batting.

Star

'Runs spree in inter-island cricket'

A glorious run spree was enjoyed by spectators at the College Field yesterday when Guernsey and Jersey played out a draw in their annual fixture. Guernsey set the pace and looked likely winners but in the end Jersey were only 20 runs short with four wickets in hand.

Anthony, the Guernsey captain, made a sporting declaration when he set Jersey to score 252 for victory in just under three hours. Normally this would be a stiff task but his own batsmen had dominated the Jersey bowling and scored the runs in only 170 minutes.

Jersey did not start quickly enough. They lost a wicket without a run on the board. The batsmen were wary against good bowling. The first hour produced runs at about one a minute and this tempo continued. Jersey never looked in the hunt but there seemed a chance of a Guernsey success, Le Marquand played a valuable innings for Jersey as he hit a fine 86.

In the closing stages Young and Vowden scored freely and in no time Jersey were within sight of the Guernsey total. An earlier challenge for honours might have proved rewarding. The main honours of the day went to Guernsey. Their batting was delightful. Play started at 10.40am in heavy mist. Jersey's captain, C Poree, won the toss and because of the mist, which he felt would make the pitch lively, he put Guernsey in. It was soon apparent that it was not the right decision.

Hollyer-Hill hooked furiously and raced to 28 while the usually prolific run maker, Bisson, was on six. A good catch at fine leg by Vowden dismissed Hollyer-Hill after he had made a valuable 33. Bisson by this time was delighting the spectators with his display. Soon he was beyond 50 and then in full cry for his century when he was out 'leg before' with 75 runs. The occasion cried for runs and Roussel, who joined the steady Le Cocq, was the right man. He scored quickly and Le Cocq also stepped up his tempo. By lunch, taken after 170 minutes batting, the magnificent score of 251 for three was on the board, both Le Cocq and Roussel having hit half centuries.