

### **Inter Insular #38 1989**

The match was played on Sunday 13th August 1989

at College Field, Guernsey

for the Carlsberg Trophy

55 overs per side for the Carlsberg Trophy

Umpires H Tostevin (Guernsey) and B Maddox (Jersey)

Scorers R Gauvain (Guernsey) and J Le Gros (Jersey)

Toss won by Guernsey who elected to bat

Guernsey won by 57 runs

### **PREVIEW**

Beware for a couple of surprises when the Guernsey team to play Jersey next Sunday is announced. I understand the selectors are due to select the side following tomorrow's Under-23 inter-insular where several Guernsey players are in line for a full Island call-up. One of those is Guernsey skipper Mark Bacon who is running into top form at the right time.

When the team is finally announced, probably early next week, expect Andy Burkhardt to spearhead the Guernsey attack with either Miles Dobson, Dave Hearse and Mike Kinder as his opening partner. I would not be at all surprised to see Guernsey go into the game with only three seamers and with Burkhardt and Gary Rich almost certain to play two from Dobson, Hearse and Kinder may be unlucky.

Ralph Anthony is favourite to captain a side which could look like this:

Anthony (Salemities), Vidamour (Pessimists), Webber (Cobo), Mackay (Optimists), Wakeford (Pilgrims), Barrett (Optimists), Veillard (St Saviour's), Rich (Cobo), Smith (St Saviour's, wicketkeeper), Kinder (Optimists), or Hearse (Pilgrims) and Burkhardt (Pilgrims).



New cap Stuart Mackay

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Stuart Mackay and Gary Rich are the two new caps in the Guernsey cricket team to play this Sunday. SBR Mackay had already scored 100\* for Elizabeth College against Victoria College earlier in the season. The team announced yesterday is: Ralph Anthony (captain), Peter Vidamour, Mike Webber, Mackay, Rich, Warren Barrett, Mark Bacon, Richard Veillard, Andy Burkhardt, Mike Kinder and Paul Wakeford. David Marshall is the reserve batsman and Robert Turville the standby bowler.



Second new cap Gary Rich who went on to play many Inter-Insulars

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Guernsey Press

'Can Guernsey complete a hat-trick of hat-tricks?' by Rob Batiste

Victory in tomorrow's Carlsberg Trophy senior inter-insular cricket match at the College Field will give Guernsey a hat-trick of hat-tricks against Jersey. Guernsey go into the game seeking their third successive victory in a series which stands at 10 wins apiece with 12 draws. A home win would also provide Guernsey with their third inter-insular victory of the summer, following on from the Under-19 and Under-23 successes, and be Guernsey's third successive Muratti win on home soil.

Our spinners, Ralph Anthony and Warren Barrett, probably hold the key to the game. Two years ago on the same ground they claimed four wickets apiece to bowl Guernsey to victory after Ian Damarell and Alastair Tapp had dug the home side out of a hole with the bat.

Barrett has taken more wickets in inter-insular cricket than any other Guernseyman, his 46 being two fewer than Barry Middleton's record tally for Jersey. But Anthony could be a bigger threat on this occasion. Jersey include only four left-handers in their team this time around compared to the usual half-dozen – and right-handed batsmen such as Le Cornu, Jenner, Bailey, Dibble and Ramskill will find it difficult to dominate a big spinner of the ball like Anthony.

The selection of Andy Burkhardt is the only gamble our selectors have afforded themselves. Burkhardt has a reputation for producing his best performances when a Jerseyman stands 22 yards away, but the lean Pilgrim has played little cricket this summer and when he has his performances have provided little to write home about. Having said that I'm pleased to see him in the side.

The selectors deserve credit for giving youth a chance. Five of our side are under 25 and only four are over the age of 35. What is more the two Guernsey reserves Robert Turville and David Marshall are just out of school. Rich and Mackay have played consistently well all summer and are fully deserving of their first caps, while Veillard has shown glimpses of class and bacon has run into top form at the right time. Marshall is a little unlucky not to have won a batting place – I'm certain his time will come – while his St Saviour's colleagues Paul Smith is very unfortunate to miss the wicket-keeper's spot. Had Mike Webber not been playing at the top of his game I am sure Smith would have won his second cap. Certainly Guernsey are fortunate to have two top class wicket-keepers and this particular electoral headache will reach

migraine proportions when Ian Damarell returns to action next season. Miles Dobson's axing from the seam attack is a brave decision by the selectors but an understandable one in view of the way he was taken apart by Colin Graham in the inter-league game and his lack of wickets in recent Muratti games. A back injury ruled Dave Hearse out and I gather he will bowl only once more this season – in next weekend's Fuel Supplies Knockout final. If Guernsey have a weakness it is in the seam department but their long batting line-up and superior slow bowling should be sufficient to provide the 'hill' with a home win and plenty to shout about. Tomorrow's man-of-the-match will win an expenses paid day trip to the NatWest Cup final at Lord's.



Guernsey's team prior to the match at Elizabeth College                      GEP  
H Tostevin (Guernsey umpire) M Bacon G Rich P Vidamour R Veillard P  
Wakeford A Burkhardt S Mackay B Maddox (Jersey umpire)  
M Webber R Anthony W Barrett M Kinder

## **MATCH**

Guernsey Press

'Mackay's century humbles Jersey' by Rob Batiste

On a marvellous day for local cricket, 18-year-old golden boy Stuart Mackay became only the third player in the 32-year history of Guernsey-Jersey cricket matches to score a century. Mackay scored 100 not out as Guernsey romped to a 57-run win at College Field, their third successive 'Muratti' win and the second time they have won the Carlsberg Trophy. Surprise, surprise Mackay won the man-of-the-match award – his third in Guernsey-Jersey games this summer – and his prize will be to be wined and dined in Carlsberg's private box at next month's NatWest Cup final at Lord's.

Boy's Own stuff it certainly was. Having won the Under-19 and Under-23 inter-insulars virtually off his own bat, surely not even in his wildest dreams could the prolific Old Elizabethan have believed he would hit a century on his full Island debut. It seemed he would be left stranded in the 90s when he was still six short of three figures with only two balls of the Guernsey innings remaining. But a glorious off drive off Colin Graham, Jersey's quickest and best bowler, took him to 98 and the finest of inside edges past leg stump the next ball was sufficient to complete a brilliant century.

Only the late R.F.B. 'Bush' O'Callaghan for Jersey in 1959 and Guernsey's Stan Cleal 28 years ago, had previously scored hundreds in full inter-insular games, but Mackay's was the first since the series switched to a limited overs format in 1978.

Little went wrong for Guernsey after Ralph Anthony had won the toss and elected to bat. And as Guernsey's strength was in their batting Anthony's decision could hardly be described as a gamble. Jersey were soon celebrating though. Only six runs had been scored when Peter Vidamour, last year's man-of-the-match, was snapped up at first slip off the bowling of Graham.

This brought in Mackay to partner his uncle, Mike Webber, and the two withstood some occasionally hostile bowling from Graham and Barry Middleton. It was Mackay's first look at Middleton, a bowler who began the day with 48 inter-insular wickets tucked under his belt. If the youngster had nerves it did not show in his batting and he was soon striking the bad balls for four. Webber, too, looked solid and in the space of 40 minutes they added 42 runs for the second wicket to provide a sound base for the expected onslaught later.

Jersey skipper Geoff Ramskill must have been considering resting Middleton when, with the first ball of his ninth over, he had Webber playing on for 20. Suitably boosted by victim number 49 Middleton continued for two more overs

in which time Mackay, twice, was fortunate to keep his wicket intact. Steve Carlyon was the fielder in the limelight on both occasions as Mackay almost paid for slack shots. In one over his determined sprint and full-length dive just failed to pouch Mackay's miss-hook at mid-wicket and when the batsman clipped the ball uppishly behind square-leg Carlyon got both hands to the ball only to drop it on the way down.

Ralph Anthony survived a loud and confident appeal for a catch behind to keep Mackay company in a third-wicket stand of 42. But the skipper never looked comfortable at the crease and with 15 to his name drove medium-pacer Mark Bailey straight to extra-cover where Phil Le Cornu took a straightforward catch. Richard Veillard, Anthony's replacement, looked in great nick and played some of the best shots of the day as he and Mackay saw Guernsey through to lunch. Veillard played two stupendous cover drives and at lunch Guernsey were cruising at 149 for three with 16 of their 55 overs untouched and Mackay 69 not out. In the circumstances it would be reasonable to expect the batting side to score at least a run per ball in the final straight. That Guernsey struggled to score 59 off the last 16 was not only due to tight bowling from Graham and Ramskill but a strangely inflexible batting order. Veillard did not last long after lunch but his 36 from 42 deliveries could not be faulted.

With only 14 overs remaining the situation cried out for a bludgeoner and in that respect Gary Rich did not fit the bill. On his senior debut the young Cobo all-rounder required 11 deliveries to get off the mark. Mackay saw little of the strike and vital overs slipped away from Guernsey. Rich was still in the process of finding his feet in inter-insular cricket when Jeff Dibble stumped him for 12 and with no time to play themselves in Mark Bacon and Paul Wakeford lasted just four balls between them, both bowled by the impressive Graham.

Mackay, who offered another sharp chance on 73, continued to see little of the bowling and for a while there was concern that he would be left just short of three-figures and Guernsey would fall short of the psychologically important 200 mark. Thirteen runs off Graham's 22nd and final over saw both landmarks achieved, however, and when Mackay scampered a second run to bring up his century the whole ground rose to applaud him back to the pavilion, his runs having come off 147 deliveries.



What a debut for Stuart Mackay, the second Guernseyman to score a century GEP

A target of 209 was by no means unbeatable but it looked a long, long way away when Andy Burckhardt's shout for a catch behind was upheld and Steve Blampied was out for six and, with the total on 22, Paul Robson was caught at mid-off off Mike Kinder. Dibble and Ward Jenner steadied the innings but with Anthony and Warren Barrett both finding appreciable spin the Jersey batsmen never looked comfortable. By tea Anthony had accounted for Dibble and when three more wickets went down with the score on 78 Guernsey and their supporters on the 'hill' were joyous.

Carlyon played on to Barrett, Jenner swept Anthony to Mackay at backward square and Bailey was bowled by Barrett attempting to hit only his second ball out of the ground.

Le Cornu's cultured 28 suggested there could be a way back for Jersey but the spinners were to have the last laugh and when Barrett trapped Le Cornu leg before the result was a formality. Barrett collected one more wicket, that of the Jersey captain for a dogged 18, and at the close Jersey were 57 adrift on 151 for nine with Middleton, perhaps playing his final inter-insular on Sarnian soil, having won the approval of the home supporters with a big six off Burkhardt.



Ralph Anthony receives the Carlsberg Trophy from Graham Briggs GEP

## **REVIEW**

Guernsey's fourth win in five senior inter-insular matches could see Jersey having a change of heart regarding the limitation of bowlers in the annual 'Muratti' game. Our spinners' stranglehold over Jersey in recent games, together with the JCL's hat-trick of inter-league victories are the reasons, I believe, the Jersey Cricket Association are considering a change of stance. It is a measure the Guernsey Cricket Council have been advocating for some time but until now the Jersey Cricket Association have appeared dead against the idea of limiting bowlers. But five bowlers have been required in inter-league matches for some years and, after a string of defeats, Jersey have gone on to dominate this fixture. If bowling restrictions in the Inter-Island game had been introduced a decade ago, Barry Middleton's haul of 49 wickets might have



been halved and, dare I say it, Guernsey would have won more regularly. The same could also be said for Warren Barrett although to a much lesser extent I am sure. Warren's four-wicket haul at the College Field last Sunday took his wicket tally in Guernsey-Jersey games to exactly 50.

Since then Stuart has been paying the price of fame. The 'hill' treated him like a hero and later at cricket's KGV headquarters his face turned a deeper shade of red as choruses of 'There is only one Guernsey hero' rang around the bar.