

# ICC WCL Division 5 South Africa 2017

Guernsey v Cayman Islands

Mon 4 September 2017

at Willowmoore Park B, Benoni, South Africa

Toss won by Cayman Islands who elected to bat

Umpires: R D'Mello (Kenya), C Thorburn (Namibia)

Match Referee: GF Labrooy

Guernsey won by 6 wkts

Man of the match D Hooper (Gsy)

'Greens set up Qatar 'quarter' by Gareth Le Prevost (Guernsey Evening Press)

GUERNSEY got their bid for promotion from ICC World Cricket League Division Five back on track in South Africa yesterday with a convincing six-wicket win over the Cayman Islands. In doing so, they have set up a virtual quarter-final tomorrow in their final group match against Qatar, with the winner likely to claim second place in Group A behind the current leaders, unbeaten Italy.

David Hooper was the catalyst for yesterday's success, taking five wickets against this opposition for the second time in WCL competition having previously done so in Singapore five years ago. However, it was left-arm spinner Max Ellis who made the vital breakthrough to dismiss dangerous opener Yeron Seneveratne who had helped Cayman reach 115 for 1 in good time. But once he had departed, Hooper weaved some magic, starting with the important wicket of captain Ramon Sealy for 36, to restrict Cayman to 214 for 9 from their 50 overs.

In reply, Guernsey hit the ground running as Matt Stokes (31) and Josh Butler (93) put on 97 for the first wicket before Ollie Newey backed that up with a superb 54 off just 38 balls – his second half-century in two days. Jason Martin (17 not out) then steered Guernsey to victory and condemned Cayman Islands to a second successive defeat, leaving them bottom of the table. 'We are very happy. To bounce back from the Italy defeat in such a strong way is very pleasing,' said Guernsey captain Jamie Nussbaumer, His Cayman counterpart Sealy added: 'We did not score enough runs or put enough pressure on when we were fielding so that is where we fell down.' Meanwhile, Italy matched Guernsey's superb run chase to beat Qatar by six wickets to preserve their 100% start to Group A.