

Inter Insular #32 1983

The match was played at College Field, Guernsey
on Sunday 14th August 1983

for the John Haig Scotch Whisky Trophy

Umpires Ken Clayton (Guernsey) and Ron Osment (Jersey)

Scorers Richard Gauvain (Guernsey) and H W Hall (Jersey)

Guernsey won toss and elected to bat

Jersey won by 2 wickets

50 overs per side

PREVIEW

Guernsey Press

'Selectors unlikely to make many changes' by Rob Batiste

The Guernsey cricket selectors are unlikely to make many changes to the Guernsey Cricket Association side which beat the Jersey Cricket League so convincingly when they meet this evening to pick the Island team for the inter-insular against Jersey at the College Field on Sunday week.

I expect them to recall the in-form Pierre Le Cocq probably at the expense of Steve Le Poidevin and perhaps Optimists' Neil Hunter in place of his clubmate Ian Damarell. Le Cocq, who was unavailable for the GCA side, has been in outstanding form in recent weeks and should open the batting with Mike Webber. There is little to choose between Hunter and Damarell but I'd go for the former who is a more likely match-winner.

The selectors are Mick Wherry, Tony Ayton and John Appleyard and they will be assisted in the selection by the captain Ricky Mills. A surprise choice in the middle order could be Cobo's Dave Nussbaumer who has been in very good touch recently. His ability to force the pace against all varieties of bowling might win him a place.

I expect the selectors to go for the same bowling attack that played against the JCL with Miles Dobson and Mike Kinder providing the pace and Ralph Anthony and Warren Barrett the spin. Geoff Orme could possibly win a spot ahead of his teammate Kinder and the name of Andy Burkhardt could also figure prominently in selection discussion. The very promising Burkhardt is certainly an Island player of the future and in his second spell for the Under 23s on Sunday could well have caught the selectors' eyes. I believe Burkhardt will have to wait 12 months for an Island call-up, however, and my Guernsey

team would be: (in batting order) 1 Mike Webber, 2 Pierre Le Cocq, 3 Julian Wood, 4 Paul Wakeford, 5 Warren Barrett, 6 Neil Hunter, 7 Ricky Mills, 8 Mike Kinder, 9 Ralph Anthony, 10 Andy Creed, 11 Miles Dobson, 12th man Geoff Orme.

'Paul Wins first cap'

Paul Wakeford, who made 83 for the Guernsey Cricket Association in their win over the Jersey Cricket League last month, is the only new cap in the Guernsey team to play Jersey in this season's cricket inter-insular at the College Field on Sunday. The Guernsey team shows only two changes from the GCA team with Pierre Le Cocq and Neil Hunter coming in to replace Mike Kinder and Steve Le Poidevin.

Nine of the Guernsey team which won in Jersey last year under Ricky Mill's captaincy have kept their places with Wakeford the Guernsey under 23 captain and Ian Damarell, who played for the GCA in July, replacing John Mountford and Peter Vidamour.

The selectors, John Appleyard, Tony Ayton, Mick Wherry and skipper Mills, have named three reserves Steve Le Poidevin as a batsman, Dave Piesing as a spin bowler and Andy Burkhardt as a pace bowler, and if no-one drops out of the selected team Le Poidevin will be 12th man.

The Jersey selectors have, not surprisingly, made six changes from the JCL team which played so disappointingly with only John Holmes, Stephen Blampied, Wayne Gallichan, Charles Anderson and Barry Middleton surviving. The two Pitman brothers, Alan and Brent, who have played Muratti football together, have been chosen to play inter-insular cricket in the same team, which is though to be unique. The Jersey team is: Paul Robson (captain), Alan Pitman, John Holmes, Ward Jenner, Stephen Blampied, Derek Breed, Brent Pitman, Wayne Gallichan, Tom Gales, Charles Anderson, Barry Middleton, 12th man is Eamonn Ward.

Jersey Post

The Jersey team contains four new caps. For the first time Charles Anderson, Tom Gales, Brent Pitman and Ward Jenner with Brent's brother Alan also in the line-up.

[Ward Jenner appeared once for Hampshire 2nd XI against Glamorgan in August 1983 scoring 5 and 0 but taking one catch in each innings.]



Ward Jenner

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MATCH

Guernsey Press

'Jersey grab victory off last ball' by Rob Batiste

Barry Middleton was Jersey's hero with both bat and ball as yesterday's inter-insular cricket clash for the Haig Scotch Whisky Trophy was decided on the last ball of the 50 overs-per-side match at the College Field. Middleton, who earlier in the day had bowled unchanged from the Rue a L'Or end for figures of six for 103, hit two off the last ball bowled by Miles Dobson to give Jersey victory and a 4-2 lead in the series.

The day had started so well for Guernsey. Skipper Ricky Mills won the toss and elected to bat on a pitch which was never likely to give the bowlers a lot of assistance. Guernsey got off to a flying start as Mike Webber and Pierre Le Cocq took 14 off the first over by Middleton. The first over included three over-pitched balls on leg stump and two shortish deliveries outside the off peg. Webber duly dispatched the ball to the boundary twice and ended the over 13 not out. From then on Middleton found his normal length and line, and soon after Webber was dropped at second slip by Brent Pitman off a relatively easy chance. The miss was not too costly, however. With the score on 32 Webber again edged a ball outside off stump and Paul Robson, who had moved himself to third slip, pounced the catch at a second attempt. Webber batted for 29 minutes and faced 29 balls when he made way for Julian Wood who looked very comfortable against the pace of Middleton and Robson.



Paul Wakeford given out lbw to Barry Middleton

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Wood got off the mark with a slashed, but perfectly safe four over gully, but turned out to be his only scoring stroke as he was given out leg before to Middleton with the score on 42. Nine runs later Pierre Le Cocq, who had been batting without any scares, and who looked to be getting into his stride, was also out. Middleton dropped the ball short and as Le Cocq went to hook, the ball struck the Guernsey opener on the forearm and carried to Derek Breed in the slips. Most of the Jersey side launched into a loud appeal and umpire Ron Osment gave Le Cocq out for 23.



Pierre Le Cocq not impressed as he is given out caught off Middleton

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Warren Barrett then joined Paul Wakeford at the crease and the pair calmly rebuilt the innings until the former went to hook Middleton and was hit in the face. Barrett was clearly shaken by the blow and with his nose bleeding profusely retired until the later stages of the innings. Wakeford was batting superbly and struck some fine shots through the off-side as well as delicate clips off his toes to the boundary.

Ian Damarell joined him when Barrett retired and with 20 minutes to go before lunch Guernsey were in a comfortable position at 80 for three with more than 20 overs to spare. Then Middleton struck again. Damarell, who had made eight in 24 minutes, was given out leg before to a ball which I thought was going to miss the leg stump by several inches, then two balls later Neil Hunter was superbly caught by Stephen Blampied at cover.

Ralph Anthony replaced Hunter and immediately played some confident shots, including a fine hook off Middleton, but six minutes from lunch Wakeford was trapped lbw on the back foot by Middleton and he was on his way back to the pavilion for a fine 38 scored off only 46 balls.

Guernsey were 103 for six at lunch but Anthony and Ricky Mills took control immediately after the resumption and added 40 quick runs before the former went to force the ball off the back foot and was caught by keeper John Holmes standing up to the wicket. It was Anthony's most confident and accomplished innings at this level and when he was out he had scored 30 off 43 balls.

Mills and Barrett, who returned to the fray with a runner, continued the good work and they have added 47 in quick time when the innings came to a close with the Guernsey skipper undefeated on 35 and Barrett 25 not out.

Middleton's six for 103 from 25 overs was a fine performance and he must have been pleased to see openers Ward Jenner and Stephen Blampied keep Jersey in the hunt with a useful first-wicket stand. Miles Dobson and Andy Creed did not bowl well in their opening spells and the Jersey openers put on 31 before Blampied followed one outside the off stump and edged the ball to Le Cocq at slip.



Alan Pitman bowled by Andy Creed

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John Holmes did not look too comfortable at first against the spin of Barrett, who had replaced Creed at the pavilion end, but he and Jenner gradually assumed control and they added 102 for the second wicket before Jenner was caught in the deep by Damarell.



John Holmes facing the spin of Warren Barrett

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When Jenner was out for a very fine 63 Jersey needed to score at about four runs an over to win but the required run rate increased as wickets fell.



Ward Jenner plays a shot to leg but Ian Damarell at backeard square leg
took a well-judged catch

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Holmes was the next to go, caught and bowled by Anthony for 56 and shortly after Alan Pitman was bowled by Creed. Charles Anderson then fell lbw to Anthony and Paul Robson was out to a great running catch by Wakeford.



That catch by Paul Wakeford to get rid of Paul Robson

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Seven runs were needed to win off eight deliveries when Derek Breed gave a catch to Anthony at mid-on and six runs were required when Dobson was brought back to bowl the final over. After a maiden first ball Tom Gales was run out going for a second run next ball and off the third delivery Gallichan took a single to point.



Tom Gale run out, Wayne Gallichan the other batsman, with Miles Dobson
at the stumps GEP

Middleton then took a dodgy single – Wakeford’s appeal for a run out being turned down – and Gallichan took another single to mid-off from the penultimate ball. Two were needed to win off the final delivery and when Middleton struck the ball to an empty mid-off position the two needed looked unlikely. Gallichan ran like lightening between the wickets, however, and he just managed to beat Dobson’s return off his own bowling.



David Lye hands the Haig Scotch Whisky trophy to Jersey skipper Paul Robson GEP

Jersey Post

'Victory off last ball' by Jeff Wiseman

Brent Pitman the man who put a chance down off Middleton, suffered later from a hefty crack on the forearm and had to be replaced by 12th man Eamonn Ward.