

ICC World Cricket League Division Five

Guernsey v Tanzania

Played at Farmers Cricket Club Ground, St Martin, Jersey

on 22nd May 2016 (50-over match)

Toss won by Tanzania who elected to bat

Umpires: M Hawthorne (Ire) WPM van Liemt (Neth), AJ Neill (Ire)

Referee: DT Jukes (Eng)

Scorers: HAJ Mountford (G) D Hall (T)

Match reduced to 42 overs due to delayed start (rain)

Guernsey won by 8 wickets (with 95 balls remaining)

'Revenge is very sweet' by Rob Batiste

REVENGE was sweet for Jamie Nussbaumer, the Guernsey captain. Beating Tanzania was always a necessary result if his side are to obtain the minimum objective of the World League Five tournament – avoidance of relegation – but Nussbaumer and the Africans have history, for it was in the two nations only ever previous meeting that he was controversially and tastelessly given out handled the ball in a narrow loss. So to win this one by a massive eight wickets brought an added smile to the skipper's face. Just about everything went right for Nussbaumer's men on another nippy and mostly inhospitable day in the sister isle, this time in the picturesque surroundings of the Farmers ground. After morning rain, Singh and Patwa walked out to start the Tanzanian innings just before 1pm with low grey clouds ominously sweeping past the ground in deepest St Martin. Guernsey had made one change with Andy Hutchinson coming in for Josh Butler, but with Ollie Newey and Matt Stokes sharing the new ball the Durham University student would have to wait a while for his first slice of ICC World League action. Three slips awaited Newey's opening delivery down the slope, while again, Stokes came uphill for the reduced overs game of 42 per side. Newey opened with a maiden to Singh, while Stokes let one slip way down the leg side for a wide before beating the bat with three deliveries out of four.



Ollie Newey starts with a maiden      Guernseysportsphotography

The first run off the bat came with a nudge along the ground through gully in a second testing Newey over and the pressure was still being maintained in Stokes' second until he dropped it short and wide for Patwa to lean back and crack a square cut for four, a shot he repeated in similar fashion off the final ball of the fourth. With those two boundaries Tanzania had cast off the early shackles and Hutchinson replaced Stokes for the eighth over. But the debutant was soon discovering that anything short at his pace would yield a boundary which Patwa put away with conviction. The Greens were in need of a breakthrough and Newey provided it in the ninth over, finding the edge of Patwa's bat and Jason Martin taking the catch. Hutchinson then accounted for Singh, finding a faint edge and Martin taking his second catch, and with Newey picking up Nassoro cheaply Tanzania were three down for 40 in the 13th over, soon to become four down as Max Ellis got Jasani to edge an attempted drive and Tom Kirk took a smart catch.



Andy Hutchinson      Guernseysportsphotography

Before the over was out Ellis had another, Kakonzi edging to Martin and the Tanzanian innings was quickly going down the chute at 42 for five. The last

Tanzanian wicket fell in the 42nd and final over, leaving the Greens with a target that should not have proved troubling and did not. Newey then picked up another highly-deserved wicket, GH Smit hanging on at mid on as Dhanani failed to get over a short ball and spooned a chance.

The Ellis-Kirk link produced wicket No. 7 and already the tail were left with the task of trying to survive more than half the total allotted overs and push the score up to some degree of respectability. Despite an uncharacteristic Ben Ferbrache misfield which leaked a four, Ellis ended an excellent nine-over spell with miserly figures of three for 10, including six maidens. In the circumstances it was more than a tad unreasonable to expect the tail to take the innings the distance, but it all but did. Having said that, Guernsey would still have settled for chasing a target of 109.



Max Ellis excellent spell of 9-6-10-3

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Under a brightening sky and Smit, having survived a leg before shout, clipped a sweet four off his legs as the, opening over yielded nine runs. Smit collected two more boundaries and a three in the next as he instantly took a liking to the spinner Nassoro and the end result was that by the end of the second 20 had been wiped off the target. The veteran opener added one more boundary in the next over, but to the final ball of the over he feathered one to the keeper and he was out for 22.

With Smit gone, Stokes and Newey ticked along nicely with the 50 coming up with a sweetly driven extra cover drive from Stokes in the 13th over. Newey opened his shoulders to crash the off spinner over mid wicket for a maximum and he hung around to the finish line was in sight, eventually holing out to mid wicket for a fine 33.



Ollie Newey pulls to leg

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Stokes stayed till the end, producing some stylish sweeping in finishing unbeaten on 44 as victory came with 16 overs to spare.



Matt Stokes sees the game through

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'Guernsey top of pile after perfect start'

by Rob Batiste

THE wins were contrasting to say the least. But even if one of Guernsey's opening victories of the ICC World Cricket League Division Five tournament was precariously achieved, that does not show in the early event table which has Jamie Nussbaumer's men sitting pretty at the top of a rain-hit first weekend.

On Saturday, in miserable wet conditions at the FB Field, Guernsey edged past Vanuatu by four wickets on the Duckworth-Lewis calculation, while Nigeria beat Tanzania and Jersey failed to finish to finish their match with Oman, which will be replayed. Yesterday, at the Farmers Ground, it was a far more convincing Guernsey performance which accounted for Tanzania by eight wickets, Ollie Newey claiming the man-of-the-match award. After Saturday's nervous opener, Nussbaumer was relieved. 'That was a massive result for us as it is so important

to get off to a winning start, but it was a terrible game to play in,' said the captain with eyes on the slate grey sky and the portable covers on the FB Field strip which were in place as the result was finally declared just before 7.30pm.

'In [rain-affected] games like this you are always looking over your shoulder at the Duckworth-Lewis, but we have got a long batting line-up and it got us over the finishing line.' A despondent Vanuatu sloped away naturally feeling hard done by. Nussbaumer was sympathetic. 'They are a brilliant fielding team and look to have a decent top four and couple of good bowlers first up. They were a tricky side to come up against.' After yesterday's game new director of cricket Ash Wright was a happy man. 'That was a really good performance and I'm pleased with the lads,' said. 'It sets us up nicely. 'We hit our skills and finished off the job cleanly. We couldn't have asked for a better start and I'm very happy.