

### **Inter Insular #35 1986**

The match was played at Grainville, Jersey  
on Sunday 10th August 1986  
for the John Haig Scotch Whisky Trophy  
Umpires HAJ Mountford (Guernsey) and R Osment (Jersey)  
Scorers R Gauvain (Guernsey) and P Kelly (Jersey)  
50 overs per side  
Jersey won toss and elected to field  
Jersey won by 5 wickets

### **PREVIEW**

There is still no news on the composition of the Guernsey cricket team to play Jersey at Grainville next week other than that Jon Ravenscroft has been named as captain. The side will be selected following this afternoon's Fuel Supplies Knock-out semi-final between Pessimists A and Tortevides at King George V Field.

Five new caps

There are five new caps in the Guernsey cricket team chosen to play Jersey at Grainville next Sunday. The newcomers are wicket-keeper Paul Smith, Mark Bacon, Alastair Tapp, Tony Masterton and David Hearse. The full team is: Jon Ravenscroft (captain), Warren Barrett, Ralph Anthony, Miles Dobson, Paul Wakeford, Mike Kinder, Bacon, Tapp, Masterton, Smith and Hearse. Mark Culverwell is 12th man.

[AG Tapp played 10 times for Cambridgeshire in seasons 1999/2000. He scored 29 runs in 6 innings and his best bowling was 4 for 56 against Buckinghamshire.]

Two new caps in Jersey XI

Andy Gibbs will lead a Jersey cricket team which includes two new caps when they take on Guernsey in Sunday's inter-insular at Grainville. The new faces are opening bowler Chris Searson and all-rounder Geoff Ramskill.

The full team is:

Gibbs (captain), Mark Bailey, Alan Pitman, Paul Robson, John Holmes, Barry Middleton, Ward Jenner, Searson, Chris Ollerenshaw, Dave Billingham and Ramskill. In Pitman, Ollerenshaw and Ramskill Jersey have selected three left-arm spinners.

Guernsey Press

'Guernsey still behind in inter-insular series' by Rob Batiste

Jon Ravenscroft and his Guernsey side face an impossible task when they take on Jersey at Grainville tomorrow. Even if Guernsey win, and there is no reason why they should not, the Sarnians cannot level the Haig Trophy series.

Tomorrow's game will be the ninth limited overs inter-insular, and Jersey lead 5-3 in the series. Jersey won the first Haig Trophy game back in 1978 and collected the cup the following year and in 1981, 1983 and 1984. However, two of Guernsey's three wins have come at Grainville in 1980 and 1982.

Guernsey are the holders, Pierre Le Cocq patched up side having beaten Jersey by 26 runs at College Field last summer. The Guernsey team shows six changes from last year's side, Graham Marquand, Phil Roussel and Le Cocq have not been chosen, while Gary Kimber, Mike Webber and Dave Piesing were unavailable for selection.

Ravenscroft will lead the youngest Guernsey side. Only three players are over 30 – Warren Barrett, Mike Kinder and Ralph Anthony – and five of the side will be making their débuts in the full island side. In addition to the five debutants Ravenscroft has played just one Island game and Paul, Wakeford and Kinder two apiece. Miles Dobson will be playing in his ninth Guernsey game having missed only one match, in 1981, since his debut in 1977.

Anthony will be making his 11th appearance having played in every match since his debut in 1976, while Barrett is playing in his 19th inter-insular. He made his debut back in 1961 and is the third most capped Guernsey player behind Le Cocq (22) and Ricky Mills (21)

The main threat to Guernsey this year will undoubtedly come from Jersey's strike bowler Barry Middleton. The Yorkshireman has a tremendous record in Guernsey-Jersey games, having taken 35 wickets in eight matches at the rate of one wicket every 11.82 runs. Middleton made his Jersey debut in 1977 as did Dobson for Guernsey. Both of these bowlers played major roles in a dramatic game played at College Field. Middleton took four for 27 as Guernsey were dismissed for 126 and Dobson took three for 26 in 20 overs as Jersey hung on, with the help of some stubborn batting by Middleton, for a draw.

Since then Middleton's bowling figures in inter-insulars have read like this: one for 33 at FB Fields in 1978, five for 45 at College Field in 1979, five for 39 at Grainville in 1980, eight for 53 at College Field in 1981, one for 57 at Grainville in 1982, six for 103 at College Field in 1983, five for 57 at Grainville in 1984.

He did not play last year because of injury.

If Guernsey can overcome the threat of Middleton, who has not played a great deal of cricket this summer, there seems little else in the Jersey attack to cause too much concern to the Sarnian batsmen. Chris Searson will share the new ball with Middleton but apart from Paul Robson, who rarely seems to bowl at much more than medium-pace these days, Jersey have only three left-arm slow bowlers and Mark Bailey's trundlers to call upon.

Jersey do have a powerful batting line-up, however, with Middleton being the only non-recognised batsman. Guernsey's side is also packed with batting but there is only one regular opener, Salemites' in-form Tony Masterton. Anthony may be moved up to form an all-Salemites opening partnership but my money is on the skipper himself moving up to open. The Guernsey side is inexperienced but, having said that, it is probably the strongest available and should win. The team in possible batting order :

Guernsey: Tony Masterton, Jon Ravenscroft (captain), Paul Wakeford, Warren Barrett, Ralph Anthony, Alastair Tapp, Mark Bacon, Paul Smith, Mike Kinder, Dave Hearse, Miles Dobson. 12th man Mark Culverwell.

Jersey: Andy Gibbs (captain), Ward Jenner, John Holmes, Mark Bailey, Paul Robson, Chris Ollerenshaw, Geoff Ramskill, Dave Billingham, Alan Pitman, Chris Searson, Barry Middleton.

The umpires are John Mountford and Ron Osment.



Team at Grainville

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M Culverwell P Smith M Kinder D Hearse P Wakeford T Masterton A Tapp  
R Anthony M Dobson J Ravenscroft W Barrett M Bacon

## **MATCH**

Guernsey Press

'Guernsey struggle from the start and go down by five wickets' by Rob Batiste

Jersey regained the Haig Trophy with a convincing five-wicket victory over Guernsey in yesterday's cricket inter-insular played at Grainville, Jersey, and in so doing stretched their lead in the limited-overs series to six matches to three.

It was an uphill struggle for Guernsey right from the moment when Ralph Anthony was out to the third ball of the day. Guernsey went on to make 157 in 49.1 of their allotted 50 overs, but on a superb batting track this never looked like being enough and substantial knocks by Ward Jenner, Andy Gibbs and man-of-the-match Mark Bailey saw that the home side won with 13.2 overs to

spare.

It was a day of missed catches. Jersey missed as many as eight while Guernsey put down at least four. And it was just as well that the Caesarean fielding was so shoddy. Guernsey's batsmen, who are used to playing on slow, low bouncing pitchers, needed all the help they could muster on a hard, fast and bouncy track. Barry Middleton was again the Jersey bowling star, taking four for 61 in 20 overs to take his overall tally in this fixture to 39 in nine matches.

After Andy Gibbs had won the toss and sent Guernsey into bat Middleton struck almost immediately. Ralph Anthony, sent in to open with his Salemites colleague Tony Masterton, dealt well enough with his first two deliveries from the Jersey spearhead, but could do little about the next ball which rose sharply, took him on the glove and was caught at slip by Alan Pitman. Nought for one could so easily have become one for two when, in the next over, Paul Wakeford was put down at slip off the unlucky Chris Searson. The chance was relatively straightforward and it was to prove quite costly. These early overs were great spectator value for the Sarnians, Middleton and Searson strove hard for further breakthroughs while Masterton, playing excellently on his debut for the island, and Wakeford counter-attacked. Both batsmen were quick to punish the over-pitched ball and although they played and missed on several occasions they fairly raced along. The second-wicket partnership had been worth 49 when Wakeford was out in the 14th over. Alan Pitman, one of three slow left-armers in the Jersey line-up had just replaced Searson at the bottom end when Wakeford lofted a catch to Chris Ollerenshaw in the deep. Masterton kept playing his shots and after 20 overs he had scored 44 of Guernsey's 67 runs. Unfortunately by then he had also lost another partner. Jon Ravenscroft did not look at home at all in his first game as Guernsey captain and it was no real surprise when he got an edge to a Middleton delivery and was neatly snapped up by second slip Pitman. Masterton eventually reached his half-century in 83 minutes and off 73 balls. In doing so the burly opener slammed eight boundaries and survived two chances – Dave Billingham dropping him at extra-cover off Pitman and Mark Bailey spilling a catch at cover off Middleton. The opener played his natural game, however, and it was good to see him taking the attack to Jersey. Masterton was eventually fourth man out with the total on 81, Bailey snapping him up just off the ground when diving forward at cover.

Lunch was still 36 minutes away when Paul Smith replaced Masterton at the crease and there were still 26 minutes to the break when he became Middleton's fourth victim. Smith received a snorter from Middleton first ball and took a nasty blow on the finger. He got off the very next ball but the next time Middleton got one to lift sharply the St Saviour's wicket-keeper gloved the ball to his opposite number John Holmes.

When Guernsey went into the final over before lunch at 105 for five the match looked evenly poised. Disappointingly for the Sarnians Mike Kinder failed to survive that final over and Guernsey were wobbling at 105 for six with Barrett 11 not out and only Mark Bacon and Alastair Tapp of the batsmen to come. With 15 overs still remaining there was still a chance that Guernsey might reach 180. But Bacon and Tapp did not last long on the resumption and Guernsey were struggling badly as 128 for eight. Bacon went for a duck as the ball lifted sharply and was adjudged caught behind off his glove while Tapp hit two lusty boundaries in his 12 before he was given out leg before on the front foot to Pitman.

Warren Barrett was dying to get after the spinner in the closing overs but with only David Hearse and Miles Dobson to keep him company there was little else he could do but pick up ones and the occasional two. Ironically, Barrett was next out, caught by the keeper for 32 and it was left to the Sarnian strike bowlers to take the total past the 150 mark. A score of 157 gave the Guernsey bowlers something to bowl at but on such a good batting pitch there was little room for manoeuvre and no room for mistakes.

In Miles Dobson's first over John Homes, the batsman who never fails against Guernsey, edged the ball outside his off stump and Tony Masterton put down a difficult chance at second slip.

The miss was to prove costly as Holmes and Ward Jenner put on 43 for the first wicket and laid the foundation for a Jersey win. Holmes was first out, bowled by Warren Barrett for 21 without playing a shot but Jenner, who had been hit in the neck early on by Hearse and survived a loud shout for leg before, continued to bat well.

At 61, Barrett picked up a second wicket when Chris Ollerenshaw was bowled for just four and there was even more hope for Guernsey when Jenner (44) went lbw to Anthony with the total on 85. Three runs later Geoff Ramskill collected his second duck against the Sarnians this summer and Jersey were all of a sudden struggling at 88 for four.

Enter Mark Bailey. the stocky strokemaker had hardly scored a run against Guernsey before yesterday, but this time he got stuck into the bowling right from the outset and with the help of his skipper Andy Gibbs took Jersey to the brink of victory. When Bailey was finally out five runs short of Guernsey's score he had slammed three sixes and four fours in an innings of 46 scored off only 32 deliveries. He was dropped twice though, both Bacon and Wakeford spilling catches in the deep. Not surprisingly Bailey's efforts earned him the man-of-the-match award from judges Don Faux and peter Osment.



Mark Bailey voted man-of-the-match

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### **REVIEW**

Defeat in last weekend's inter-insular match was a big disappointment but will have been greeted with great glee in Jersey after their defeat on the artificial wicket at King George V Field in the inter-league game.





Jersey captain Andy Gibbs receives the Haig Trophy from Ray Pearce

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The remarkable Barry Middleton made life difficult for Guernsey from the start and debutant Paul Smith was given a painful introduction to inter-insular cricket by the Caesarean pace bowler. He was hit on the hand by a rising ball and the damage caused to one of his fingers must have made it difficult for him to continue batting and also to do well behind the stumps though, by all accounts, there was nothing wrong with his wicket-keeping.

Jersey always looked likely to pass a moderate Guernsey total and one criticism I have heard of the bowling was that spinners Warren Barratt and Ralph Anthony did not give the ball enough air on a pitch which was not giving them a lot of help.

David Hearshe shook up one or two of the Jersey batsmen with his speed but could not combine this with accuracy while Miles Dobson did not have one of his better matches. By comparison Middleton pitched the ball on a length which meant that the Guernsey batsmen were fending the ball off. With the low bounce at King George V Field this is something which the Guernsey batsmen have become less used to and this was borne out when the Jersey



batsmen were at the crease.

The result, for once, was largely due to home advantage.