

## **Inter Insular #29 1980**

The match was played at Grainville, Jersey  
on Monday 18th August 1980 (postponed from Sunday 17th August)

for the John Haig Scotch Whisky Trophy

Umpires D Trustum (Guernsey) and B Reynolds (Jersey)

Scorers D Mechem (Guernsey) and W Jenner (Jersey)

50 overs per side

Toss won by Jersey who elected to field

Guernsey won by 40 runs

### **PREVIEW**

'Guernsey senior team can avenge Under 23' by Rob Batiste

The island selectors have made four changes to the Guernsey cricket team which slumped miserably to defeat in last year's inter-insular cricket match at the College Field. Out go Henry Davey, Pierre Le Cocq, Malcolm Harvey and Mick Fooks and in come Andy Creed, Neil Hunter, Mike Webber and Roy Martel for tomorrow week's match in Jersey.

As far as I'm concerned the four selectors – Mick Wherry, Mick Fooks, Ted Enevoldson and John Burley – have picked a good side and one which is certainly capable of beating Jersey's best. The side is packed with batting – only the two bowlers can be considered non-batsmen – and there is a variety of good bowlers from which skipper John Appleyard can draw. Like most local cricket followers, I'm glad to see Miles Dobson has kept his place in the team after being omitted from the GCA side which comfortably beat the JCL a couple of months ago. Dobson is a potential match-winner and on his day is the best pace bowler in the Channel Islands.

Malcolm Harvey must be a little disappointment at not making the team after good performances in last year's inter-insular and in this season's inter-league game, but there is little to choose between him and Creed and the latter perhaps got the selector's nod of approval because of his greater pace.

The wicket-keeping position must also have given the selectors plenty to think about. Mick Fooks is still generally regarded as the best 'keeper but Webber is not too far behind on keeping ability and is undoubtedly the better batsman.

Roy Martel's selection was probably the biggest surprise but his brilliant 95 against Cobo a few weeks ago proved what a fine player he is.

Jersey Post

'Jersey seek a hat-trick – Guernsey a first win' by Dennis Mannion



### Grainville

Weather permitting, tomorrow's inter-island cricket 'Muratti' in the delightful setting of Grainville should prove to be a most exciting affair. Jersey will be setting out to record their third successive win for the John Haig Trophy but will find the powerful Guernsey team difficult to beat as the Sarnians will be all out to register their first win for this splendid trophy.

One or two of the Jersey choices have caused eyebrows to be raised. Not that they are not good cricketers, but simply because it is felt that there are some that are better. Steve Green, for instance, has been named as 12th man whereas I feel he should have been an almost automatic choice, not only for his batting but also for his fielding which is second to none and saves countless runs.

Footballer Alan Pitman fully deserves and becomes the first Jerseyman to play in the Muratti and the Haig Trophy inter-insular match in the same year.

'Jersey aim for Haig hat-trick' by Dennis Mannion

Caesarean all-rounder Alan Pitman becomes the first Jerseyman to play in the Muratti and in the Haig Trophy cricket inter-insular match in the same season at Grainville on August 17th.

Since Haig became competition sponsors in 1978 Jersey have yet to lose and will therefore this year be chasing a hat-trick of inter-insular victories.

Spectators will be kept well informed about the match over the public address system by Peter Bernard the former Hampshire County cricketer who is now employed by Radio Solent and John Hughes the TV sports commentator.

Jersey Post

S Green was originally selected as 12th man but played when Eamonn Ward (Caesareans) dropped out.

## **MATCH**

Jersey Post

Fog in Guernsey yesterday morning and early afternoon prevented any play in the annual inter-insular match between Jersey and their Sarnian opponents for the Haig trophy.

'Woeful show by Jersey batsmen' by Dennis Mannion

Pathetic! That is the only way to describe Jersey's batting at Grainville yesterday in the annual inter-island match for the Haig trophy. Mr Harry Hall, the Jersey Cricket Association president, said, 'the batting had failed dismally'



Guernsey Press

'Bowlers dominate inter-insular.'

'Appleyard leads Guernsey to a marvellous victory.' by John Le Poidevin

Guernsey's name now rests on the handsome John Haig Cricket Trophy.

Victory in Jersey yesterday was a little unexpected – but most satisfying. The inter-island match, delayed by 25 hours because of the weather, went ahead yesterday on the splendid Grainville ground.

Mike Weaver won the toss for Jersey and put Guernsey in to bat. Guernsey did badly and finished with a modest 136 within the allocation of 50 overs. Jersey, by this time very confident, then suffered worse at the crease and came away very much with their tails between their legs with a total of 96.

It just wasn't a day for the batsmen – yet the wicket was not that bad. When play started there were some damp patches and the suggestion that there would be variable bounce. certainly the wicket helped the bowlers. And Jersey's pace attack of Barry Middleton and Paul Robson combined to make life most unpleasant for the Guernsey batsmen. A continual barrage of deliveries short of a length made things difficult for Mike Webber and Ralph Anthony. The left-handed Anthony coped best. He played a couple of 'Evening League slashes' but applied bat to ball with some authority as he amassed 25 of the 29 runs for the first wicket before tamely dragging a Middleton delivery on to his stumps.

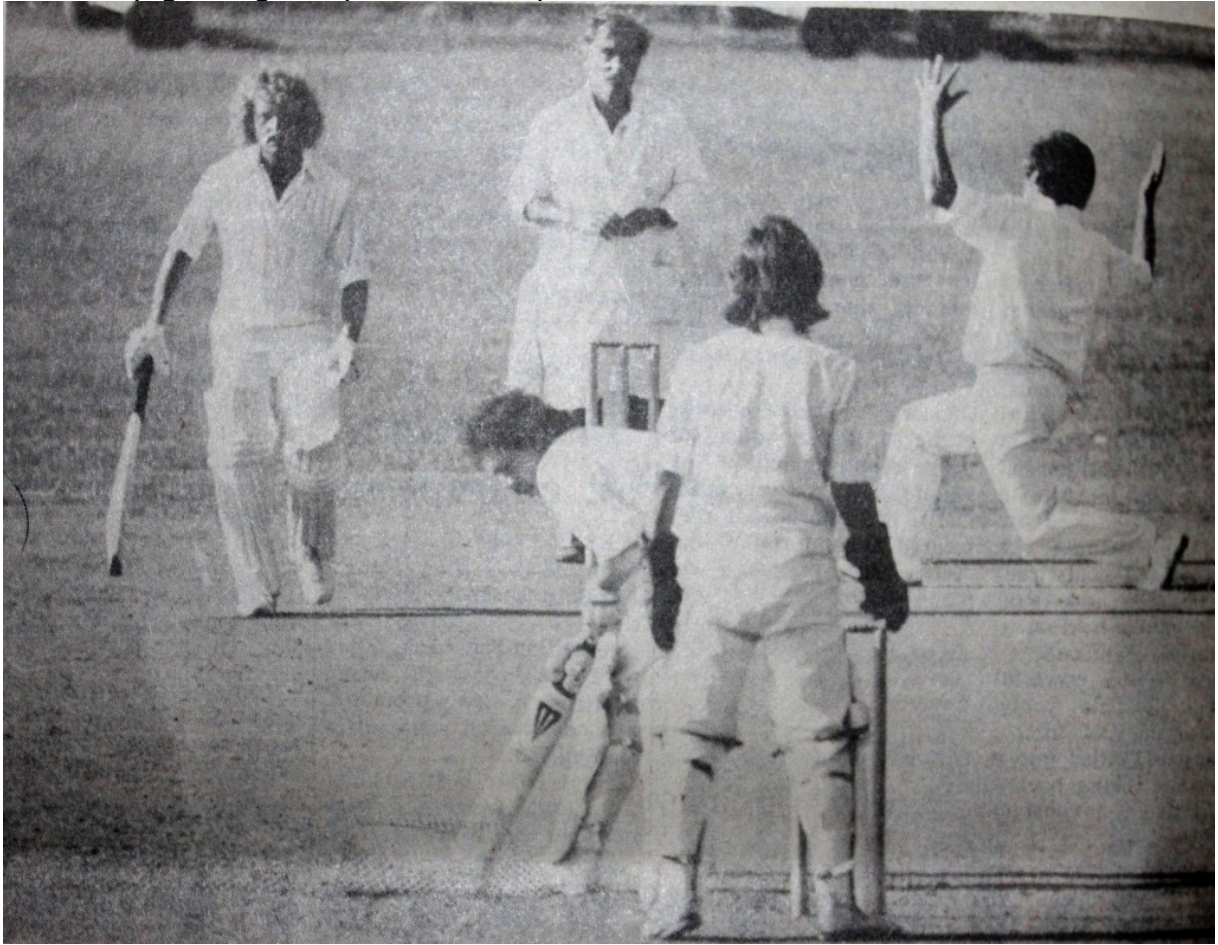
Ian Damarell went in to alarm Guernsey supporters. He was almost out first ball – wicketkeeper Jim Walls diving but just failing to take a catch – then played a couple of shots which gave the impression he had never played the game before. By this time Webber was starting to play better and he produced one superb late cut – the ball speeding to the boundary.

After 20 overs Guernsey were 70 for one, Damarell having contributed some important runs after his dreadful start. Middleton appealed confidently for a catch behind off Damarell and this was turned down. But next delivery the wicket fell, Damarell driving at a ball well short of a length and spooning it up to cover point. There followed a depressing period from Guernsey's point of view with the bowlers well on top – the batsmen, especially Tony Ayton, looking very uncomfortable. Finally Ayton went and at lunch Guernsey had used up 33 overs in reaching 93 for three.

Webber played on to his wickets in the second over after the break for 41 then Warren Barrett followed soon afterwards, but not until he had lofted a Robson delivery to the long-on boundary then guided another boundary through the third man area. The following wickets fell cheaply with more than a hint of desperation in some of the play – Neil Hunter alone playing anything like true form. Middleton and Robson had kept up a good pace throughout, each of them bowling 23 overs and claiming five wickets. Guernsey's score of 136 was disappointing. In the event it was to prove well beyond Jersey's reach.

From the start of the Jersey innings the Guernsey bowlers were on top. Ricky Mills achieved the vital breakthrough by bowling openers Peter Stuckey and Keith Coleman – the former having been dropped at slip by Barrett off Andy Creed's third delivery. Creed's spell was admirable and he continually beat the bat. John Appleyard replaced Mills, then Miles Dobson came on for Creed. The

newcomers were equally as impressive as the wickets continued to tumble with Jersey getting deeper and deeper in trouble.



John Appleyard is pleased to have taken the wicket of Alan Pitman GEP  
Not only were their wickets going, the overs were running out too. A Guernsey victory was assured long before Dobson flattened the stumps of Barry Middleton at the end of the 46th over.

I was invited to adjudicate the man-of-the-match award and considered the bowling of Middleton and Robson for Jersey, Webber's patient 41 runs for Guernsey and Creed's hostile spell. But my vote went to the Guernsey skipper Appleyard. He took three wickets and a couple of catches and was impressive as captain, using his bowling force skilfully.

## **REVIEW**

Guernsey Press

'Guernsey's attack was superbly supported' by John Le Poidevin

The might of Jersey cricket suffered shell-shock on Monday when battered by Guernsey in the annual inter-insular for the John Haig Trophy. Their batsmen

put up an extremely poor showing when chasing Guernsey's modest score of 136. With 50 overs in which to score the runs they must have been rubbing their hands in anticipation of a hat-trick of successes in the John Haig series. But their hopes were dashed by John Appleyard and his men who were a credit to Guernsey sport by their efforts in the field.

One by one the Jersey batting stars fell against the guile of Appleyard and Ricky Mills or the pace of Andy Creed and Miles Dobson – the four bowlers being admirably backed up by the fieldsmen. Neil Hunter was especially impressive in the field and took a marvellous one-handed catch high at square leg to get rid of Alan Pitman. A critical catch was the one taken by Appleyard in the gully to dismiss Derek Breed.

Breed was perhaps the Jersey batsman best equipped to win the game for his team. He came in with three wickets down for only 21. Soon he was playing some confident attacking shots. He had scored 12 when he played a Creed delivery low to gully where Appleyard dived forward to take the ball. The batsman did not move and the Guernsey umpire, Derek Trustum, at the bowler's end was unable to give a decision because his view was obscured by the bowler. He conferred with Jersey umpire Barry Reynolds but, in the meantime, Breed apparently asked Appleyard if the catch was good and accepted the fact that it was and walked – a sporting action because Reynolds also may not have been able to give a decision.

There were a couple of blemishes in the Guernsey fielding – Warren Barrett's miss at slip off the third delivery of the innings allowed Peter Stuckey a life but the miss was not to prove costly.

Earlier in the day the Guernsey batsmen had looked uncomfortable at the crease. Their task was the more difficult because they had to bat on a pitch which contained some damp patches, and pace bowling bent on defensive bowling- pitching the ball short of a length and rising to chest height. The Guernsey batsmen played and missed at quite a few deliveries and also played no shots at a lot of others. My feeling is that umpires should be instructed to act when bowlers are taking this line in limited overs matches. To my knowledge neither Derek Trustum nor Barry Reynolds received instructions and thus could not issue any warnings. In the event the Guernsey batsmen had to face the barrage from Barry Middleton and Paul Robson for 46 overs so, perhaps, their combined contribution of 136 was not so bad after all.

Mike Webber , Ralph Anthony and Ian Damarell all contributed important runs



at a good pace in the early part of the Guernsey innings. They each played several attractive shots which were more pleasing to remember than those they played without making contact. Later Neil Hunter placed bat to ball in commanding style at a time when Guernsey's cause was not being well served by the batsmen at the other end. When Hunter went the innings crumbled with the lower-order batsmen playing some very undistinguished shots and losing their wickets as a result. It was to be expected, at least, that the full allocation of 50 overs would be used.



John Appleyard receives the John Haig Whisky Trophy from Colin Gallichan of J  
J Le Sueur & Co.                      GEP

All credit to Middleton and Robson. As stated, their line and length was perhaps not entirely acceptable for limited overs cricket, but they had the ability and stamina to keep their attack going throughout the innings. I was more impressed though with the Guernsey bowlers, especially Andy Creed whom I thought bowled exceptionally well in his opening burst.

The decision of Appleyard to open with Ricky Mills rather than Miles Dobson,

surprised me. It proved to be a wise decision for Mills bowled both openers. Appleyard then came on for Mills and he too soon gained success with his left-arm spinners. By the time Dobson was brought back into the attack Guernsey were well on top and the Optimists' paceman made sure his team stayed that way with an analysis of 11 overs, four maidens, 13 runs, two wickets. An encouraging success to be sure, Guernsey's first since John Haig Scotch Whisky started top sponsor the series three years ago.