ICC WCL Division 5 South Africa 2017

Guernsey v Germany

at Willowmoore Park B, Benoni
on Sat 9th Sept 2017
Umpires R D'Mello, H Jansen, 3rd A Holstock
Guernsey won the toss and elected to bat
Germany won by 4 wickets
Man of the match
V Garesan (Germany)

'German batting star Ganesan downs Greens' by Rob Batiste

Ollie Newey continued his rich vein of batting form to the end, but Guernsey left South Africa yesterday relegated and having finished sixth in the eight-team World League Five.

All looked good for Ash Wright's young side to snatch fifth place from Germany in Saturday's last-day positional playoffs, but then the Sarnian bowlers ran into Venkatraman Ganesan who smashed an undefeated 123 off 133 balls to finish his tournament with a remarkable average of 182. Ganesan. who hit 16 fours, ensured that newly-promoted Germany, raced to their target of 270 with almost five full overs to spare.

All the Guernsey batsmen got in, but none apart from Newey could get to fifty and that inability to build on a start cost them. Newey, who opened with Josh Butler, hit six fours in his 95-ball 70, while Ben Ferbrache was next highest scorer with 30. Matt Stokes, who later took two wickets, hit 28, Jason Martin 21 and Lucas Barker 23 not out.