

## **Inter Insular #12 1963**

The match was played at College Field, Guernsey  
on Thursday 22nd August 1963

Umpires not known

Scorers not known

Toss won by Guernsey who elected to bat

Guernsey won by 92 runs

### **PREVIEW**

Press

The Guernsey-Jersey cricket match is being played at the College Field next Thursday. Last night the following side was selected to represent Guernsey:

RCN Roussel (capt), W Robilliard (vice-capt), BA Anthony, WER Barrett, AC Bisson, DJ Bowen, CW Eley, PL Le Cocq, MI Lloyd, M Mechem, PV Sarre. Reserves: RA Strappini, MK Redford, RHF Curr.

PV Sarre had scored 122\* for Elizabeth College against Victoria College earlier in the season.

'Titanic Test? No, a serious all-day match' by John Le Poidevin

Channel Islands cricket was spotlighted by Jim Gaughan in a recent "Sports Diary" of his in the London 'Evening News'. But the comments he made were not complimentary – nor very correct. He wrote: "Another titanic Test match opens tomorrow. It will last exactly three days and the victors might easily triumph by 24 wickets or three innings and 82 runs. It will be played on the same ground as all the preceding matches between the same protagonists, for the very good reason that it is the only ground available. These are the bizarre conditions which will prevail during the annual carnival Test marathon between the islands of Jersey and Guernsey. Neither side is expected to score more than 100 an innings, which under the three-day rule means the match will undoubtedly run to six or seven innings apiece. Jersey invariably start favourites because they have a ground on which to play and practice. Guernsey rely on memory and natural skill. May the best team win ... and my compliments to the scorers!"

Perhaps the article was meant as a joke in which case I am sadly lacking a sense of humour. It may be that Mr Gaughan was misinformed although it seems incredible that anyone could be so gullible as to use this type of story without checking. In case the writer should get around to reading this article he may be interested to know that the 'Test' match between Guernsey and Jersey is to be played next Thursday. It will be at the College Field, Guernsey, and will be a serious all-day fixture.

Guernsey won last year's match in Jersey and are expected to win next week's as well. The local selectors chose their team on Thursday evening. AC Bisson and PV Sarre will be the opening batsmen and the new ball will be shared by the former College all-rounders DJ Bowen and PL Le Cocq. RCN Roussel is captain and the vice-captain W Robilliard will keep wicket. The spin bowling is in the capable hands of WER Barrett and CW Eley and the remaining batsmen are BA Anthony, M Mechem and MI Lloyd. There are no flaws in this side. A good performance should be given in any weather conditions.

The selectors were happy with the news that ex-College captain Sarre would be in the island. He has been having trials with Worcestershire and this week scored over 60 runs and took three wickets for three runs when playing for the Club and Ground eleven. Many may be surprised at the selection of Mechem. This has been his first full season of regular afternoon cricket and he has responded well. He batted well on Thursday afternoon when helping the Guernsey Cricket League to save face

against Incogniti CC at the College Field.

The selected reserves for the Guernsey side are: RA Strappini, MK Redford and RHF Curr.

The Jersey team is:

CJ Poree (capt), D Young, RA Furness, AR Chanter, DC Hunt, I Kearns, G Bromley, G Vowden, C Armstrong, D Lewis-Bowen, B Le Marquand. It seems strange to see a Jersey team without the dependable Peter O'Brien.

## **MATCH**

Press

'Jersey outplayed by good all-round cricket team' by John Le Poidevin

Brilliant Warren Barrett was the hero of a magnificent Guernsey victory in their annual cricket match against Jersey at the College Field. He scored a superb 76 and took three important wickets with his off-spinners as Guernsey won by 92 runs with half an hour to spare. He was supported in fine style by his colleagues particularly skipper Robin Roussel who hit a valuable 53, and Colin Eley who helped Barrett demoralise Jersey's batsmen after paceman Jon Bowen and Pierre Le Cocq had gained the important breakthrough.

Roussel won the toss and batted on a rain-soaked pitch. Guernsey reached 194 for 8 declared and set Jersey to get the runs in 165 minutes. After their start, victory was never really 'on' for the Caesareans. It was a thoroughly well deserved win for a Guernsey side which was better in every department than the opposition. The bowling was a little loose when the Guernsey innings started and both Bisson and Sarre got off the mark quickly. But in no time both medium-pace bowlers, Bromley and Kearns, settled and, moving the ball through the air and pitching just short of a length, they pegged down the batsmen.



Guernsey's opening batsmen, PV Sarre and AC Bisson stride out at Elizabeth College

The final hour produced only 29 runs and in this period Sarre fell 'leg before' to Bromley. Bisson was dropped at long leg by Bromley off Kearns after 61 minutes and it was at this stage that Jersey captain Poree brought on Hunt at the pavilion end for Bromley. Bisson greeted his let-off and the new bowler by hooking the first delivery for four. Hunt bowled badly in this over and it cost him 13 runs.

This relieved the tension of the batsmen considerably and both Bisson and his new partner Roussel

offered more strokes. Bisson went with the score at 46, caught behind the wicket, and by the luncheon interval Roussel and Barrett had pushed the score rapidly to 106 – the skipper completing his half century before the break. It was not a vintage innings but a very timely one. Barrett on the other hand was at his best. He was 28 at lunch having shown some fine stroke play but it was after the rest that he really excelled.

Vowden had the dubious honour of bowling the first over after lunch. Barrett hit his first delivery for four, his next for three and, after Roussel had hit a three, scored four, two, four. Twenty runs off the over! The Guernsey captain went next over but this did not deter Barrett who completely dominated the scene with an innings which compared with his memorable innings against the MCC last year. When he fell a damper seemed to come over the Guernsey innings. Quick runs were needed to allow Roussel to declare but instead it was the wickets which fell quickly. Fortunately Bowen struck some powerful blows and Roussel was able to declare at 194 for 8 after 190 minutes batting.

[Ed – It was remarkable that the Jersey wicketkeeper, A Chanter, took 5 catches which remains a record for either side. Likewise Ian Kearns took 5 wickets and was never mentioned in the report]

Jersey were set to score 195 in 165 minutes – a very interesting challenge. Ten runs came comfortably but then Bowen bowled Young and without any addition Robilliard dived to catch Furness off Le Cocq. By the tea interval Jersey had also lost Armstrong and were far from happy at 31 for three. Chanter found a good partner in Le Marquand and seemed to have full measure of the Guernsey attack until the latter took a liberty against Barrett and was bowled. He had scored a fine 37 in a partnership of 62 for the fourth wicket. Had Jersey been able to maintain the pace set by Le Marquand they might have won. The sun had dried the wicket, however, and none of the remaining batsmen was able to conquer the now confident Barrett and Eley, who were turning the ball considerably. During this stage the field backed the bowlers to the hilt. Roussel, Barrett and Mechem took splendid catches and Jersey were all out for 102. It was Guernsey's most convincing victory since the series began.

Star

'Barrett slams 76 in great Guernsey win'

Guernsey gained a great cricket victory over Jersey at the College Field yesterday. After scoring 194 for eight declared they spun Jersey out for 102 ruins with 30 minutes to spare. It was a good day's cricket. Guernsey did well to reach their total for the first hour's batting, after Roussel had won the toss, realised only 29 runs. But when Roussel and Barrett were at the wicket together Guernsey got on top. Roussel played a valuable innings even though he was not timing the ball as well as he can. He completed his half century just before lunch at which stage Barrett had stroked his way delicately to 28.

After the break Barrett cut loose and delighted all but the Jersey supporters with a splendid display of batting. He hit 17 of the 20 runs that came off the first over after lunch and was not out until he made a brilliant 76. Guernsey by this time were well on top but instead of improving the position the following batsmen enabled Jersey's bowlers to get amongst them and Roussel was left with a tricky problem. He attacked and declared leaving Jersey 165 minutes to get 195 for victory. Jersey lost both their opening batsmen for 10 and a third wicket went at 24. After tea the left-handed Chanter, who had kept wicket admirably for Jersey, and Le Marquand batted steadily. They took the score to 86 and did not appear troubled by the spin menace of Barrett and Eley. Le Marquand was bowled trying to hit Barrett, however, and this was the beginning of the end for Jersey. The spin bowlers got right on top and Jersey were all out for 102, Eley taking four for 35 and Barrett three for 17.