

Inter Island Challenge Trophy sponsored by Condor Ferries

Jersey were successful in their bid for a fifth consecutive win in the annual challenge match against their old adversaries from Guernsey running out winners by 14 points to 6. Although this score line makes it look like a comparatively easy victory they were certainly made to work very hard for their win.

The match started well on Saturday afternoon when in very tough conditions because of gale force winds Jersey took a one point lead winning the section 3 points to 2. Veteran Trevor Gray was partnered with Jersey Junior Champion Sam Crenan against the Guernsey top pairing of Bobby Eggo and the Channel Islands Champion Gary Mc Farlane and ran out winners by 3 & 2. Paul Le Chevalier and Alex Guelpa were in great form and their better ball score upon the completion of their match with Danny Blondel and Jack Mitchell was 5 under par, giving them victory by 4 & 3. However Hampshire County player Gavin O'Neill partnered by Matthew Parkman managed even better being 7 under par when they defeated Mick Marley and Nigel Vaudin 8&6.

Sean Mills and Tom Le Huray were always in front in their match with Christy Mc Laughlin and Gary Denton to claim the Sarnians first point winning 2&1. Jamie Blondel and Steve Mahy were one down with 2 holes to play but firstly Blondel at the 17th hole and then Mahy at the 18th holed good puts for birdies to defeat Richard Ramskill and Andrew Clarke by one hole.

This left a lot to play for on the second morning in the Foursomes section, Trevor Gray and Gary Denton found themselves 4 down with four holes left to play but made a really strong finish against Steve Mahy and Jamie Blondel winning three holes on the trot and Denton was left with a most makeable put at the last to halve the match but he was unable to convert leaving the Guernsey pair winners by one hole. However the remainder of the Jersey were in good form and won their matches to give their Team a seven point lead at lunch.

The singles started well for the home Team with both Denton and Mc Laughlin coming in as 4&3 winners leaving Jersey needing a further one and a half points to win the match, however the news from further back at this stage was not great with Guernsey being up in four matches and the remainder being very close. Trevor Gray got the point to ensure Jersey could not lose when he made a rock steady four at the last hole to defeat Steve Mahy by one hole.

Jamie Blondel defeated Matthew Parkman to keep Guernsey's hopes alive of claiming a half however this hope was short lived when both Alex Guelpa and Sam Crenan claimed victories within minutes of each other to herald a fifth straight win for Jersey. Crenan's victory was particularly sweet as the draw had pitched him against the Guernsey Junior Champion Tom Le Huray who he has to play again next week in the Channel Islands Junior Championship final, this win being a great boost for his confidence. Gavin O'Neill played some great golf all weekend to claim a maximum three points, as did

young Crenan. Andrew Clarke and Richard Ramskill finished off the match for Jersey claiming a win and a half respectively.

RESULTS
FOURBALLS

Trevor Gray & Sam Crenan beat Bobby Eggo & Gary Mc Farlane 3&2
Paul Le Chevalier & Alex Guelpa beat Jack Mitchell & Danny Blondel 4&3
Christy Mc Laughlin & Gary Denton lost 2&1 to Sean Mills & Tom Le Huray
Gavin O'Neill & Matthew Parkman beat Nigel Vaudin & Mick Marley 8&6
Richard Ramskill & Andrew Clarke lost 1 down to Jamie Blondel & Steve Mahy.

FOURSOMES

Trevor Gray & Gary Denton lost 1 down to Jamie Blondel & Steve Mahy
Paul Le Chevalier & Alex Guelpa beat Nigel Vaudin & Mick Marley 1up.
Richard Ramskill & Andrew Clarke beat Sean Mills & Tom Le Huray 6&4
Gavin O'Neill & Matthew Parkman beat Jack Mitchell & Danny Blondel 4&3
Christy Mc Laughlin & Sam Crenan beat Bobby Eggo & Gary Mc Farlane 7&5

SINGLES

Gary Denton beat Sean Mills 4&3
Christy Mc Laughlin beat Bobby Eggo 4&3
Trevor Gray beat Steve Mahy 1up.
Matthew Parkman lost to Jamie Blondel 2&1
Alex Guelpa halved with Danny Blondel
Paul Le Chevalier lost to Jack Mitchell 4&3
Gavin O'Neill beat Gary Mc Farlane 3&2
Sam Crenan beat Tom Le Huray 4&3
Andrew Clarke beat Mick Marley 3&2
Richard Ramskill halved with Nigel Vaudin.

Match Result JERSEY 14 GUERNSEY 6

The Condor Ferries Trophy was presented to the Jersey Captain Steven Bowen after the match who expressed his gratitude to Condor and also to all the volunteer referees and caddies who made this match possible.