



## **Jersey Post Weekend Premier T20: Gameweek 2 Preview**

Following a hectic start to the season as the weather toyed with all 4 fixtures last weekend we look ahead to what should be a calmer Saturday with only one game per team and sun forecast.

It was Farmers Caesareans who will be the happiest of the 4 teams having won both their encounters at home on Saturday and therefore sitting top of the table. This Saturday they take on an RGA Walkovers side looking to bounce back after two defeats at Grainville.

Farmers will however be without opening batsman Nick Ferraby who is unavailable. They still boast plenty of talent with island players Carlyon, Perchard, Palmer and Kynman in the side along with Zak Tribe who will be looking to back up some strong early season performances having been called up to the senior side this week.

Their opponents RGA Walkovers welcome back Nat Watkins who will add top order batting, four overs of left arm spin and likely captain the side. Another addition will be Rob McBey whose extremely impressive record on Grainville wickets will bolster their seam attack. Walkovers will have to do without the services of Jamie Brewster for another week while Dan Birrell, Michael Ahier and John Donaldson will also be big misses to their side.

The two teams chasing Farmers at this stage are St Ouen Springfield and Rathbones OV's who both registered a win last weekend. The winner of the encounter at Les Quennevais will be in the driving seat to challenge for top place come the end of the competition.

St Ouen Springfield look to be as close to full strength as possible for this game as captain Peter Gough alongside regulars such as Dom Blampied, Dean Morrison and Anthony Kay will form a formidable top order. Add in off season signing Ollie Nightingale, who scored a fluent 80 last Saturday, and you can see why SOS will likely be favourites for this one.

Rathbones OV's received a huge blow to their chances this week with the news that skipper Corey Bisson is out for 2-3 weeks with ankle ligament damage sustained during his innings of 107 not out last weekend. All-rounder Corne Bodenstein is also unavailable due to exam commitments which means James Duckett will captain the side. OV's will be hoping that the return of club stalwarts Chris Jones and Jonny Gough mixed with the big hitting of keeper Elliot Corbel and the youthful U19 seamers Ed Giles, Dylan Kotedia and Ben Le Gallais will be enough to get them over the line.

### **Full squads:**

**Farmers Caesareans:** James Perchard (c), Charles Perchard, Harrison Carlyon, Rhys Palmer, Zak Tribe, Josh Lawrenson, Ben Kynman, Chris Hopwood, Joel Dudley, De-Nyi Thomas & Asa Tribe.

**RGA Walkovers:** Nat Watkins (c), Ian Crocker, Abhishek Hongekar, Rob McBey, Danny Blasco, Harry Brooks, Joe Bevis, Fahad Khatri, Chris Carnegie, Darreth Morison & Jordan McConnell.

**St Ouen Springfield:** Peter Gough (c), Dom Blampied, Dean Morrison, Anthony Kay, Ollie Nightingale, Jack Maton, Jon Best, Nigel Crocker, AJ Blackwell, George Cousins & Ed Loader.

**Rathbones OV's:** James Duckett (c), Elliot Corbel, Rob Duckett, Ed Giles, Jonny Gough, Chris Jones, Dylan Kotedia, Ben Le Gallais, Elliot Powell, Robbie Forrest & Stephen Le Maistre.