



Jersey Post Weekend Premier T20: Gameweek 3 Preview

This weekend's fixtures are once again a single gameweek for all teams as St Ouen Springfield take on RGA Walkovers at Grainville whilst Farmers Caesareans' clash with Rathbones OV's is at Les Quennevais.

Farmers continue to set the pace at the top of the table with an unbeaten start to the league. Their encounter last week finished a convincing win in the end after a fast start by the Walkovers openers. St Ouen Springfield made the better of the bowler friendly conditions at Les Quennevais chasing down a modest Rathbones OV's total within 16 overs to sit alone in second place going into gameweek 3.

St Ouen Springfield have made just 3 changes to their side as all their big hitters continue to be available. Best, Blackwell and Cousins miss out and are replaced by U19 youngsters James Sunley and Toby Clark. There is also a return for ex island seamer Paul Connolly who has had a couple of years away from the game whilst starting a family.

Their opponents RGA Walkovers will look to cause an upset to get their campaign up and running as they appear to have their strongest side of the season available. Captain, Michael Ahier, returns along with Dan Birrell who both missed last week. A big boost sees the return of Jamie Brewster following an early season holiday. He along with Ahier, Khatri, Watkins and Hongekar will need to provide the bulk of the runs which have deserted Walkovers up to now.

Rathbones OV's continue to be without captain Corey Bisson as he gets back to full fitness from an ankle injury sustained in gameweek 1. They do have some reinforcements making their season debut this weekend as Sam Dewhurst, Matt Donaldson and Tom Minty return to the side. Young wicketkeeper Jamie Watling is recalled following a match winning knock for their 2nds last Sunday.

League leaders Farmers Caesareans will be under strength on Saturday as Nick Ferraby and Ben Kynman are both unavailable while Harrison Carlyon is out with a quad strain. Farmers will be looking for island skipper Chuggy Perchard along with Zak Tribe, Rhys Palmer and young Bermudan left arm seamer De-Nyi Thomas to continue their early season form.

Full squads:

Farmers Caesareans: James Perchard (c), Charles Perchard, Rhys Palmer, Zak Tribe, Josh Lawrenson, Mark Tribe, Joel Richardson, Ric Firth, Jack De Gruchy, De-Nyi Thomas & Asa Tribe.

RGA Walkovers: Michael Ahier (c), Nat Watkins, Jamie Brewster, Abhishek Hongekar, Rob McBey, Danny Blasco, Harry Brooks, Joe Bevis, Fahad Khatri, Chris Carnegie & Dan Birrell.

St Ouen Springfield: Peter Gough (c), Dom Blampied, Dean Morrison, Anthony Kay, Ollie Nightingale, Jack Maton, James Sunley, Toby Clark, Paul Connolly, Nigel Crocker & Ed Loader.

Rathbones OV's: James Duckett (c), Elliot Corbel, Rob Duckett, Ed Giles, Jonny Gough, Jamie Watling, Sam Dewhurst, Ben Le Gallais, Matt Donaldson, Robbie Forrest & Tom Minty.