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TT No. 161: *Brian Buck* - Tuesday 18th June 2019; **Orkney v Western Isles**; Huws Gray Inter Island Games Ynys Môn Men's Group A; Venue: played at **Cemaes Bay FC**; Result: 2-1; Attendance: 70 approx.

I was intending to visit Llanerchymedd tonight, but having been there on the previous night I elected to go to Cemaes Bay instead. This was a similarly rural ground to the previous one. It had a slightly bigger main stand with two rows of red plastic seats. It also had long covered accommodation behind both goals. The pitch though sloped from side to side and up and down. The players seemed to change in two run-down portakabins. But an added bonus was that the game was watched by about a hundred bleating sheep in a field on the far side of the ground.

This was a match which the Western Isles (The Outer Hebrides) should have won at a canter, especially after they took the lead on 27 minutes. By now their women's team had turned up to watch. But although they dominated proceedings in the first half, they couldn't get the all-important second goal. Nonetheless it was still a surprise when Orkney equalised on 45(+1) minutes. It was an even greater surprise when they took the lead two minutes into the restart. Western Isles never recovered from this setback although at the end they did through everything they could at Orkney in this all Scottish clash played in Wales!

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