

TT No.162: *Brian Buck* - Wednesday 19th June 2019; **Ynys Môn (Anglesey) v Jersey**; Huws Gray Inter Island Games Ynys Môn Women's Semi-Final; Venue: played at **Amlwch Town FC**; Result: 1-0; Attendance: 760.

By now player fatigue was beginning to set in and this was the third game for both sides since Sunday. In terms of spectator accommodation this was the least-best of all the grounds I visited and it had one, perhaps two, small areas of cover in one corner. Otherwise there was plenty of standing room behind the clubhouse goal and very little behind the other goal. It was very narrow down the flanks and some people sat on a wall on one side and some grass banking on the other side. The attendance was officially announced, but would have been difficult to be precise about it as, with all games in this tournament, admission was free.

The first half mainly belonged to Jersey although the hosts came into it from time to time. During the break someone got hold of the tannoy mike and tried to gee-up the home fans. Well Llanfairpw etc, has 58 letters, so when he started chanting "Give us an L" and so on, we knew we were in for the long haul! The game needed a goal to kick start it into action and this arrived just 12 seconds into the restart when the ball was lobbed over the advancing keeper from the edge of the area. Thereafter the match picked up and some gamesmanship ensued not least when a home player hacked down a Jersey player behind the ref's back, but not necessarily that of the lino, standing almost in front of me. One thing this lino didn't see though occurred on 81 minutes. The ball went out of play, hit a lamp post outside the ground and then came back into ground hitting the said lino on the back of his head! Ultimately the hosts held on, much to the joy of the home fans.