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TT No. 163: *Brian Buck* - Thursday 20th June 2019; **Guernsey v Isle of Man**; Huws Gray Inter Island Games Ynys Môn Men's Semi-Final; Venue: played at **Gwalchmai FC**; Kick-Off: 4.30pm; Result: 3-2; Attendance: 280 approx.

Thanks to the generosity of my wife, I was able to see two matches today and this particular one was probably the best of all the games I saw on my trip. The ground is behind what looked to be a small council estate and it was OK. I had three areas of substantial covered standing accommodation, one on the changing rooms side and the other two on the dugouts side. Toilets were at a premium here and I had to join the queue with a couple of the Isle of Man women's team who had come to support their team. I spotted their captain and centre half. I mentioned the goal I saw her score on the previous Monday, commenting that not much gets past her. In fact, I suspect that in a dark alley in Douglas on a wet Thursday night, nothing would! She told me that she was the oldest player in her team. I wasn't surprised, but her comment did worry me. Have I now reached the age where women tell me how old they are, rather than how young they are? Anyway, her side eventually beat Ynys Môn in the final. In this match Guernsey were winning 2-0 by the break. Seemingly game over, but no! Goals on 48 and 69 minutes, saw IOM level things up. Then it became desperate and frantic, but on 85 minutes it was Guernsey who snatched the winner.

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