

TT No.164: *Brian Buck* - Thursday 20th June 2019; **Ynys Môn (Anglesey) v Shetland**; Huws Gray Inter Island Games Ynys Môn Men's Semi Final; Venue: played at **Llangefni Town FC**; Kick-Off: 7.30pm; Result: 2-1; Attendance: 1,506.

After the previous match had finished it was supposed to be about a ten minute drive to the final game of my 'tour' but my sat nav had other ideas and although I still arrived at the ground with plenty of time to spare it did take a bit longer to get there than I had anticipated. With respect to Holyhead Hotspur FC where both the men's and women's final were played next day, this was the best ground on the island and it had substantial seating on both sides of the pitch and pitch width covered terracing behind both goals. My landlady's husband even turned up for this one. Having known nothing about even the existence of this tournament until I told him about it, he had been on the phone to the local newspaper earlier in the day, lambasting them for not even mentioning it in their paper! Once again, the attendance was announced, but as people just walked in to the ground, it was impossible to verify. However, looking around the ground I didn't particularly disagree with it.

As for the match the hosts were generally the better side in the first period, going in two nil up. Shetland did manage a few attacks, but they came to nothing. The second half saw Shetland play with a bit more discipline as the hosts faded a bit. Shetland pulled a goal back on 57 minutes but couldn't quite manage to get another goal and the hosts held on albeit rather uncomfortably. In the final next day though they eventually beat Guernsey, after extra time. I enjoyed my time watching these matches and seeing people I knew from 'the circuit' as well, helped a lot as well.

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