

No Winner at Annual Police Muratti

A nil-nil draw ended play at the annual Guernsey and Jersey Police Muratti on 14th May 2019.

After a heavily delayed start because of flight delays, the match kicked off at 3pm, but despite everyone's best efforts, it ended without a single goal by either team 90 minutes later.

A tight timeframe on getting back to the airport for the flight home also meant there was no opportunity for the decision to be decided by penalties.

Superintendent Operations Phil Breban said:

"This annual football match is a proud tradition of both Guernsey and Jersey police forces. First played in 1947 it is always strongly contested 'Muratti. After our victory last year, and the fact we were playing on home ground, meant we were especially looking forward to this year's match. However after 90 minutes it was sadly nil-nil – but at least it wasn't a loss! I want to thank the Jersey Police team for being such good sports, and we are looking forward to travelling to Jersey for next year's re-match. This year's game lived up to the competitive expectations between the Islands. The man of the match went to a Guernsey player – Asa Flatres. We wish to thank Vale rec for the use of their pitch and facilities."

Jersey Police Detective Sergeant Jim McGranahan said:

"The match was played with the usual aggression and determination of both teams and it was in my humble opinion a fair result. Both teams had minimal chances and half efforts such was the strength of the midfield and defence of both teams. A really good and enjoyable day albeit too rushed for us as we only had enough time to get two quick pints down our throats before we had to ride off into the sunset."

