Butterfield Invests in Local Football Through New Sponsorship

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The Channel Islands Inter-Insular Committee is delighted to announce a new partner for the Men's and Women's Muratti competitions, with Butterfield Bank (Channel Islands) Limited confirming a three-year commitment to sponsor the Channel Islands' oldest, and most famous, inter-island competition.

The new agreement will cover both the Men's and Women's finals, as well as the Men's semi-final in Alderney, and represents a significant investment in local football.

As part of the partnership, the competition will be renamed '***The Butterfield Muratti Vase***' and '***The Butterfield Women's Muratti***', with their support enabling the continued profile and development of the competition for the benefit of the players, officials, and supporters across the Channel Islands.

Guernsey FA Chief Executive, and Inter-Insular Committee Secretary, Gary Roberts commented:

"We are delighted to welcome Butterfield as the new sponsor of the Muratti Vase and Women's Muratti. This new partnership not only provides fantastic support for the oldest sporting competition in the Channel Islands but ensures the Inter-Insular Committee can continue to support the growth of the women's game across the Channel Islands.

"With over 100 years of competitive rivalry, the word 'Muratti' is synonymous with football in the Channel Islands. The respective island communities look forward to these annual matches, and it is pleasing that Butterfield, a company with over 50 years of history in the Channel Islands, will be supporting these fantastic football occasions. That support demonstrates a genuine commitment to local football and provides an exciting opportunity to further enhance these competitions and to create more memorable experiences for all involved.

Richard Saunders, Manager Director of Butterfield Bank (Channel Islands) Limited, added:

“Nothing brings a community together quite like football, so we are delighted to be playing a part in one of the most exciting fixtures on the Channel Island sporting calendar. At Butterfield, we focus on supporting initiatives that help our communities to thrive, and this new partnership with the Channel Islands Inter-Insular Committee help us do just that.”

2026/27 Fixtures

The fixtures for the 2026/27 are confirmed as follows:

The Butterfield Muratti Vase –

- Semi-Final – Alderney v Jersey on Saturday
- Final – Guernsey v Alderney or Jersey on Saturday 15th May

The Butterfield Women’s Muratti

- Guernsey v Jersey on Friday 14th May

Competition History

The Muratti Vase is an annual football competition contested between the representative teams of the three largest Channel Islands: Jersey, Guernsey, and Alderney. Established in 1905, it is one of the oldest and most fiercely contested tournaments in British football outside of the mainland, serving as a massive community showcase for inter-island pride.

The inaugural match took place on April 17, 1905, with Guernsey defeating Alderney 6-0. Guernsey then advanced to the very first final at Springfield Stadium in Jersey on April 27, 1905, beating the hosts 1-0 to become the first-ever holders.

A Women's Muratti competition was first introduced in 1997, with Guernsey and Jersey competing annually for the trophy.