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## CHELMSFORD CITY WALKING FOOTBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER, No.19

**April 2019**

Welcome to Newsletter No19.

Spring is just around the corner!!

In this edition we have another 'Player Profile', 'Chris' Corner' takes a look at abandoned games and games affected by the weather, there's a new feature ' You Gotta Laugh' plus the good old 'Footie Quiz' is still here. There is also news about our spring and autumn socials together with an update on recreational footie and a piece on the new rules! (I was hoping one would be that 'its now ok to run'!!).

As always I hope you enjoy the read.

## FORTHCOMING FIXTURES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	VENUE	TIME	EVENT	VERSUS
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Len Forge Centre Eastwoodbury Lane, Southend, Essex SS2 6UH	10.30	o60 (1)	Various
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Play Football Colchester St. Helena School, Sheepen Road Colchester, Essex CO3 3LE	13.00	o50 N(2)	Various
11 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	The McCullochs Arena Harlow Town Football Club Elizabeth Way, Harlow, Essex CM19 5BE	TBC	o65 N(2)	Various
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	The Douglas Ayre Centre 148 Coppermill Lane, Walthamstow, London E17 7HE	TBC	o60 (2)	Various
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019	The Memorial Ground Lodge Road, Little Oakley, Harwich, Essex CO12 5ED	TBC	o65 N(3)	Various
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Great Cornard Sports Centre, Head Lane, Great Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0JU	12.00	o50 N(3)	Various
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	The Douglas Ayre Centre 148 Coppermill Lane, Walthamstow, London E17 7HE	TBC	o60 (3)	Various
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	The McCullochs Arena Harlow Town Football Club Elizabeth Way, Harlow, Essex CM19 5BE	TBC	o65 N(4)	Various
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Great Cornard Sports Centre, Head Lane, Great Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0JU	12.00	o50 N(4)	Various

14 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Len Forge Centre Eastwoodbury Lane, Southend, Essex SS2 6UH	10.00	Age UK Cup	Various
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Len Forge Centre Eastwoodbury Lane, Southend, Essex SS2 6UH	TBC	o60 (4)	Various
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	The McCullochs Arena Harlow Town Football Club Elizabeth Way, Harlow, Essex CM19 5BE	TBC	o65 N(5)	Various
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	Great Cornard Sports Centre, Head Lane, Great Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 0JU	12.00	o50 N(5)	Various
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2019	Len Forge Centre Eastwoodbury Lane, Southend, Essex SS2 6UH	TBC	o60 (5)	Various
Between 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct 2019	Melbourne Park Chelmsford City Sport & Athletics Centre, Salerno Way, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2EH	TBC	Prostate Cup	Various
Between 14 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Melbourne Park Chelmsford City Sport & Athletics Centre, Salerno Way, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2EH	TBC	o65 Play -offs	Various
Between 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2019	Melbourne Park Chelmsford City Sport & Athletics Centre, Salerno Way, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2EH	TBC	o50 Play- offs	Various
Between 28 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2019	Melbourne Park Chelmsford City Sport & Athletics Centre, Salerno Way, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 2EH	TBC	o60 (6)	Various

Unless otherwise advised please arrive at the venue at least 30 minutes prior to kick-off to allow for registration, changing etc. In the event that you are unable to play in any match that you have been selected for, please make sure you notify your team manager without delay. Referees are instructed that anyone not wearing shin-pads will not be allowed to play. As always, please check on our website <http://www.chelmsfordcityfc.com/teams/136556> for further information on the above fixtures.

## RECENT MATCHES

### Clarets take on Fulham WFC



This was akin to Del boys 'jolly boys' outing to Margate, except the destination was Fulham!

Two car loads of Chelmsford walking footballers left for SW London, one car went the right way round the M25 the other ...didn't! One car arrived in plenty of time for a cuppa the other ...didn't!

Those in the slower vehicle were entertained by Bill Harvey who shared the hilarious tales of his dating days, this was apparently the undisputed highlight of the journey!

On arrival the lads were met with the news that Gordon Banks had died (prompting many memories of the great man , not least of all that wonderful save against Pele at the 1070 World Cup).



The team lined up with Bill H in goal, Gary in defence, whilst Bill S and Colin pulled the strings in the middle of the park. Ian & Paul worked on the flanks with Jeremy up front.

The games were played using the 3-touch rule..

All 5 games were tight affairs, Chelmsford City won 2 by 1-0, drew 2 0-0 and lost one 0-1.

The highlight of the morning was Bill S' thunderbolt from distance that the Fulham keeper didn't even move for. It drew a huge round of applause and loud cheers from the Fulham FC academy players who were watching at the time. Given where Fulham are in the premier league we might see Bill S turning out for them for a few games!

Apart from the odd niggle all the games were played in a great spirit.

Bill was very brave in goal, playing with bruised ribs (again!) and Gary gave a very disciplined display mopping everything up at the back when the opposition did break through. On the flanks Paul and Ian were always willing outlets, the results may have been even better had Jeremy put away any of the several chances put on a plate for him by Paul, Colin and Bill! (Jeremy's words not mine!)

A few of the lads spent time afterwards having a pint with the Fulham lads and hatching plans for a return visit to one of our mini-tournaments. Well done to the lads for flying the Chelmsford City flag way out in west London.

#### **Other match reports**

We would like to say a big thank you to Geoff Stockley in particular for a number of match reports, you can find them all on Pitchero – there are some great reads!!

#### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **Spring social event 12<sup>th</sup> April - Gunrunner**



We have sold c 90 tickets for the 'Gunrunner' gig on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, we expect to sell a few extra on the door. If you still want tickets contact me!! **We could still do with more raffle prizes being donated please.** Looking forward to seeing you all there, it's going to be an amazing 'classic rock night'!

## The autumn social – date for your diary!

It's here again! Following last years autumn success of a fish & chips, celebration, fun night we have booked the Chelmsford City club lounge to do it all over again. It will be on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November** (get the date in your diary). We haven't decided on whether it will be a quiz night, race night or something else just yet (plenty of time for that!).

## Developing club membership – update

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to trial the 'recreational' session and thanks to those who provided feedback. We are in the process of polishing the session and agreeing how /where we will market it. We are aiming to get it off the ground for May (all being well). It may be that we start with a fortnightly session and slowly ramp it up. Watch this space.

## The new league season – early league tables

### Over 50's Division North



POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Cornard United Dynamos	3	3	0	0	7	9
2	Clacton Knights WFC	4	2	1	1	8	7
3	Chelmsford City	3	1	1	1	5	4
4	Ball Payne Hammer	3	1	0	2	3	3
5	JPS Clacton WF	3	0	0	3	-23	0

The o50' made a respectable start at the Colchester Play Football ground with a solid 7-1 win a hard fought 2-2 draw and a narrow 2-1 defeat. The team played well after a slow start in the 2-1 defeat against Cornard but finished strongly with an enterprising 2-0 win in a friendly against Ball Payne Hammer.

### Over 60's Division





POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Woking WF	4	3	1	0	5	10
2	Leyton Orient	4	3	1	0	3	10
3	Grays WF	4	2	2	0	2	8
4	Southend WF 'A'	3	2	1	0	2	7
5	Little Oakley	4	2	1	1	1	7
6	Eastwood Falcons Yellows	3	1	1	1	2	4
7	Eastwood Falcons Blues	4	1	1	2	0	4
8	Concord Rangers	4	1	1	2	-1	4
9	Chelmsford City Blues	4	0	2	2	-2	2
10	Clacton Knights WFC	4	0	2	2	-2	2
11	Chelmsford City Clarets	3	0	1	2	-2	1
12	Southend WF 'B'	3	0	0	3	-8	0

The first o60' outing was far from a happy start. The Blues had a very solid start with two good draws and a couple of narrow 1-0 defeats. Sadly the Clarets unbeaten for the whole of last season made a sluggish start with a 0-0 draw and two narrow 1-0 defeats. They came alive in the friendly against Southend B winning 4-0. It's early days.

### Over 65's Division North



X My apologies but we don't yet have a picture of the 065' Clarets.

POS		P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1	Chelmsford City Blues	3	2	1	0	2	7
2	Little Oakley	3	1	2	0	1	5
3	Paringdon Pirates	3	1	1	1	0	4
4	Chelmsford City Clarets	3	0	3	0	0	3
5	Harwich Hornets	4	0	1	3	-3	1

Mixed fortunes for the o65', the good news is that both teams were undefeated on the day. The Blues won two games 1-0 and drew 0-0 whilst the Clarets drew all three games 0-0. The Blues are currently top, but there is a long way to go! The Blues and Clarets face each other for the first time on the 11<sup>th</sup> April at Harlow – Bill S is the appointed referee for the game (boom!!)

### Rule changes

The key changes to the rules compared with last season are as follows:

- One-step rule for all starts and restarts.
- The goalkeeper will not be penalised for handling the ball from a back-pass.
- A ball deflecting off the goalkeeper in the process of making a save and exceeding the head height limit is now considered to be dead.
- A ball rebounding off a goal frame and then exceeding head height is now considered to be dead.
- A goalkeeper now only has six seconds to release the ball back into play (3 warnings = free kick to opponents and sin bin for GK).

- Free kick awarded to opponents if a player persistently fails to retreat by at least 3 metres.
- Half-time break (2 minutes) and change of ends.

## International news

England 5 Wales 3, St Georges Park FA National Centre



Within 20 seconds, Alan Davies had a great shot on the turn that went just wide. Spencer Pratten forced a good save from the keeper and then the keeper made a stunning double save from Davies and Pratten. Following a free kick, Davies opened the scoring with a great finish low into the corner. A great move involving Graham Curry, Peter Stacey and Spencer Pratten lead to Davies hitting the post with the keeper beaten.

Graham Curry made a rare forward run and scored his first England goal with a clever drop of the shoulder and a feint, which drew the keeper whom he calmly rounded and then finished. Steve Borrow, making his debut, made the 3<sup>rd</sup> with a great turn and pass to set up Peter Stacey, who also rounded the keeper to finish from a tight angle. Wales came to life at the end of the half forcing John Sykes to make an excellent save, but they got their reward when England lost the ball in midfield and then fell asleep, leaving Wales 2 against 1 and some good passing led to a smart finish – 3-1 at half time.

England keeper, John Hammonds was forced into action early in the second half. A lovely move was finished when Graham Collier set up Davies to fire home and make the score 4-1. He nearly completed his hat trick with a smart turn and shot, which was well saved. Peter Stacey had a great shot which hit the post but Davies was there to score his third and make the score 5-1. At times, England kept the ball for long periods of time and were totally dominant and it was clear that Wales were tiring. However, Wales had the last laugh – a combination of their tenacity and England's lack of concentration led to Wales scoring 2 late goals – twice they were 2 against 1 and on both occasions they finished well – this made the score more respectable than it should have been.

At times, England played some excellent walking football – they kept the ball for long periods of time and created many chances. However, Wales hung on in there, never gave up and scored goals at the end of each half to make the final score 5-3. Next up Italy in Milan!

## YOU GOTTA LAUGH

It is just before Scotland v Brazil at the 1998 Group A World Cup Group game.

Ronaldo goes into the Brazilian changing room to find all his teammates looking a bit glum. "What's up?" he asks. "Well, we're having trouble getting motivated for this game. We know it's important but it's only Scotland. They're not that good and we can't be bothered".

Ronaldo looks at them and says, "Well, I reckon I can beat these by myself, you lads go down the pub."

So Ronaldo goes out to play Scotland by himself and the rest of the Brazilian team go off for a few jars.

After a few pints they wonder how the game is going, so they get the landlord to put the teletext on. A big cheer goes up as the screen reads "Brazil 1 – Scotland 0 (Ronaldo 10 minutes)". He is beating Scotland all by himself!

Anyway, a few more pints later and the game is almost forgotten until someone remembers “It must be full time now, let’s see how he got on”. They put the teletext on. “ result from the stadium “Brazil 1 (Ronaldo 10 minutes) – Scotland 1 (Durie 89 minutes)”.

They can’t believe it; he has got a draw against Scotland all by himself!! They rush back to the Stadium to congratulate him. They find him in the dressing room, still in his gear, sat with his head in his hands. He refuses to look at them. “I’ve let you down, I’ve let you down.” “Don’t be daft, you got a draw against Scotland, all by yourself. And they only scored at the very, very end!” “no, no, I’ve let you down... I got sent off after 12 minutes.

Sorry Jim ..... of course it could have been any team, not just Scotland, although some recent results .....mmm

Of course joking aside, the facts show that Scotland have played Brazil 4 times in the World Cup, they drew 0-0 in 1974, lost 4-1 in 1982, lost 1-0 in 1990 and narrowly lost 2-1 in 1998. To be fair England have faired no better drawing one and losing 3 of their 4 meetings. So Jim ..... it could just as easily have been Shearer who scored in the 89 minute whilst Ronaldo was taking an early bath!!

## PLAYER PROFILE

In this edition we profile **Alan Oliver ‘Ollie’**

Ollie was born at the Queen Mary’s Hospital for the East End, Stratford on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1966 (Yes Gary, really!)

Ollie was the fourth of five boys born to Flo & Harry. He attended Park Infants School

It wasn’t Eton but Ollie did win ‘boy reader of the year’ aged 6, winning a £1 WH Smiths voucher for his efforts.

At the age of 6 the family were forced to move to Limehouse where Ollie spent his formative years

Sadly, tragedy struck in 1974 when his Dad, Harry lost his battle with cancer aged just 56.



Aged 10, Ollie played football for his new school Cyril Jackson in the Tower Hamlets junior school league.

His abiding memory is of all the pitches being red ochre rather than grass. Sliding tackles were off the menu but occasionally he would forget and go home looking like he needed a skin graft!

Note in the picture above the claret kit, a sign of things to come....

Ollie also represented the school at cricket. He was low down the batting order, an erratic bowler but stupid enough to field at silly mid-off. (yep that’s pretty daft!)

The team reached the borough final in 1977 which was played in the rural hamlet of Dagenham at Goresbrook!

Following on from his reading award, Ollie secured a place at Raines Foundation School in Arbour Square, Stepney. This was a former Grammar school (attended also by our own David Roast a few years earlier).

At Raines, Ollie was a part of the school basketball team (centre), rugby team (lock), athletics team (high jump) and football team (centre –half), it’s a wonder he had any time for any actual schoolwork!

On leaving school in 1982, Ollie started work with British Telecom. On completion of his apprenticeship he joined the fitting team based in Drury Lane, Covent Garden. It was a cushy life in the 80s rarely working late and plenty of socialising with workmates in the pubs of Holborn.

In 1989 Ollie got a promotion and went into the cutting edge of Datacomms and joined a newly set up group. With the influx of Cisco Routers the work spread around the UK and in the late 1990s he worked abroad in Amsterdam (his favourite location apparently!), Paris, Vienna, Madrid, Lyon, Brussels, Luxembourg (zzzzzz) and ultimately Los Angeles.

In 2003 he qualified as a Suburban Taxi Driver covering the four eastern London boroughs, he did this as a back up because the overtime was drying up!! Ollie took voluntary redundancy from BT in 2008 and worked the suburbs in the cab while studying for the All London Green Badge – the famously difficult ‘Knowledge’. It was here he met the junior member of our playing staff, Paul Hunt who was also a knowledge student.

Ollie met his lovely wife Janet at Room at the Top nightclub in Ilford in 1993 when he charmed her into going out with him and they celebrate their silver wedding anniversary later this year (congratulations!!). They have three sporting sons, Tommy, Jack and Joe who have all been over to cheer on our clarets.

Ollie and the family have lived in Dagenham, Romford and now Brentwood.



Out of school, Ollie’s sporting life started aged just 14 when his oldest brother’s team (Roseberry FC) were short one Sunday. As it was a men’s football Ollie didn’t have the physical stature to play centre-half so he was put out on the right wing.

In a dream debut cup game, Ollie beat his marker and put a cross in which the wind got hold of and it sailed over the keepers head into the back of the net. It was an extra time winner and he ended up at the bottom of a heap of players! At the end of that season Roseberry had won Division One of the Thameside Sunday Combination.

To cap off a dream first campaign in men’s football the trophies were presented in May by none other than Paul Allen, part of West Hams FA cup-winning side of a week earlier.

Ollie played for several Sunday sides in Barking, Dagenham, Elm Park and Brentwood.

He says the best standard he played at was for Becontree FC in the Essex Business House league.

Away from the football pitch basketball was Ollie’s other sporting passion (we’ll have to put him to the test on a Thursday at the sports centre!) He joined Eastbury Tigers Basketball club when he was 21. They competed in the Essex Metropolitan League and he made friends for life there.

After 16 years, aged 37, Ollie retired from basketball after developing an arthritic hand condition. He still stays in touch with his many basketball friends.

West Ham are Ollie’s passion (of course) and he has been there for the highs and lows (a few more lows than highs).

Wembley 1980 & 1981, Cardiff play offs in 2004 & 2005, Wembley play off in 2012, and many exciting nights under the lights at Upton Park, the best of all he says was the win over Ipswich in the play off semi final 2<sup>nd</sup> leg in 2004



(coming back from 1-0 down in the first leg to win 2-1 on aggregate). His youngest son Joe aged just four got hoisted onto Ollie's shoulders for a heartfelt rendition of viva Bobby Moore!



On retiring from playing sport, Ollie was encouraged to take a coaching course and he managed his eldest son Tommy's team at Great Danes from Under 6s till they were the under 15s. Although they never won the league they did finish runners up twice and they saved their best football for the tours they went on around the English seaside tournaments winning at Great Yarmouth and Hastings (twice).

Trophies were presented by legends such as Emmanuel Petit, Geoff Hurst, Tony Adams, Phil Thompson and Ray Parlour (nice bloke, cabby family!). Ollie was also Chairman of Great Danes YFC from 2006 to 2010.

Being a cabby in London has obviously led to some celebrities getting in the back of Ollie's cab. He's had two double-celeb jobs. The first Danny Gabbidon & James Collins (Irons!) from Faces nightclub. The second Johnny Vegas & Tim Healy from Euston. They were both the worse for wear but also very funny.

Other notable passengers have included Ray Parlour, Frank Lampard Jnr, Cesc Fabregas, Nigel Mansell, Marc Almond, Alan Carr, Dame Shirley Williams, Cleo Rocos, Jack Dee and David Tennant.

Ollie has also appeared on TV quiz programmes twice. Firstly in 2002 on Sport Addicts on Challenge TV hosted by Bradley Walsh where they were victorious against a south London team (Millwall fans!) which was of course a sweet victory.

Then again in October 2017 on Only Connect on BBC2 hosted by Victoria Coren-Mitchell where he wasn't so victorious. It is apparently the hardest quiz game on TV so getting on there was an achievement in itself.

Ollie got involved with Chelmsford City walking football when his postman and friend David Howe's knocked and asked me if I was 50 yet. He said 'just' and the rest is history. His highlight so far has been the tournament in Holland last year especially the win on penalties against the Germans!!

Ollie's ambition for the future is to holiday with his wife and family as often as he can and play walking football and golf for as long as physically possible. Sounds like a very sensible and wonderful plan.

**Next month's player profile: Terry Buck and some club history**

### FOOTIE QUIZ

This is another chance to test your footie knowledge. The answers are at the very end of the newsletter (no cheating and taking a peak before you get started!!!).

1. The Stadio Giuseppe Meazzian in Milan is better known by what name.
2. In 1970, in which country was Bobby Moore accused (and later totally exonerated) of the theft of a bracelet from a jewellers?
3. Which player holds the record for the youngest player to play in a World Cup and also helped his country win the last ever British Home Championship in 1984?

4. During the 70's and 80's which Liverpool player was known as super sub?
5. In the early 1990's Jose Mourinho worked as an interpreter for which manager?
6. Name three captains of England who have all played for Scunthorpe United?
7. True or false. Peter Shilton never played a game in the English Premiership?
8. Cristiano Ronaldo became the fourth footballer to be represented by a waxwork at Madame Tussauds London, name two of the previous three?
9. There were 8 hat tricks scored in the Premiership for the 13-14 season, how many of these did Luis Suarez score?
10. Which Premiership player was sent home from the 2002 World Cup after an incident with his national coach, Mick McCarthy?

### **I'M KNACKERED IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE? – recommendations for sport injuries help**

This is where club members recommend people or products that they have successfully used to help them get over sports injuries and niggles.

**Sam Robinson** (Sports injuries /rehabilitation)

3 Navigation Road, (at the back of Runactive)  
Chelmsford,  
CM2 6HX  
07587054854

Recommended by Spence; Chris; Paul; Steve; John; Chas;

**Paul Irvine** (Chiropractor)

Complete Chiropractic  
88 Broomfield Road  
Chelmsford  
CM11SS  
01245358742

Recommended by Tony E

### **CHRIS' CORNER**

I was thinking this month about how lucky we have been with the weather over the winter with no training sessions cancelled and nothing more than chilly temperatures and occasional drizzle.

It got me reflecting on games being affected by the weather or being abandoned.

There was a friendly game in 1949 between Arsenal & Dynamo Kiev in which the players could hardly see each other in the fog, but the Russian referee (yes Russian referee) let the game go ahead. It is reputed that Dynamo at one time had 15 players on the pitch! An Arsenal player was also sent off, but managed to creep back on unseen in the dense fog.

Apparently the Arsenal goalkeeper also ran into the post, knocking himself out. An Arsenal spectator crept onto the pitch went in goal (Bill H gets everywhere!) and the game went on.

The final score was 4-3 to Dynamo Kiev, but few off the crowd had any idea what had actually happened in the game!

Of course there are times that games engulfed in fog do get abandoned. The First Division match between Chelsea and Charlton Athletic on Christmas Day 1937 was abandoned when heavy fog descended on Stamford Bridge.

The fog was so bad that Charlton 'keeper Sam Bartram was unaware that the match had ended, assuming that his inactivity was due to Charlton pinning Chelsea back in their own half. It was 15 minutes or so before a policeman

appeared out of the fog and told Sam that the game had been abandoned. Sam caught up with his laughing teammates in the dressing room who of course had long got out of the bath!

Of course there are examples of games that have been abandoned that weren't anything to do with the weather.

Six years after winning the European Cup Manchester United found themselves battling against relegation in 1973/74. In one of those 'did it really happen' storylines their last match of the season at Old Trafford was against Manchester City on Saturday April 27th 1974, which they had to win to have any chance of avoiding the drop.

In the City side was former United legend Denis Law and in the 81st minute, with the score at 0-0, Law back-heeled the ball into the United net for the only goal of the match. He didn't celebrate, was immediately substituted and in fact retired without playing any more club football. Law later said *'I have seldom felt so depressed in my life as I did that weekend'*.

But it wasn't the goal that relegated Manchester United. Even if Law hadn't scored and the match had ended 0-0 United would still have gone down. United fans knew that and with five minutes remaining they invaded the pitch, perhaps hoping for a second chance if the match was abandoned and subsequently replayed. Referee David Smith did abandon the match but the result was allowed to stand and Manchester United were condemned to the Second Division in 1974/5. <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub>

Perhaps one of the strangest days was on Saturday March 16th 2002, which saw a unique abandonment of the First Division fixture between Sheffield United and West Bromwich Albion after what became known as the 'Battle of Bramall Lane'. After 9 minutes Sheffield United's keeper Simon Tracey was sent off for handling the ball outside the penalty area, United manager Neil Warnock using his first substitution by replacing an outfield player with the sub goalkeeper.

Warnock later used his second and third subs and amazingly one of those, George Santos, was sent off in the 65th minute for a foul on Andy Johnson while the other sub, Patrick Suffo, received his marching orders in the skirmish that followed the Santos sending off. That left United with 8 players and no substitutions left. So when Michael Brown had to leave the pitch with an injury in the 80th minute and Robert Ullathorne followed him a couple of minutes later for the same reason it left Sheffield United with just 6 players.

The minimum number a team must have is 7 players so ref Eddie Wolstenholme had no option but to abandon the game in the 82nd minute with visitors WBA leading 3-0.

Megson accused Warnock of faking the injuries to end the game but an investigation cleared the Blades' manager of that accusation although United were fined £10,000 and the result was allowed to stand.

So I guess the insight for us here in our walking football (when we are struggling) is firstly hope for fog so that we can get all our players on the park, failing fog we need to go for an abandonment either by getting our supporters to invade the pitch (ummm, no supporters) or get enough people blue carded (ah that sounds like something we could manage!!!).

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### USEFUL LINKS

Chelmsford City Walking FC:	<a href="http://www.chelmsfordcityfc.com/teams/136556">http://www.chelmsfordcityfc.com/teams/136556</a>
Essex Walking Football League:	<a href="https://www.essexwalkingfootballleague.org/">https://www.essexwalkingfootballleague.org/</a>
Chelmsford City FC:	<a href="http://www.chelmsfordcityfc.com/">http://www.chelmsfordcityfc.com/</a>
WFA	<a href="https://thewfa.co.uk">https://thewfa.co.uk</a>
FA WF league Fixtures and Results	<a href="http://fulltime-league.thefa.com">http://fulltime-league.thefa.com</a>
Walking Football United:	<a href="http://www.walkingfootballunited.co.uk/">http://www.walkingfootballunited.co.uk/</a>

### Answers to the Footie Quiz

1. San Siro
2. Columbia
3. Norman Whiteside
4. David Fairclough
5. Sir Bobby Robson
6. Kevin Keegan, Ray Clemence and Ian Botham
7. True
8. Steven Gerrard, Pele and David Beckham
9. Three
10. Roy Keane.