

# BIRMINGHAM COUNTY WALKING FOOTBALL LEAGUE



## 50's • 58's • 63's LEAGUES



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4

UNIQUELY REAL WALKING FOOTBALL – NO RUNNING – MINIMUM CONTACT – PROMOTING DUTY OF CARE

# Ob la dee ob la dah life goes on . . .

Sunday November 1st saw the start of the Birmingham County Walking Football League for Over 50's and Over 58's and Wednesday November 4th saw the start of the Over 63's League.

Three news teams, Stone Certs, Shrewsbury 99ers and Wilnecote Strollers, joined the Over 50's league giving a total of 12 teams while Rushall Raiders added a team to the Over 58's League.

The Wednesday day time Over 63's League saw two new teams join, Birmingham WF and MSA (Burntwood) Strollers. giving a total of 8 teams in the League.

The three leagues are going from strength to strength with more teams looking to join next season.

If your club wants to join one of the Leagues in the UK's fastest growing sport, then please add your team's name to the list.

Each game is 7-a-side, played on the new 3G surface where ONLY moulded studs are allowed. NO trainers, astro boots etc can be worn. The same applies to manager, substitutes if they want to enter the playing area.

Each game will be officiated by a qualified Walking Football Referee.

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### Matchday 1 November 1st @ Coleshill Over 50's League

Coleshill Strollers . . . **2** v Stone Certs . . . **0**

Shane Abell (2)

Birmingham WF . . . **1** v Hartshill Strollers **1**

Steve Crilley

Dave Franklin

Sutton's Finest . . . **1** v Wolverhampton . . **0**

Peter Hipkiss

Bedworth & District . . **1** v Halfway 82 . . . **3**

C. Bend

Archer, Steve Gough, Matthews

Coleshill Walkers . . . **0** v Boldmere St. M. . **1**

Steve Shorrocks

Wilnecote Strollers . **0** v Shrewsbury 99ers **4**

Richard Pike 2,  
Dave Mendham 2

### Over 58's League

Coleshill Strollers . . **3** v Boldmere St. M. . **0**

Ricky Perry (2),  
Mab Hussaine

Birmingham WF . . . **1** v Rushall Raiders . **0**

Clive Macey

Shard End . . . . . **1** v Hartshill Strollers **4**

Phil Taylor

Rob Dunning, Dave Franklin,  
Chris Pardoe, Sarvesh Tah

### Over 50's League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Halfway 82	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Coleshill Strollers	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Sutton's Finest	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Wolverhampton	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Stone Certs	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Bedworth & District	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

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Shrewsbury 99ers	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Boldmere St. M.	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Birmingham WF	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Hartshill Str	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Coleshill Walkers	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Wilnecote	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

### Over 58's League Table

Hartshill Str.	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Coleshill Strollers	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Birmingham WF	1	1	1	0	1	0	3
Rushall Raiders	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Boldmere St. M.	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Shard End	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Bedworth & District	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

In the Over 50's league saw two of the new teams meeting for the very first time with Shrewsbury 99ers winning comfortably 4-0 against Wilnecote Strollers. In the early stages Wilnecote had more of the possession without causing too much trouble for the Shrewsbury goalkeeper. But as the game wore on Shrewsbury's team game plan proved too much for the naivety of the Wilnecote team. Two goals apiece for captain Richard Pike and Dave Mendham showed the rest of the league they will be a force to be reckoned with.



*Shrewsbury 99ers goalscorers Dave Mendham (left) and Captain Richard Pike (right)*



The other newcomers to the League, Stone Certs, faced a tough encounter with Coleshill Strollers, the joint leaders of the league before lockdown in March. Stone Certs gave a good account of themselves and defended well but Coleshill eventually ran out 2-0 winners with both goals scored by their Irish International, Shane Abell.



*Irish International Shane Abell scored twice in Coleshill's 2-0 win*

The big game of the day was between Birmingham WF, the joint league leaders at the March lockdown with 3rd placed Hartshill Strollers.

What a game it proved to be with end to end football bringing the best out of the two goalkeepers.

Hartshill took a first-half lead through Dave Franklin and then withstood some heavy pressure from Birmingham, with Steve Crilley a constant menace to the Hartshill defence that was being well marshalled by Colin Gordon.

The 2nd half saw much of the same but Birmingham eventually found a way through with the lively Steve Crilley netting a fine well-worked goal!

The game was a credit to both sides with some good football and adhering to the decisions of the referee.

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#### OVER 50'S LEAGUE'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Goalscorer	Team	Goals Scored
Shane Abell	Coleshill Strollers	2
Dave Mendham	Shrewsbury 99ers	2
Richard Pike	Shrewsbury 99ers	2
?? Archer	Halfway 82	1
C. Bend	Bedworth & District	1
Steve Crilley	Birmingham WF	1
Dave Franklin	Hartshill Strollers	1
Peter Hipkiss	Sutton's Finest	1
Steve Gough	Halfway 82	1
?? Matthews	Halfway 82	1
Steve Shorrocks	Boldmere St. M.	1

#### OVER 58'S LEAGUE'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Goalscorer	Team	Goals Scored
Ricky Perry	Coleshill Strollers	2
Rob Dunning	Hartshill Strollers	1
Dave Franklin	Hartshill Strollers	1
Mab Hussaine	Coleshill Strollers	1
Clive Macey	Boldmere St. M.	1
Chris Pardoe	Hartshill Strollers	1
Sarvesh Tah	Hartshill Strollers	1
Phil Taylor	Shard End	1

#### Over 63's League

**Birmingham WF . . . .3 v MSA (Burntwood) 1**

*Peter Giddings,  
Paul Feeney (2)*

*Stuart Wilson*

**Solihull Moors . . . .1 v Coleshill Strollers 1**

*Vernon Dore*

*Jim Fardy*

**Boldmere St. M. . . .1 v Shard End . . . .1**

*Graham Liddaer*

*Tim Bull*

**Hartshill Strollers . .3 v Rushall Raiders .1**

*Chris Pardoe (2),  
Ian Trevor*

*Phil Metcalf*

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Coleshill Strollers	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Shard End	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Solihull Moors	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
MSA (Burntwood)	1	0	0	0	1	3	0
Rushall Raiders	1	0	1	0	1	3	0

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Christ Pardoe	Hartshill Strollers	2
Tim Bull	Shard End	1
Vernon Dore	Solihull Moors	1
Jim Fardy	Coleshill Strollers	1
Peter Giddings	Birmingham WF	1
Graham Liddaer	Boldmere St. M.	1
Phil Metcalf	Rushall Raiders	1
Ian Trevor	Hartshill Strollers	1
Stuart Wilson	MSA (Burntwood) Strollers	1





**BIRMINGHAM WF.** from left to right: *Milan Mazic, Paul Murtagh, Darren Bradley, Eamon Murphy, Graham Sturdy, Franco Ferrarin, Steve Crilley, Heath Underwood, Steve Burr.*

This was the Birmingham Team that drew with Hartshill Strollers 1-1



### **Bedworth & District Over 58's**

*Back Row: Badland, Hutchings, Stevenson, Skelsey, Wilson, Daniel. Front Row: Cribdon, Nickols, Bend, Boffin.*

*This was the Bedworth team that lost 3-1 to Halfway 82.*

**Have your say in the Newsletter ... if there is any event happening at your club, please let us know or have your say to the Editor. is there anyone in your club that can write up match day reports, take pictures of your team then please send to us To place a message, notice or a picture in this Newsletter please email "Percy" at [keith\\_parfitt@yahoo.com](mailto:keith_parfitt@yahoo.com) or text to: 07828548569.**

## **RESPECT!**

Gentlemen, remember we are in a Pandemic and must all responsibly within Government, FA and the Venue we are hiring, for the Event's Guidelines.

Please adhere to the BCWFL's Code of Conduct and respect the decisions of the Referees.

### **Footwear:**

On pitch and surrounding area moulded boots only to be worn. No trainers, flip flops, bare feet, socks, astro boots, no metal studs. Shin Pads is mandatory.



Over 63's League

## MSA (Burntwood) make Birmingham work for their win!

Birmingham's opponents today for the first game of + 63's League 20/21 Season were newcomers to the league MSA ( Burntwood ) Strollers.

It was not a very good start for Burntwood with players dropping out through injury the day before. Unfortunately Burntwood were short of players, but they used the loan system even though it meant them ending up with some dodgy player called Percy in their squad.

Birmingham soon found that Burntwood didn't have a recognised striker or midfield playmaker.

So it wasn't long before Birmingham who were constantly pressing high into the Burntwood half scored.

Pete Giddings who had pushed up into an attacking position on the right hand side tucked away a low hard shot into the far corner of the Burntwood goal. 1-0 to Birmingham.

Despite Birmingham having a high percentage of possession and numerous shots the Burntwood keeper was having a great game at keeping the score at 1-0. Then against the run of play Burntwood managed to score an equaliser. So 1-1 at half time.

Birmingham's frustration at not being a few goals ahead at the start of the second half led to numerous warnings from the referee who issued three Blue cards for running on and off the ball to the usual suspects Whatmore, Williams and Macey.

Birmingham's hard work eventually paid off when wannabe striker Paul Feeney scored with a low hard drive to make the score 2-1.

Birmingham's strikers were not having any luck in front of goal due to Burntwood's excellent goalkeeping. So it was decided that Paul Feeney would push up front from midfield with the strikers dropping back into midfield and guess what! It paid dividends as Paul scored another excellent goal when the keeper spilled the ball and Paul was waiting to pounce on the edge of the area. Final score to 3-1 to Birmingham.

Well done Roger Purchase Birmingham's defence anchor man whose solid performance earned him "Man of the Match"

With three points in the bag the Birmingham team headed to the bar for a few well deserved pints.

Let's hope we are all back at Coleshill Town FC in December Post Lockdown to resume the fixtures.



*Birmingham's 2 goal hero Paul Feeney*



*Birmingham's man of the match Roger Purchase*



## A reminder for there to be no contact!

*Dear Editor: I am sorry but I have to bring this to your attention! It's a none contact sport and some people go around elbowing just to gain an edge.*

*I would like to think that they don't realise what they doing or somebody in a worse condition than me could get seriously hurt. We as born again players have been given this grand opportunity to play the sport we dearly love.*

*We go onto the field of play hiding our ailments hoping that because its no contact we can concentrate on a game of walking football.*

*I will not name either ref or player but if we can eradicate this sort of thing it would be good. All match I was pushed and pulled and I think the guy did not like the fact an older guy was getting the better of him.*

*My main concern is the meds I take thin my blood and I get worried that it clots. But players must be aware that there are many more players that may be worse than me but want to be able to enjoy their love of football protected by the laws of the game.*

*Once again thank you and please do try emphasise the dangers of contact.*