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4 months | 6 countries | 8 house swaps | 10 journey legs

The Fun Begins

The Australia "Walkeroos" 70s and 50s team members dribbled in to the hotel right next door to the famous Wembley Stadium. Hand shakes and introductions all round for the 70s team members, because, unlike the 50s, some of the guys have never met each other. Ours is the first ever Australian 70s team to play internationally. As team manager it was my job to quickly get the team together and sort our positions, strategies and ensure equitable time on the field. We certainly have an eager bunch of guys. As it turned out we had to coordinate transport to and from our playing venue today because the transport that had been expected did not eventuate.

We played 6 games today against local teams in a competition organised by one of the guys from the Chelsea Walking Football Club. The first few games (for both Australian teams) were all about blowing out the cobwebs and getting to be more comfortable with each individual's playing styles. As the games progressed our confidence certainly grew, the 70s team play became more relaxed and the guys started to understand where they fitted into the set system and strategy. The venue itself was great. Our opposition were all extremely welcoming. The weather however was very chilly to say the least. We have a lay day tomorrow and another practice session with 3 games on Friday afternoon after a tour of the Chelsea Football Stadium. Next week sees us attending an English Premier League match and two more days of practice games before the IWFF Winter Nation's tournament in Cardiff.







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