



ARSENAL EX-PROFESSIONAL & CELEBRITY XI SQUAD INTRODUCED BY TOM WATT

Welcome to today's game & thank you for helping the players, organisers and match officials raise money for a very worthwhile cause. I'm sure you'll enjoy watching the team's ex-Arsenal stars doing their best to recapture past glories this afternoon, while our sporting and showbiz celebrities chase round looking for that moment of football glory they've always wished they could have had. Whether it's silky skills, autographs or a good laugh at a TV star's expense, I think you're in for an enjoyable 90 minutes.

The Arsenal Ex-Professional & Celebrity XI is now in its sixteenth season. The side plays all over the Southeast (and occasionally further afield) thanks to the efforts of a willing squad of players who love to turn out for charity in the famous red & white whenever commitments allow.

Whatever the starting line-up, the Ex-Arsenal contingent will be drawn from the likes of Brian Hornsby, Chris Whyte, Ian Allinson, Danny O'Shea & Tony Murtagh – helped out by occasional (can we get them out of bed on a Sunday morning?) appearances from former Gunners like, Steve Williams, Paul Davis, Perry Groves, Steve Gating, Steve Walford & John Matthews.

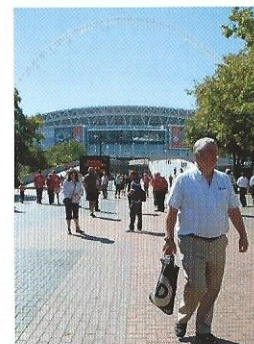
You can look forward to the quality touches from the ex-pros while which ever celebrity squad members can be here today will guarantee another brand of entertainment altogether. To a man, this lot are out to prove that the gain to show business was really football's loss. Tommy Walsh (Ground Force), Phil Daniels (Eastenders), Tony Hadley, (Spandau Ballet), Patrick Robinson (Casualty), Mark Burdis (Operation Good Guys) Ralf Little (Royle Family), Robbie Gee (Desmond's) all turn out whenever they can.

And as if that collection of achievers and dreamers wasn't enough, we'll also hope to include fresh legs ..er... alternative talents of our guest stars from other sports – cricketer Mark Ramprakash and rugby player, Martin Offiah who are now famous for 'Strictly Come Dancing' World Champion Boxer Terry Marsh; Other welcome players are former Charlton winger Johnny Harrison, who holds a Guinness Book of Records entry as the smallest player to have played in the Football League and occasionally champion snooker player Ronnie O'Sullivan.

Whatever the team that turns out, which will be determined by the individual's ability and the boss's mysterious team selection (!), you're guaranteed a funny old game this afternoon. Just look at our team; funny players, old players and every one of them game!! Thanks to all of them for turning out. And to all of you for turning up. Have a great afternoon.

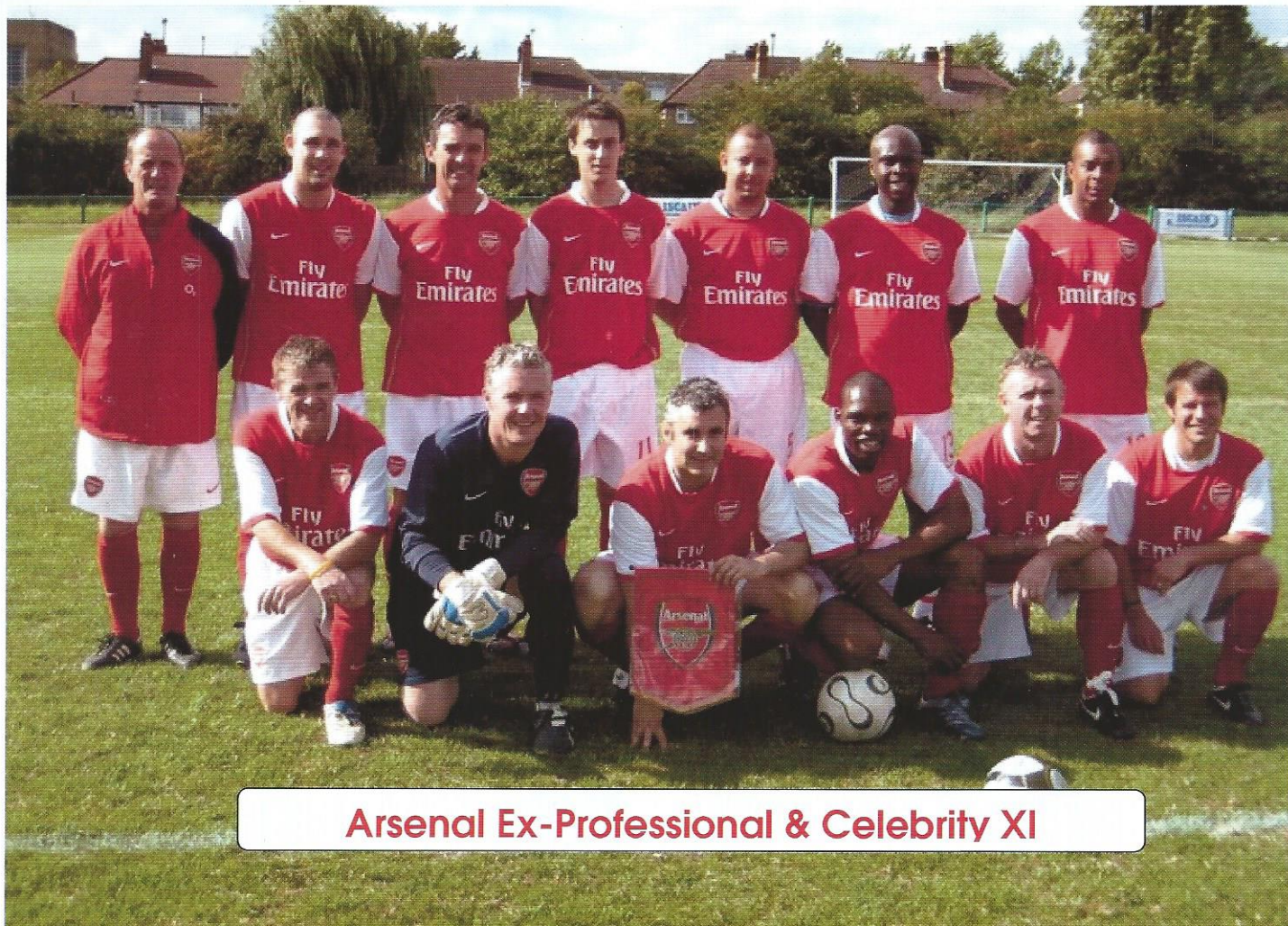


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