

# Fiery plane crash leading to sizzling thrash

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Left in wheelchairs, left with no life and most importantly left with no football team. A Brazilian football team coming home on a Columbian flight with the guilt of defeat did not know that they would fly into the side of a mountain, in the Andes mountain range. A first division Brazilian football team on its way to Columbia for their next fixture, only seven survivors on a flight with over 77 people on. On 28<sup>th</sup> November the Chapecoense football team would never be the same again. The pilot was asking for forgiveness as he was a survivor, he could have stopped and refuelled in two different airports along the way, in Bogotá and La Paz.

Marcos Danilo last played for Chapecoense as a goalkeeper. He was a survivor for a day. As his injuries were too major he died in hospital the day after. His wife and son were distraught at the sight of his coffin and asked for him to be brought home to be buried at a later date of 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2016.

Jackson Follman was one of the 6 survivors; he had to have part of his right leg amputated and had to undergo surgery.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, almost five months after the crash Chapecoense football club was up for another challenge. The first game since the crash and they were coming up against Zulia FC the game was in the Copa Libertadores group stage and they came away with the victory, the score was 2-1. It was a brilliant result for a time that had been out for almost 5 months and lost 19 of their players.

Four of the six survivors are still in wheelchairs and 1 will never fully recover.

## Fatalities

Marcos Danilo Padilha, 31, goalkeeper Cleber Santana Loureiro, 35, midfielder Bruno Rangel, 34, striker Tiaguinho, 22, striker Lucas Gomes De Silva, 26, striker Felepe Jose Machado, 32, defender Everton Kempes dos Santos Concalves, 34, striker Ananias Eloicastro Motero, 27, striker Willian Thiago de Jesus, 30, defender Dener Assuncao Braz, 25, left-back Josimar Rosado da Silva Tavares, 30, defensive midfielder Guilherme Gimenez de Souza, 21, right-back Sergio Manoel Barbosa Santos, 27, defensive midfielder, Matheus Bitencourt da Silva (Matheus Biteco), 21, defensive midfielder Jose Gildeixon Clemente de Paiva (Gil), 29, defensive midfielder Ailton Cesar Junior Alves da Silva (Ailton Canela), 22, striker Arthur Brasiliano Maia, 24, midfielder Marcelo Augusto Mathias da Silva, 25, defender Mateus Lucena dos Santos (Mateus Caramelo), 22, left-back.