

Plane crash leads to football team fortune

Jackson, Gabriel and Sam – Thursday 16 March 2017

Tragically, on Monday the 28th November 2016, the Brazilian football team, named Chapecoense, had a shocking, terrifying and horrid accident five miles away from the José María Córdova International airport. Unfortunately, the plane's power went out, as well as their fuel, exhaustion had failed, due to the lack of fuel. By the time the proper authorities turned up, 71 innocent people, including 21 reporters, 19 players and 41 unnamed citizens were found dead, with only six injured casualties.

Due to the plane crash, the team suddenly missed out to play in the final of the Copa Sudamericana tournament. This meant that the team had to pay a fine of £25,000 for missing the cup final against Atletico Nacional. The Colombian team did not want to play, meaning that Chapecoense would get the win and this means that they could claim the win along with the \$2,000,000 (£1,570,000) reward. Atletico Nacional got rewarded with \$1,000,000 (£750,000).

Fortunately, there were 6 survivors, one of which was Ruschel, 27 years old, who said, "Only God can explain why I survived the accident. He grabbed me and gave me a second chance." He had a spinal injury which caused him to receive surgery. He has normal movement in his lower and upper limbs. Other casualties include Jackson Ragrer Follmann, 24 years old, Goalkeeper for Chapecoense. His leg was amputated and with high risks of his other leg also being amputated. Nine of the other players didn't travel on the plane due to injuries or birthday celebrations.

Five months later, the team are back on their feet playing and winning matches.