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**SPORT**

City’s link with walkers

**FOOTBALL:** Chelmsford City Football Club have formed an official link with the Clarets walking football side.

The sport, which is targeted for over-50s, has experienced a boom in recent years and has been an excellent way for the older generation to re-engage in the sport they many appreciated.

The rules are simple: if you’re caught running then you concede a free kick.

The simplicity and improved accessibility due to greater funding at grassroots level has resulted in hundreds of clubs setting up across the UK.

City are keen to encourage the next crop of walking footballers in Essex.

They are currently in the process of contacting other clubs in and around the county to ask about the possibility of creating a competitive walking football league.

Such is the growth and popularity of the game, the Essex FA have provided the Clarets with their full support, and now it is all going as planned.

An initial planning meeting will be held at the Clarets’ club house at Melbourne Stadium in due course.

**Writtle A trip yields victory and points**

**BOWLS:** Writtle A travelled to Tillingham and returned a 7-6 at shots win in Division One of the Chelmsford & District Bowls League, also taking the maximum ten points.

**FOOTBALL:**

Chingford hit big after visitors’ run rate slowed

Chingford slipped to their first defeat of the season in a high-scoring game at Chingford.

After losing the toss and being put into bat, Chingford got off to an excellent start with Dan Hagen and Aaron Beard scoring boundaries and training sessions. It was turned around when the bowlers came into the attack.

Chingford set about their chase with an all-out assault on the Chelmsford attack that had been so successful this year, with Alfie Taylor (46) looking to score solely in boundaries.

Although he fell to Devenish, caught on the boundary, the scoring rate continued to exceed eight an over and Chelmsford struggled to slow it down.

An outstanding catch from Nick Prowting removed opener Jack Potticary (50), but the wicket failed to halt the flow of runs, with MacGregor beginning to settle down. Another wicket brought Essex’s Dan Lawrence (64) to the crease, but if anything, this led to the scoring rate speeding up.

Although Sam Cook (2-48) removed Lawrence to a steepling caught at slip by Nicholls, the damage had been done and Chingford completed the chase within 46 overs.

MacGregor finished unbeaten on an excellent 94.

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*Angled Bat: Dan Hagen made 74 for Chelmsford at Chingford*