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The first rule of football club is: do not talk about football club GKT footballers wind up Chinese Olympic team



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MEDICAL students at Guy's Kings and St Thomas' Medical School (GKT) have been cited as one of the reasons for an unhappy tour by China's Olympic football team which culminated in a 50 man brawl.

The under 21 squad which will form the basis of the side that will compete in Beijing 2008, are touring the UK at the invitation of Chelsea FC who are hoping to gain fans in the lucrative Chinese market and part of the package included the right to train at the Premiership

Champions' state of the art training complex in Cobham. Chinese players however voiced concerns that they had been unable to use the facilities as often as they would like because they were also being used by players from King's College and GKT's football teams who share the site. A number of Chinese players complained and the story was picked up by Chinese newspapers and websites. In an effort at damage limitation the Chinese camp quickly released a statement on the Chelsea website denying the rumours but with morale low and players unhappy, preparations were

less than ideal for their training match with Championship side Q.P.R. 75 minutes into the game and with Q.P.R. leading 2-1, Chinese player Gao Lin took offence to Q.P.R.'s Pat Kanyuka stepping on the back of his heels and launched into an into a frenzied attack, jumping onto Kanyuka's back and punching him repeatedly, while hanging on bucking bronco style. This signalled the start of a mass brawl involving players, substitutes, coaches, supporters and physios, with Q.P.R. manager John Gregory the only man abstaining from the melee. A number of Q.P.R. players were seen throwing punches

and more than one Chinese player was seen flying in with Kung-Fu kicks. When the fight was eventually broken up two Chinese players were unconscious and one, Zheng Tao, was taken to hospital (incidentally, not Guy's or St Thomas') with a broken jaw.

Both sides have since offered apologies and have, along with the FA promised to investigate the incident.

You can watch the fight, kung fu kicks and all, on our website: visit www.medical-student.co.uk/intubate

Splash out for charity



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THE equivalent of seven jumbo jets full of children die from malaria every day. That's 3,000 children, each day. Malaria is the world's single largest killer of children, yet it is easily preventable. The single most effective way of preventing malaria is to have people in affected regions sleeping with a £3 mosquito net over their heads and beds.

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For more information please contact Lizzie and Jen at malariasmw@gmail.com.

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