

To Fox Chase Soccer Club:

For those who know Elmer Palmer I wanted to give everyone an update. Elmer had a small stroke about a month ago while visiting relatives in Colorado. Although not a bad stroke its effects were on a delicate section of his brain. In the time since then he has recovered to almost a 100%, although his speech is still being affected. The doctor's are amazed at his recovery but those of us who know him this is nothing short of what we would expect out of him.

That's the good news.

But it is with deep regret that I must inform the soccer club he will no longer be able to coach. He has been coaching pretty much non-stop since 1964 and even before the club at Fox Chase was formed. Soccer has been his life throughout good times and bad, he was always there to teach the game and be a role model. As we sat and talked about this decision we figured he's coached over 800 kids.

In the past few years it's been fun to watch him talk to 8 - 9 year olds and the look of amazement on their face that this 'old man' knew so much about soccer. Little did they know he had been playing soccer since 1938. He will still come up to the field to watch games but if he doesn't recognize you don't be surprised that is part of what happened.

I am truly blessed that he is still with us but the thought of him not being on the sideline with me will be something I will miss deeply. I regret none of the kids coming up will have the opportunity of experiencing his wisdom.

On Dad's behalf I'd like to thank the soccer club for all its support and love.

Jim Palmer