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And in Atlantean dodgeball, when you lose a member … they’re out for the season.

Speaking of losses, the Belugas didn’t fare much better. Their whole team lost almost the same part: 520 players.

After losses, the teams will start today’s game with about half their players.

But let’s compare the parts of each team that are left.

1000 Players

$\frac{1}{2}$

500 Players

50 Players

480 Players

50 Players

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Let’s head down to the field to hear how these numbers will affect each coach’s strategy.

Those losses are yesterday’s news.

We’ve got about a one-to-one ratio of Urchins to Belugas.

With odds this close we’ll have to play a pretty tight game.

Those Urchins have 500 players. That’s twenty more than 480. There’s a huge difference!

Coach, it may seem like a lot, but when you compare your 480 Beluga players to the 500 Urchins on the opposing team, the difference isn’t that great.

I think maybe his blowhole may be too close to his brain. He’s just counting up the difference, when he should be looking at the ratio.

20 players! Argh!

That’s no way to motivate a team, but it looks like it’s time to get those dodgeballs in the air.
We’re seeing these players drop like flies. The Urchins are now at 230 players while the Belugas are at 231. Looks like they really were closely matched!

It looks like our first player is out of the game. The dodgeballs are really flying now.

These players are playing their hearts out! Just look at that score. 460 Urchins against 400 Belugas!
Neither team is giving up without a fight! With so few players left, skill is really going to affect the outcome of this game.

And the Sea Urchins have the advantage with 9 members left.

Our chances have improved!

All that matters now is how many team members remain on each side.

When we started this game they had 20 more players than we did. Now they have 7 more than we do.

Beluga Coach out of the loop

Ummmm. Coach… you’re still looking at the difference.
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... And thus concludes one more of my famous accounts of the lost city Atlantis.

Ugh. It feels like I’ve been listening to this story for four score and seven years.

I wish to hear of this Atlantis nevermore.

Oh, ooh ooh, Have I told you the totally true story of the great Atlantean spelling bee showdown?

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