

## Gameday May 14th 2006

The best break in the Auckland weather greeted Sunday May 14th. Mothersday. Also Game Day for pesapallo.

Been raining all week and the forecast was that today should have been under water as well. It wasn't. Sunshine and cool temps were on the Auckland menu. Early phone call to Manukau City customers service centre to make sure our playing field was open. It was even with all the rain the city hadn't closed the park.

Another incoming phone call from Susanna. Was the game said she would be there but late. Next incoming phone Grey Lynn which is an inner city suburb. Was the game still on. Yes it is good to go. Susanna

Well I arrived and helped with the gear for the game and both of us headed down to the field. Water soaked the usual fields so we relocated further up the park in better conditions. Not a soul was at the field except Ian and myself. So we laid down our batting mat which prevents us wrecking the park grassed surface. Temporary bases were laid out and we decided to start hitting.

Still no one arriving so we began. I served for Ian and he took his time settling into some very good batting.

Each round consisted of at least 26 served balls. He hit well and we would head out after each round of 26 to collect the hit balls. Susanna arrived and we instantly created three teams.

In Susanna's team was Susanna.

In Ian's team was Ian

In Gavin's team was Gavin.

The competition invented for today's challenge was three rounds each attempting to hit 26 balls each round. Total available for each batter is 78 balls. At the completion of the challenge Ian had a total of 76 hits from 78 serves.

Gavin had a total of 76 hits from 78 serves.

Susanna had a total of 70 hits from 78 serves.

Now that was a pretty good day of batting by everyone whether it went fair or foul. It was a great day at the field. Sucking in the fresh air doing some unning around while fielding balls and getting some training in for batting.

Next game is May 28th it is hoped we get more to the field to play otherwise it will be another challenge series for those who come to play. Remember this game is here to be played and to play this game you have to come to the field. I can't think of any game which is played by players who don't turn up.

We had fun anyway

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