

Game report March 1st 2006

Wednesday night pesapallo Kiwi style.

The usual hardy bunch of pesapallo players again turned up at the field.

However tonight new players also were in attendance. Tanja and her partner Clinton and Robert and Hanna were also there

Two teams of 5 players per side which is pretty much how we play the game here. Not enough players is no problem we just down size according to the number of players at the field on any given day. Tonight it was five aside. Two girls and three guys per team and we have a ball game.



Ryans team was Roope and Hanna along with Tanja and Clinton and of course Ryan.

In Eeriks team was Susanna, Ian, Katie, Gavin and of course (again) Eerik.

Both teams were fairly even and the hits started. The idea is to have the ball hit the ground before the line which runs from base one to base two. It can go anywhere after that but it must touch the ground in that area first. Otherwise it is a foul ball. Fielding was a wee bit difficult with the light fading pretty fast but we played anyway.

Katie played base one for Eerik's team and did a good job. Yes a couple of throws got by but they is what back up players are for. Susanna played base two and took a couple of good outs. Trouble with fielding at base two is the fact that the sun is right in your face when balls are thrown from the other side of the field. But again back players were running damn quickly to make sure no over throws. Didn't always get there so there were runs going on all over the place.

Roope played base two for Ryan's team and took some huge throws from Ryan to dismiss plenty of runners. Of course when he miss fielded the ball was suddenly way over on the soccer field.

Tanja did some good stops as well. several times the ball was belted straight at her and with out moving an inch she let us all know the ball had got to her by letting go a scream. But the ball was always knocked down and that was what a fielder does.

Clinton did well for someone who hadn't played the game. He has some skills with catching etc so I hope he keeps coming to games because he will make a good team player.

Ian and Ryan are always in competition and tonight was no different. Especially with batting. Both can hit the ball with some power so fielding these hits is a challenge to anyone. But these two went the entire game keeping the challenge going. Both came out on top having done a good game. Eerik he can hit and he laughs a lot. It is good to have someone full of fun on the field and for us tonight it was Eerik. But he did his job and that is what the game is about. Hanna hit well I think she hit the ball at every turn at bat. Hanna really does put her all into playing so it is always good to have her at the field.

Then there is me. Gavin. Well I just go there to run. Didn't do that good at bat tonight but hey that happens.

In all the game was a success. Another game added to the season and another game where we all got stuck in and had plenty of fun.

You know those that don't come to games just have no idea the amount of fun they are missing out on. We arent at the field for very long. Just over an hour. The game is just over an hour so it is quick. Its is fun and it is exercise.

Thank you to all who were there tonight.

Gotta say though that pretty soon Roope and Hanna will be leaving us to return to Finland. They are both great people and again I am just so privileged to have been able to meet them. Next Wednesday night will be the last game for them in New Zealand so lets all get to the field to make this a great game to send them off with huh?

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