

Game report Feb 26th 2006

Another great day for pesapallo here in Auckland New Zealand.

In a couple of months pesapallo will have been here one year. April 17th 2005. The day pesapallo came to town. April 24th 2005 the day the Aussies came to help us with pesapallo. Very important dates and dates we shouldnt forget.

It is with sadness that so many of us have forgotten about pesapallo. This is the game for Finland. It is her flagship here in New Zealand and we should stand up and bring the game to all who are in this land. However today all who were at the game enjoyed yet another taste of home and for us Kiwis another chance at doing something very Finnish and very different for us.

Weather was good. Over cast and not so hot.

The field lines had faded but the spirit of the players hadnt. So we made up two teams and went into action.

New players arrived today Minna and Nigel and Tommi. Now Tommi is just three years old and he took a couple of turns with help from mum (Minna) but he got in and played. Three years old and he was there having fun. I had a chance to speak to this kid and he is one great wee fella.

Kalle and Daniella, Ian, Leila, Telle, Susanna, Petri, Minna, Nigel and Tommi, Gavin and Jouni. We had another great day at the field.

Our game was modified yet again with the numbers reduced again we had our runners get as far as base two before they would try to make it home. Some very good hitting as all hits had to contact the ground in the front field before the ball could go anywhere else.

At the end of todays game a young fella from New Zealand Baseball came over to see what the game as about. Regan. So we told him about the game and then went into extra time to give him a taste of pesapallo hitting. This fella could hit that ball. He smacked the ball so well we spent a lot of time running to retrieve the ball from near the creek. Then he went to the field to do some fielding stuff. Kalle hit some mighty fine drives and young Regan fielded most with a skill only good training has developed in him. Oh yes he was impressed with our game so much so he will go talk to others at baseball and will try to get back to play.

So we need to do something about this interest that can be generated within baseball and other sports We need funds to develop a well thought out promotional pack for use by pesis NZ to attract and build pesapallo here in Auckland then New Zealand. What should be considered here is not just the fact that we are promoting pesapallo. We are promoting Finland. I think more people will know more about Finland via pesapallo then nearly any other method.

So we need players to come play the game. We need sponsors to help fund or produce promotional material.

Todays game was another display by those that were there of how much fun there is in pesapallo We dont have strict rules or even score keeping. This is a way of getting outside and having fun. Not many games left in this season so make it your turn to be at the next game
Game day

March 5th at 10.00 am, William Green Domain, Highland Park, Howick/Pakuranga

Thank you everyone who played today

Gavin

