

## Game day report December 3 2006

Another great day in Auckland. The wind was fairly blowing along but the day was sunny and dry. Not a bad crowd for the game today.

Two visitors here in NZ on holiday from Finland. Milla and Tiina. Just so great to meet with them and have them join us in playing pesapallo.

Two teams captained by Ptrece and Susanna. We had 6 players per team and I spent my time serving until a late arrivee turned up and I joined the game on Susannas team. It was a game of everyone taking a turn at making a mistake. Dropped balls miss fielded balls. Bad throws. Not so good batting. Then it turned around. Fielding got better by some and hitting started to fire up. Some great fielding by Ptrece and Eerik made us all look like pro players. Eerik smashed some huge hits which sorted out the fielding team.

Some players had to leave due to radio commitments or other appointments which kept the teams constantly changing, but the pressure was kept up as both teams went at each other to score runs.

All in all today was a great day to be out there playing. Then we changed.....  
Team Kiwi pesapallo Verse Team Finland pesapallo Ptrece captained team Kiwi and Susanna captained Team Finland. This is the first international pesapallo game played in NZ. Team Finland batted first. Team Finland was made up by Susanna, Niina, Milla, Tiina, Kaisu and Telle. Team Kiwi was made up by Ptrece, Ian, Sirpa, Tanja, Gavin and young Nick. This was war. Team Finland started into the fray with power hitting that caught us by surprise. They scored a couple of runs very easily before Team Kiwi could stop the on slaught. It was a tough time for Team Kiwi in the field but they shut down the scoring and did some good stuff. Then Team Kiwi went to bat. The guys werent allowed to smash the ball they could only pad the ball into the field of play and then run like hell. First two batters went to base and then Team Finland got going a stopped any scoring by taking the runners out as they raced home. It was a tough time in the chase by the Kiwis to catch the Finnish score. Everyone hit well but Team Finland were just in the way and stopped the Kiwis getting more runs. Team Kiwi just didnt get the break they needed and finished the game trailing by one run. 3 to 2 was the final score. So in a series of next time both teams meet Team Kiwi will have a score to settle and Team Finland will be out to keep their winning way alive.

So the day was over. Everyone was completely worn out. But it wasnt over really. We have a DVD produced by Ptrece and Ian to watch. It is the promotional DVD we have been talking about forever. Well it has arrived. The DVD was just so well received by everyone. To Ptrece and Ian a huge thank you it was a brilliant job. However before the DVD could be produced others had help motivate the cause and I want to thank them for their efforts and assistance. They are Niina and Susanna. Job well done everyone And that was December 3 at the field