

Game report Wednesday March 8th 2006

After the rain we have had it was surprising that we would game a game going tonight.

8 turned up. Enough for a game. Four girls and four guys.

Two teams even mix.

Eeriks team was Gavin, Tanja and Hanne

Susannas team was Roope, Clinton and Niina.

It was great to have Niina back from Frozen Finland.

Anyway we got stuck in straight away.



Time was running out fast due to darkness getting here earlier these days. The idea of the game tonight was to have each

team to bat through the batting order three times before changing to the field. Each batter on successfully putting the ball into play had to run to base one and home again with out pausing at one. The fielders had to field the ball throw to base one and then to the server to get an out should the ball get to the server before the runner got home. This made for some very fast play. Each team at bat had to provide their own server who temporally became part of the fielding team

Plenty of good hitting tonight. Hanne hit very well and made it to base and home again several times. Niina hit some great shots and was pretty solid on defence. And Susanna put in some great shots and showed plenty of effort in her running. Tanja improved as the game went along. She got some hits in but did pretty good in the field. Now I gotta tell you this Tanja fielded pretty close the batter and she managed some how to avoid some serious damage to herself from high speed pesapallo balls. She managed to catch a few too. Eerik now this guy is one great bloke tonight instead of out throwing the runners he decided he would out run them. HmMMM sometimes it worked.

Clinton did pretty good for the new guy. This is his second game and he shows some pretty good skills with the glove and gets away some good shots from the bat. One shot was straight at his partner Tanja. Straight between her legs which did bring some comment from us blokes who witnessed this piece of action. Any higher and if she were a bloke things would be very sore. However Tanja avoided any injury. Whewww Roope always the competitor played first base and this guy is pretty good there. Oh when he bats he wants to smash the ball to kingdom come. Well sometimes it works sometimes it doesn't but he is a good man to have at the game.

Oh and that bloke Gavin what can I say I write this stuff so only great things can be said about this bloke. He can run give him that. Not bad for an old bloke huh?

I think tonight we got in maybe 6 or 7 innings. It was pretty fast stuff at times. So plenty of runs were scored and plenty of hits were made and I know we that were at this game made it a great night.

Well the game ended in someone winning just not sure who but I was on the winning team if that is any hint.....

Sadness though.....

Hanne and Roope played their last game here in New Zealand. They travel back to Finland this coming Sunday. WE at pesapallo wish them every happiness in anything they do. They have helped us big time and for that I thank them both so much. On the journey home I hope they take some of the memories of pesapallo NZ style and tell anyone back home in Finland who is thinking of coming to NZ to make sure they bring equipment and to come play pesapallo here. I can tell you that they way we play this game is like nowhere else in the world. We have altered the game to suit numbers coming to play. The basics are still there but that is it. Pesapallo Kiwi style is our game.

Next game is Sunday March 12th 2006 at 10.00 am down at William Green Domain
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