

Pesisin Finland

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It is winter here in NZ and pesäpallo is on a break to arrive, however everyone in a while weather people manage to get in a practice game.

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Finland on the other hand is well into spring heading summer with pesäpallo season going strong.

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The tältä-Länsi (East-West) games will be on 29th of Jun through to the 3rd of July in Kitee, Finland after which is the Pesis world cup series held in Germany between the 8th - 16th of July.

While I was on holiday in Finland in my hometown Chairman of the Ulvila's Pesäveikot team Ari Mansik on the right.

fPori I met the
kämä pictured



Ari who also happened to be closely connected to my although I was not aware of this at the time, has before that he was actively playing pesäpallo in his daughter Taiju shown in the picture below plays in the boys C-series.

family
een coaching the boys C-series teams since 1995 and eUP-V team (Ulvila's Pesäveikot).
for the girls (15-16 yrs) C-series and his son Tuukka

Although Pesäpallo is not played as a competitive with indoor batting, alternative sports such as sah UP-V has produced some strong teams for Finland's Pesis which is one notch down from Superpesis, the women who are playing in the Superpesis also.

portally year round it is practiced throughout the winter
ly and other teams sports as well as gym workouts.
esäpallo e.g. the men who are playing in Ykköspesis who are playing Suomi-sarja plus the girls B-Series

As an experienced player come coach Ari mentioned that lateral thinking combined with intelligence plus

that the making of a top player comes with good
e support of onlookers to the game they play.



also had an opportunity to speak with Taiju Ari's daughter
she plays the Superpesis in her series and has been playing the games since she was 6 years of age.

No doubt Ari's involvement in the game has given both
Taiju and Tuukka great experiences and opportunities
to get to the level they are at.

Taiju plays in Pori's Pesäkarhut, which was competitive for
the gold in last year's Superpesis.

She said there were many of her school mates in the
team having played the game in the school sports team.

Pori's Pesäkarhut has also shown some very strong players
this year. The women's Pesäpallo in Pori is playing so well
they have been given some advantage e.g. having their
field marked more prominently than those of the men's field
which have traditionally overlapped on a same field in the
past.

The stadium was full of people, virtually bursting at the
seams while I was following the ongoing games.

Something every player should have the thrill and

The excitement with the support from the crowd is an opportunity to experience for themselves.

All these slides, the high jumps and soon made this fast. I thoroughly enjoyed the games as they were in my homeland, a couple of hours go by before you know it takes off here in New Zealand....

experience well worth while, pesäpallo is played hard and
entertaining, witty and the highlights of my trip to
it. I cannot wait to see the day when this sport really

Susanna