

## Game report Feb 4th 2007

First game of the summer season of pesapallo 2007

What a turn out. Two teams came to play Ita captained by Petri and Lansu captained by Ian. Full field game. Plenty of new players too. Petri's cousin Mikko had played pesis before and fitted into the team very well. Chriselle's mum and dad. Ryan joined in the playing also and this guy can play pretty well. And this was Haydens first game also. So welcome to pesapallo and I hope you all come back to play.



Got the game underway just after 5. Each team could go through the batting order twice. It was a really tough day. Lots of mistakes and lots of effort. runs were being scored and running between bases really got exciting. Sometimes runners forgot there were runners ahead of them and we got two runners at one base. It really was a learning curve for all of us. There were big hitters on both teams and fielders were sent scurrying to collect long flying balls. And of course there were some who just didn't connect.

Tell you what when I first started to talk to the society about pesapallo I met a very nice lady Eija Hall. we spoke about the game back then and she came along to a couple of the earlier games . Well I was just so pleased to have Eija come play today. I hope she enjoyed the day and comes back for many more games. It is so good to have the ladies as young as Eija, Telle, Sirpa Ottaway and some of us blokes who are in the same bracket playing. It is what this part of the game is all about. The new players today really did play well. Ken (Chriselle's dad) he played well. He can catch that ball and had such an inquiring mind wanting to know all about the game. Ken if you want you are on the masters team. We only need a few more players and we have a masters league. Janet ( I hope I have remembered right) (Chriselle's mum) this lady may have never done much at all with this type of sport. I dont know that for sure though.

By the time the game was half way through she was getting the idea of how things went. A couple more games and this lady is going to be on her way to doing damn well. Look if we yank along a few more mums and dads we can get us a good group of players. All the young fellas playing in one group and all us not so young players in another group. Ryan though this bloke is alright. Pretty quiet he just went about doing stuff. he can throw pretty good. catching is good and thinking about what to do in the game is damn good. I heard him tell his mum to take over his base so he could go defend against Ian when he came to bat. I was at three as a runner so I knew what was happening. The move paid off. Ryan caught a fly ball hit by Ian ending the game. See thats thinking the game and this young fella has got the good stuff when it comes to both thinking and playing. As for the regular players. Well everyone as a wee bit rusty today. But we all did a pretty good job. The night haze began to settle in for the night so the game ended just after 6.30.

Not a bad day at the field. Next week the game will be at Unitec For the record Ita won today.