

Unitec pesapallo field, Saturday Feb 3rd 2007.



Mid day and the sun is out from behind the clouds. It is getting hot. During the past week Paul Melhuish approached Unitec sports dept with the idea that we could maybe put a pesapallo field on the campus. The enthusiasm from the head of sports was just so awesome. Yes put the field in.

What an opportunity for us. So I called for volunteers to come help with the marking of the field. How surprised I was at the response. Ian, Hayden, Paul and

myself were the only volunteers. We met Paul at the Unitec where he was just finishing off mowing the area we would soon claim as our field. Hayden was the person in charge of field marking for this project. Ian, Paul and myself were the followers of instruction. Mind you all of us had input so I suppose it was a co-operative approach. Anyway is the boss.



A start point is suggested and Hayden runs the show from then. First line down goes well and then it is joining up all the pieces. There is plenty of laughing on this job. I mean this Paul bloke he is one heck of a bloke. Jokes he has plenty and he has plenty to say as well. He told us and I have told Paul that I won't tell anyone so don't tell him I told you this But he told me that girls..... No I can't say what he told me. Maybe during a game I might eh? So we have tape measures all over the place and enough string to make a real good fishing line.

Tangles we had some beauties. String everywhere so tangles were just something waiting to happen. Paint well we only had two cans of paint. Paul supplied one can and I brought the other.

We still had paint when we finished which is something short of a miracle. Paul was the paint control person. He told us how to mark the field and at the end we saw why he was right. Ian and Hayden were the mathematical genius twins. Working out how to make corners square fell onto them and they did a great job. Hayden got appointed chief arc maker. He was handed the paint and the tape and he painted on the bases. Big job and he did it so well. Ian also acted in a directors role. He made sure screwdrivers were in the right places to ensure straight lines and he helped co-ordinate with Hayden.

I think I was the only person doing nothing. It took about 2 and a quarter hours to mark out the field and then we waited about 10 minutes. Paul put in the call to get the line marker guy in to spray the fields white lines. This is great stuff. Truck pulls up. Driver jumps out talks to Paul talks to us looks at lines. Says it that all that needs painting. We tell him it is but it is complicated. Oh is it he asks and then starts the machine and right before our eyes white lines are everywhere. Well everywhere that we had the preline markings that is.

At what seemed 100 miles an hour this bloke raced over the field leaving a trail of white that are the new field markings. If he was there 10 minutes we would have been lucky. It was quick and oh so accurate After just over 2 and a half hours the job was all done.



One pesapallo field ready to play on at Unitec. This is the second official playing field for pesapallo in Auckland. In fact it is the second field for New Zealand. Now we need a team to be started. So if you want to be part of Team Lansi which is what the team at Unitec will call then contact pesis NZ at www.pesis.co.nz

To Paul, Hayden and Ian. Guys you have done pesapallo proud. Thank you all so much. We

wouldn't have this field if it wasn't for you guys. I hope every time you play on this field that you really enjoy the game knowing that "This is the field that you guys built"

