

Game report March 4th 2007

It has been a long time since we last played at William Green Domain. It was good to be home again.

New players arrived into the game today. Willie and Tony.

Willie is Ians sisters partner and Tony is Ians dad.

Then the usual suspects were there. Susanna, Tanja, Jounit, Ian, Ptrece and myself.

So after a warm up and a tour of the field it was game time. Today a different game.

Each hitter was given the equivalent of three turns at bat per batting session. That meant they got served 9 balls. On the last three balls it was as we were in game mode.

On any hit during this part they could run to base one. The fielders got plenty of work as did the server. All play was to base one. Our fielding got to be pretty good as did the hitting. It was a real competition to beat the fielders by the batting players. Willie got into this game pretty damn good. Gotta remember this guy hasnt ever seen this game played so he starting from cold. He hit well and was soon fielding not to bad either.

Tony joined the game as it progressed and surprised everyone when he whacked the ball as if he had been doing this stuff all his life. Hitting by everyone really improved with this wee game we had going. Then we changed it again. Now the batter was in real game situation facing three strikes and they had to run to base one beating out the fielders throw. We played on a half field with no fielder inside the line from base one to base two. The fielders started to look pretty sharp as they fielded the ball and fired it to base one. The batters had to start thinking smart and this they did. Tanja showed just how smart she can be. Three turns at bat and she placed the third hit each time along the foul line on the base two side of the field. This was done so well she always made it to base. Yes even with her usual squeal. Sound effects are everything and I reckon she put the fielder off a few times at base one. Good stuff too. Ptrece was out in the field with cast on. She has a fractured wristy thingy. But she headed out to play and did some good stuff. On the bat she whacked some pretty solid hits.

Susanna has this real nasty hitting action. It takes everyone by surprise. The ball is nearly to the ground when suddenly it is whacked into the field with some force. Often I think good one she has missed that one when suddenly the ball is flying. Cunning hitter eh?

Ian dealt to the ball with some real hard smashes into the ground. Well the ground was like concrete eh?

He even tried hitting left handed. Opppppppppsssssss maybe next time that might work. Jounit worked hard at his batting and did some damn good stuff. Well I served so I got the hear what the batters were trying to do. Jounit would say he wants to hit the ball to certain areas of the field and then set about trying to do that. Sometimes he got it to work but this just shows what we know about the game. It isnt just smash and hope it is think know hit.

Anyway it was a great day

Oh we had spectators errrr supporters today as well. Wendy (Willies partner) Alex (Wendy and Willies wee boy. He is so cute and one year old. He can throw a pesapallo ball cos we gave him one and that is what he did. But so cute eh? Oh I mentioned that already) and Margaret Ians mum and Tonys wife. We sure appreciated the support

Next game is over at Unitec