

Game report Sunday Feb 11th 2007

This is the first game to be held at Unitec campus. This field is the field that Paul, Ian, Hayden and myself marked out a week or so back. The day was good with cloud around and some rain had been falling in parts of Auckland.

Before I start into this game I gotta say that I got it wrong. Yup I messed up. There is no Janet playing. It is Jin. So go read Feb 4th report and that Janet in that report is Jin. I am sure you can see how easy it was for me to mess this up. And I added another person to her family which shouldnt have been added. See pesapallo the game that gives you everything. Anyways Jin so sorry matey.

However today its game on at Unitec. Team Ottaway with Hall and Gosney added playing Team Mixture consisting Ian, Paul, Sirpa Gunn, Nik Gunn, Telle and Susanna.

Team Ottaway consisted of Sirpa Ottaway, Jin, Jasmine, Ken, Gavin and Eija. Half field game with just an easy approach to the game. No huge hits and everyone having to do some base running.

Before the game started some hitting practice took place. Some who never hit before were suddenly doing pretty good. Now listen to this Frans was here today. Yup Telles man Frans. He watched a wee while and then gathered up the bat. He swung that bat like the young fella he is. Got a few good hits out onto the field before handing the bat over to the next batter. I say this often. It is so good to be at the field with Telle and Frans. If anyone is to be named true patrons of NZ pesapallo my vote is for Telle and Frans. God bless both of you. You are both inspiration to me and to all who come to play. Then the game started.

This is Pauls very first game of pesis. In the warm ups he got the occasional hit but in the game he did pretty good. I bet he has never done this stuff before. Ian hit hard and ran hard. In fact Team Mixture all batted well at one stage or another. In the field some really good stuff took place. Ken is steady on the base stuff with good play from Jin and Jasmine. They stopped a hell of a lot of balls. Gotta remember this is Jins 2nd game so her defence really was sharp. Sirpa Ottaway worked pretty hard at base 2. The field was pretty good for fielding with its soft grass surface. Throwing was much better today with the throws more accurate. Fielders were thinking about where to make plays to and batters were working out how to beat the fielders.

Team Ottaway batted well. Eija now this lady hit really well. Some big hits came from her today. Just so cool seeing how players improve with a few games played. Ken he can hit I dont think he missed a third pitch all day and if he did it would have been only one.

Jasmine now listen closely If this girl gets her batting sorted she will out play a lot of us who really put the hard work in. She can run. I have told you this before but today she disappeared down to base one arriving at base before I realised she had gone. Now this girl isnt alone with this potential her mum Jin, is right there too. Today Jin stopped so many hits down her side of the field and made good throws to base one that I was absolutely amazed. her 2nd game and mum and daughter (with a few more games to her name) are making the game look easy. Well it is but they made it look easier than easy. Add Ken to that wee mix and holy mother of pesis we have some big potential for this game. Eija was no push over either she made some great hits. Susanna was again damn good on the bat.

However today Susannas throwing was spot on. I spent time serving and near on every throw from Susanna to home was right on the money. Everyone worked well today. It was just an awesome day of pesis. Sirpa Gunn. Now this girl she can hit not the best hitter but she can do it. Today she got some very good hits away. It was huge smiles whenever she did smack the ball around. Young Nik he worked hard all game. he adds a flavour of impishness but in a really nice way. Always smiling he just fits in and gives it ago. Frans told me at one stage the score was 4 all. Not bad I reckon by the time we finished it would be maybe 8 all. No we didnt play extra innings to find a winner. This week it was a draw. It was a great day. Both teams did stuff that impressed. There was plenty of laughing and we could do with a lot more noise I reckon. Next time more noise and more players will make for a great day playing pesis

