

December 18th 2005

So it is done. 2005 spring season of pesapallo is over.

Been a good effort by most. Seem some great improvements and today's games howed me why all this is worthwhile. Friends, laughs and exercise is what this game has given me. Once I spent all my spare time in front of a TV. Now I don't have spare time. I have instead a constant reason to be out there enjoying myself and today being the last game I am just so glad I was there to enjoy it.

Anyways 10.30 am and a few showed for pregame training. Stuff like batting and throwing skills. More were arriving during the session but we just kept adding them to the programme.

Big surprise today was the arrival of Mari, Mike and son. Now I got to tell youth this cost this Mari can play this game. She represents Finland in softball and she played pesapallo at school. Nothing was lost in the time from playing until now. She can throw, catch and hit. And she is not too bad in the field on defence. Wow and a big wow to have her at the game today. Husband Mike he took a couple of swings to get the hitting sorted and he was away like a pro. Another first timer was Tuovi and she did not hold her own. She could hit that ball and she trotted around the bases like a spring chicken.

Today I got to play. No umpire today except for Ryan who just wanted to make sure Susanna kept in touch with her base one job. Another modified game much the same as last week. Five or six per team and no hits outside the front field line or sidelines. Everyone was running to two on their chosen hit. It was fun and damn fast. I played base one in our first turn on defence and today I found my arm. Yup got some good throw to two and yes it surprised me too. Everyone was hitting at some stage.

It was a good day at the field. Team captains for today were Daniela and Katie. Teams were pretty even so the game was closely fought. Not sure who won. Not sure at all.

And that was the season of pesapallo. All over at 1.00 pm. For those that both to be there you missed a good day at the park and for those who were there you all made pesapallo what it is supposed to be. A game for Finland and a game for New Zealand.

Thank you all.....

Merry Christmas see you next year.