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Another fantastic day in Auckland with a wee cool wind blowing. Just enough wind to cool us players as we went about playing on this fine day. Not the big numbers we need to play full field game sand this is something that all of us hope will change very soon. But nothing stops us playing.

The teams were set up and captained by Ian and Ryan. This is the most of the players were self selected as we didn't want family members on the same teams. Yes I umpired again but this was a temporary thing. Into the action we went again with a new concept in place which Chris had suggested the week before. Teams were to bat through their batting order twice before changing over. Nobility which meant the ball must contact the playing surface inside the front field or it would be called a foul ball.

The sun kept shining all the way through the game just to remind us that this is what we need all about. Sunshine, good fun with good people. Albert and Claudine were back after a wee absence. And it was so good to see them. P. Trace Gosney Payne attended for the first time. Husband Ian has been a strong contributor to the game for many months now. P. Trace was back in Auckland after a year of studies at Massey University.

Chad and Elin were back and added to these regular who are always there we had a game that was going to rock. Opportunity for Kai had to go a wee bit early which was a great opportunity for Gav to play rather than umpire. Gav's skill level of Chad. This guy has been coming along to games for a couple of months and today he did everything pretty well. We reckon it is all the dishes he has been washing and grovelling he does around home. He didn't agree but we know we are right.

Young Niki was here today with his mum Sirpa. Niki did some running today all after not hitting the ball. However near the end of the game he got a good hit that surprised even him. Just a good day for Niki reckon. Susanna did a good job as a all rounder doing not a bad job when she came in to serve. Oh yes I got a hit or two got sat down plenty and did so many good running between bases. Did a long walk back to the home circles well.

So that was the day plenty of fun plenty of runs and nobody knew really who had won.

Gavin