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# LAS BÓLAS DEL DOMINGO

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## Domingo de Barro

Our new stadium, the **Sultan Olivier Crespin Stadium** finally received its baptism by rain, with a great rain storm the night before making pitch conditions rather wet. Given that the new stadium has multiple pitches, after Captain Luis examined the state of the pitch, he declared the quality of pitch unacceptable, so everyone had to move a few meters down the park to play in a somewhat better area. The added complication is that the rocket scientists who come to play are still having trouble assembling the goals and it took them over 18 minutes to do so...which is an improvement over last week's 32 minute attempt.

My junior reporter tells me there were nine players and **Patron Bermudez** in attendance of the Sunday match.

There were some notable absences, including...

**Sergio II** (Guatemala) – knee injury, hernia, and sex change operation

**Sergio I** (Passarella) – still lost in Orchard Towers

**Kiko** – went to rescue Sergio Passarella and was equally detained in Orchard Towers

**Oligol** – gone to sign with the MLS NY team

**Raimundo** – too important to come and play, so he sent his brother in law, who happens to play a lot better.

**John Bufalo Lilley** – still going through his heroic recovery from his knee surgery

**Chan y su Clan** – refused to play after his request to start the game at 8 am.

## The Teams..



**RESTOS DEL MUNDO** (4): Alejandro Bic van Basten, Patron Bermudez, Phil Macho Camacho, Sergio III(Mexico) y Paul Christiano Ronaldo (the Butcher).



**Real Madrid**: (8) Junior, Luis Pedro Gonzalez, Marcelo el Hammer, El Capitan y Gerardo Cholito Simeone.

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The game started at a fast pace, with an unusually dynamic Patron Bermudez, who would have been the Player of the Match... if the match was only 10 minutes long. Sergio II and Alejandro Bic Van Basten also contributed to the good team work, everything seemed to be going well and the score was 2-2.

Once Real Madrid warmed up, and our old men in the “Restos del mundo” team ran out of steam, the competitive game was over. It was observed by one of the Madrid players that despite the fact that the ground was quite muddy, the Real Madrid passes were remarkably smooth. They were almost as good as the fouls committed by the “Restos del mundo” on the poor Real Madrid players (obviously my junior reporter was playing on the Real Madrid team).



It was good to see Alejandro Van Basten back in action (see picture to the left), it seems that his pre-season fitness program paid off finally.

It was also rather interesting to see the Patron' Bermudez great goal celebration, which was deserved, given that he had not scored in several months. He asked for pictures, recording in order to remember it, because he knows it is not a very frequent occurrence.

My junior reporter tells me that prior to the start of the second half, the team was challenged by a group of young, enthusiastic Singaporeans, but the bad memories of the previous weekend's disastrous loss led to the very sensible decision to delay any further “Friendly matches”.



Apparently there was only one team during the second half, Real Madrid. There were all sorts of goals, including one that was remarkably similar to the famous 1940s GOL DE VALIJA (between Penarol and Nacional), there was a great Maradonian slalom by Gerardo Cholito Simeone, and there was even Marcelo making a long pass...to himself and scoring (well, that is what he said...no way to verify it). **Junior** continued playing his fast game and leaving behind the more “senior” players, **el Capitan** was great in defense as always, and **Luis Pedrito Gonzalez** was the one in charge of distributing the passes around the midfield.

*In the end, the “Restos del Mundo” team ran out of steam by the second half, and resorted to fouls, complaints and challenging the referee on apparently perfectly legal goals.*

*The only major loss to the game was the boxes that contained the goals, with Marcelo promising to find an adequate replacement for the boxes, and Patron taking full legal custody of said goals, since he wants to practice during the weekday at home without opponents (if he is able to build the goals...though the rumor is that his wife is going to do it for him).*



*See you next Sunday!*