

Great Game...Old Players (and Heavier) Ones Return....



Sixteen players!!!

Standing: *Asistente del embajador 1, Asistente del embajador 2, Junior, Capi Carlos, otro asistente del consul peruano, Viva Peru escolta del embajador, Su excelencia el consul Peruano Alejandro 2, Marcelo Hammer, Capitan Tiger Luis, Kiko el Diego, Cristiano Ronaldo, Rodrigo el argentino nuevo.*

Sitting: *Alejandro Penarol, Sergio Ems, Mac Roger Federer Felipe Hammer Jr , Gerardo Gerrard.*

A magnificent turnout today, some thought it was due to **Marcelo Hammer's** last game before his three week holiday in Argentina, but mostly it had to do with **Eduardo's** provocative e-mail during the week where he promised that he would bring several female fans and as a result everyone came. Much to our disappointment, **Eduardo** did not deliver, which merits a suspension of a several weeks, unless he does in fact show up with the fans. Oh yes, some of the "big game" players **Santo, Luis ex-borracho, Jarko** and a few others didn't bother to show because it was just a regular game.

In any event, **Marcelo** showed up early with a new import, **Rodrigo**, and quickly made up the two teams prior to **Alejandro's** late arrival (**Alejandro** is the only one that notices **Marcelo's** team tactics), as usual to his advantage, and his team did end up winning by a close score of 5-3.

LAS BÓLAS DEL DOMINGO

The highlight of the game was a return of a few of the long lost souls of the Las Bolas game, including **Kiko**, **Sergio Ems**, **el Capitan Carlos**, and his excellency, the **Peruvian Consul in Singapore Alejandro 2 Nol Solano**.



We welcome a new Argentinean to our Sunday game, recently imported from Buenos Aires, **Rodrigo Citibank**. As with most newcomers, the first game for him was a bit challenging due to the incredible heat and humidity. However, he held up well, and didn't use the "Felipe technique" (playing on the left wing, under the shadow of the trees).

We had rather unusual weather this Sunday, breezy and cloudy prior to the game, equally nice during half time, and the same after the game. However, during the two 35 minute halves, it was blue skies, sunny and quite hot and humid.

Rodrigo also learned the value of that rather unusual sports drink here 100 Plus, which to newcomers seems a rather odd tasting gassy drink, but to us old timers it is an integral part of the football game.



As promised, **Kiko el Diego Maradona** returned to the Sunday game in good form.

He had announced that he had gained 6 kilos while on vacation in Peru, and sure enough, he did have six additional kilos around his waist (Much like Maradona).

However, he did point out to everyone at half time that if he would have stayed 4 weeks in Peru, he would have gained double, or 12 kilos.

He also promised to put the band back together, including players from las Bolas.

We are now all waiting to see how many kilos **Marcelo** will put on when he goes back to Buenos Aires for a few weeks. The current bet is that Marcelo will surpass **Kiko** by about 12 or 13 kilos.



<- **Eduardo Cristiano Ronaldo** had a good game as usual, however, he was severely criticized for promising...and not delivering the fans. Most of the players admitted that was the main reason they came, and were most disappointed when **Cristiano Ronaldo** showed up with **Felipe Ronald McDonald Federer** and **Gerardo** instead of the “fans”.



Yes, that is **Gerardo** showing how to inflate his mouth and breathe funny →



We were lucky to have the presence of his eminence, **His excellency the Consul General of Peru to the Republic of Singapore Alejandro 2**. It is not clear why he was wearing a Chelsea shirt that said “Essien” on the back rather than the famous Peruvian white and Red Diagonal stripe, but then again...

His excellency also brought a colleague and several assistants to complete the teams. Two of the assistants vanished at half time, but returned shortly thereafter.



Our friend **Marcelo** leaves us for 3 weeks, going back home to Argentina. **We will miss the following...**

1. His fouls followed by his usual “ni te toque” (I didn’t touch you).
2. His ability to build the teams before most people arrive, and picking the best players for his team.
3. the two huge black swollen callus on his toes, which he so kindly showed to us today.
4. His favorite saying..”don’t take him to a doctor even if he is dying, its too expensive”.
5. his efforts to convince everyone that the biggest and most important team in Argentina is **Racing Club**.
6. his regular complaints about the inconsistent service he gets from his weekend driver, Alejandro.
7. His second favorite saying – “Yes Olivier, it was a goal” (even if Olivier’s shot was about 100 meters wide of goal).

Take good care, **Marcelo**.....



Also welcome back **Carlos Chile el piloto**. Seen here in action (white shirt, attempting to head the ball), with el **consul peruano Alejandro 2**, while **Marcelo and Junior watch**.

Carlos told us that he had a very bad flu and was unable to come and play (though he faithfully sent his son Junior to play with us, even if no one makes any passes to **Junior**, probably one of the best players on the pitch!). We actually believe **Carlos**, who did have a real flu, unlike a few other players who have a special strain of Singapore flu that has no cure (!), and its called Orchard Towers Flu. **Sergio Ems** a specialist in that matter will enlighten you at another time about this illness.



We wish a speedy recovery to Carolina, Raimundo's long suffering wife (after seeing the way he shoots, she must suffer a lot). She had to have a tonsil operation last weekend, but we hear from Raimundo that she is recovering well. Raimundo, however, has not recovered from the rather sad way Chile was knocked out of the Copa America.

Best wishes for a fast recovery, Carolina!!!

See you all next Sunday (except for Eduardo, who is officially suspended...and he knows why!).

The Editor

Picture of the week --- I don't fully understand it...but its Felipe Federer, Gerardo Gerrard and Rodrigo Citibank engaging in a strange ritualistic dance from Chile or Argentina, we think...



