

June 18 2009

First ever Touch League in Austria Kicks-off

The first ever Touch league game, under the organization of Touch Austria, kicked off at 6.30pm at Markomannenstrasse between Los Touchos and the Cougars. It was a nervous start with both teams making too many unforced errors, before the first touchdown in league history was scored by the Aussie Stu McAlpine. It was a brilliant solo effort, after a quick play the ball, he cut the defense line like a knife with a sidestep, then sprinted the final 15 metres to record the first and one of the best touchdowns of the day.

Although the score was 4-0 to the Cougars, the game was tighter than the score suggests, with all four touchdowns coming in the final 10 minutes. This would suggest that fitness played a key role in the loss for Los Touchos.

All up – three games were played on the night. SLTS had

two solid wins, making them the early form team.

The rookies did very well with very few mistakes, and a great 2 point touchdown scored by Alisa for Los Touchos. In fairness, the rookies should have been allowed to be more involved in the middle, but it is early days yet! There was a lot of potential shown by all the rookies. In fact, on a least two occasions, Rim should have walked over for a touchdown (playing for SLTS). On each occasion, the senior players took the incorrect option resulting in no touchdowns, where they could have easily had two 2 point touchdowns. Hopefully this will change soon!

After the games, everyone stayed for a while and had a quiet drink and a good laugh. This is the spirit we are promoting. The night was a great success, and the future looks positive.



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WEEK 1 RESULTS - 18 June 2009

Game 1	Los Touchos	Cougars	0-4
Game 2	SLTS	Globetrotters	3-1
Game 3	SLTS	Los Touchos	5-2

2009 POINTS TABLE

TEAM	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Points
SLTS	2	2	0	0	6
Cougars	1	1	0	0	3
Los Touchos	2	0	0	2	2
Globetrotters	1	0	0	1	1

A few special mentions from the Referee perspective should go to:

Globetrotters: For involving their Rookies in the play the most (and not just putting them on the wings!).

Los Touchos: For the best team try that ended up in Alisa the Rookie scoring a 2-point touchdown (mentioned below but its worth to mention twice!).

Michy P. : For scoring 3 touchdowns in one game.

David And Joshi (Cougars): For showing us all how a good fast dump and scoop should be done which directly contributed to 2 touchdowns.

Andi K and Maritini: For Sideline Refeing some pretty intense games and making some great decisions (despite all the "helpful suggestions" from the players).

Smells Like Team Spirit: For playing the best actual real Touch as a team (Communicating effectively with each other on the field was one of their best weapons).



Touchdowns	Touchdowns
COUGARS 4 Stu (AFL), David V. Roman D., Phil R.	LOS TOUCHOS 0
SMELLS LIKE TEAM SPIRIT 3 Marek, Neal, Dave (Kiwi)	GLOBETROTTERS 1 Brett B.
SMELLS LIKE TEAM SPIRIT 5 Trent, Maritini, Michy P. (3)	LOS TOUCHOS 2 Alisa (Rookie = 2 pts)

