

First Friendship Cup match a winner

The Timorese team has taken out the inaugural Friendship Cup against the Spanish community in an action-packed soccer match at Milton's Gregory Park.

The East Timor Community Centre team won the Sunday afternoon game 4-2, with player of the match Zil scoring three of those goals and Johnny netting one.

It could have been the snazzy new uniforms – donated by Bart and Leanne Mead, the loud cheering from the sidelines led by an enthusiastic Matilde, sheer talent or all of the above that spurred the Timorese players on to glory.

In any case, both sides must have been having a good time as they decided to play on after the final whistle.

Spanish community representative and good sport Marlon Bran really got into the spirit of the friendly by donning a Timorese jersey, turning on his own team and charging towards the goalposts.

After the match and the encore there was a trophy presentation, with ETCC sports coordinator Crissantos and man of the match Zil accepting the silver cup on behalf of the Timorese team, before everyone came together for a barbecue meal and a chat.

Both sides contributed to the feast, and as always the ETCC team put on a great feed, with food coordinator Lita, Sister Odete, Matilde, Lonnie and Tania preparing sausages, rice and salad. With pizza and cupcakes also on offer, no one went hungry.

Before everyone said their farewells it had already been decided that a second Friendship Cup match must be held.

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