

Today, as promised, proved to be another great day as we played the '92 Costa Rican National Team. We were able to play at their new Federation facilities, complete with 2 grass fields and a field turf field. The Ticos proved to be a very good opponent for us and though we lost 2-0, it was a great soccer lesson for us. The true point of these foreign tours is to expose our players to high quality play, unique styles and the culture of soccer (the Zip Lines and water slides are the bonuses).

The Ticos were as good as advertised--technical, quick and competitive. We held our own after the first 15 minutes as it took us a bit to get used to the pace of the game. Unfortunately, towards the end of the first half we allowed a soft goal; in fact, both goals in each half were soft. The result was just, however, and I hope the players learned from the lessons of the game--their parents will have to quiz them when they get home!

The afternoon saw us head into San Jose to experience the downtown area...and give them a chance to bring home some souvenirs for loved ones...one parent will be getting a hammock!

All is well hear; the boys are getting along quite well and we look forward to visiting a school for underprivileged kids in the morning and striving for our first victory in the afternoon!

In the Spirit of Soccer,

Sean Bushey