

Today began with a neat experience for our players when they visited a learning center for underprivileged kids, mostly 2-10 year olds. Parents that are out there of our 93s, you would have been proud of your son. They all adapted quite well; their interaction with the children brought smiles to all. It even caused one of our players, Henry Rios, to step up, unprovoked, to say thank you to all the children for playing with him. Just a great, great experience. Photos were a plenty--along with games of tag, soccer, hop scotch, swinging and monkey bar climbing!

The afternoon was a different experience altogether as we waited for Cartago to show for our 3pm game and third game of the trip...well, traffic in Costa Rica rivals LA and they were 10 minutes late. However, what was the real surprise was their age. They were easily 19 years of age and many were older than the college guys I coach back home. Our players took it in stride, though wondered how a 17 year old could have been shaving for the past 5 years. We lost 1-0 but played well enough to get lessons from it.

The evening ended with the players smiling again as a cultural dance presentation occurred after dinner. While we don't have many true dancers in the group, they didn't mind getting up and dancing with the cute gals--photos a plenty here as well!

We head to Irazu Volcano tomorrow as our trip begins to quickly wind down. No games but a good time to see the country!

Pura Vida,

Sean Bushey