

Kia ora koutou,

Another day in paradise here in Vancouver. Today started out with a competition game at 10.30am vs Vancouver Wildcats. The final score was 9 nil in 6 innings with superior hitting and defensive play by the JWS team. This sees us with 1 win and 1 loss and 3 pool play games to go before the top 16 move to the championship play offs and the bottom 6 move to a consolation round.

Our afternoon was spent at one of the largest malls in Canada and the girls took advantage of the time to search out bargains. We then went back to Softball City to watch the International Women's game Team USA vs Team Japan. What an amazing opportunity it was to watch elite softball. Team Japan outclassed the USA side 9 - 2 and the Americans looked shocked after hit after hit with rocketing to the outfield. Our players were transfixed at the speed to the pitching and of the runners, particularly how fast the Japanese hustle around those bases. After the game we watched Team Canada warm up for their game against a Spanish team and our players gained confidence from the fact that Team Canada has the same warm up routine as our trainer has instituted into our warm ups. There were jokes about how they must have been spying on us.

Tomorrow sees us face Washington Menace at 7pm. We are doing some sightseeing in the morning and have a Celebration of Softball - Parade of Teams to attend in the afternoon - we have our flags ready to fly to represent NZ.

Stay warm whanau,

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NZ Junior White Sox at the Future Gold, Canada Fastpitch Championship (the Canada Cup).