



Paraguay



Our Marathon

May, 12 - 13, 2007
Asunción

The Asociación Paraguaya de Hockey, has decided join to the global youth hockey marathon and through its Department of Development has organised two days of street hockey. Margarita Insaurrealde was assigned as the organizer.



On Saturday, the 12th, we played at one of the main square of the city in Asunción. Boys, girls, youngsters and adults could play, and everybody look at them amazed because this sport is unknown, so we invited them to join us to play the game, that was the case of a 7 years old boy who works at the square shinning shoes. And parents who went to leave their children at the event. We were the attraction there and we felt really motivated, we worked all together and that was grateful.

On Sunday, we meet on one street named Quesada which is located between two main shopping malls (Mariscal López Shopping and Shopping Villa Morra). Lots of people were there because it is the place to go with family on weekends, and we were a special crazy people playing hockey at the street, to watch.



For this to become true, we asked the city government (Municipalidad de Asunción) an authorization to use a public space and their institutionally support. We thank them very much because their company is important at a local sphere.

First day it was from 9 to 12 AM. On Sunday it was from 2 to 5 PM.
We had 300 people playing hockey and around 500 as a public.

Both days, we went with our national team T-shirt and flags of Paraguay, because the 15th of May, we celebrate our Independence Day. It was very flashy.

We all stayed very motivated. People of different clubs were working and cooperating both days, we met a lot of people. We expect to organize our Youth commission.

Margarita was able to motivate other youngsters, who want to repeat the experience and prepare more activities for the rest of the year.

We desire to win some prizes like balls and sticks to use in the development of hockey at local schools.

Thank you to give us this opportunity to demonstrate you and ourselves what we are able to do when we work together.

We dream to make hockey a sport for everybody, everywhere.

We are sending (through private mail) the audiovisual materials, photos and the media coverage. We would like to be included in the FIH video this year.

LOVE, FROM PARAGUAY....

