



New Zealand Under 19's Women's Softball Team

4 October 2011

September Camp

Getting game time, exploring combinations and facing tough competition was the goal for the weekend for the Junior White Sox World Series Team during the September training camp in Hawkes Bay from 23 – 25 September 2011.

The weekend included five scrimmage games against an invitational NZ White Sox squad. Five games over two days tested fitness levels, stamina, and mental toughness. All players got plenty of time on diamond and in the batters box.

“As part of our preparation for the World Series in December it was important to get on the diamond to put into practice our training over the winter”, reports Coach Hokai, “this camp provided the opportunity to do just that”.

A highlight of the weekend for the team included staying at Pukemokimoki Marae in Maraenui. The powhiri was warm and welcoming. The Marae is tino ataahua (very beautiful) and a great place to appreciate the wonderful hospitality of the locals who are staunch supporters of softball through the local Maraenui Pumas Softball Club. As host Roger Aranui (Managing Director of Hawkes Bay Softball Association) was aware of the needs of the team given that he is also the Manager of the NZ Junior Black Sox. Our many thanks go out to Roger and his whanau for hosting us so well. Mihinui kia koutou katoa.

The next outing for the team is to attend the at the Waitakere Bears Premier Women's Tournament at Labour Weekend (22 – 24 October).



Krysta Hoani



The JWS Team at Pukemokimoki Marae, Hawkes Bay.
From top left: *Krysta Hoani, Danica Ferriso, Kingsley Avery, Jordan-Leigh Koni, Kuraroa Ratu-James, Danielle Tanoa, Kat Hiku, Gillian Wills, Alex Forsyth, Te Reo Powhiri Matautia, Keeley Wells, Beth Stavert, Robyn Hall, Santana Harris.*



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