

ITALIAN COACHES HELD A CLINIC ON GAME TACTICS IN CROATIA

During the weekend of October 3rd-4th a clinic on game tactics was held in Zagreb by Adriano Morabito and Anna Battigelli for Croatian softball coaches.

The clinic was divided into two parts. First part consisted of a lecture that was held on Saturday afternoon with topics on how to prepare a good line up, offense and defense strategies and adjusting a team offense and defense depending on specific game situations. Second part of the clinic was practical and consisted of actual games that were played during a friendly tournament on Sunday. In this tournament the team coached by Italian coaches played 3 different game strategies in 3 games.

During this weekend we were, again, able to see successful cooperation between Croatian Softball Association, Italian Baseball and Softball Federation and European Softball Federation.

The second part of the clinic (tournament) was held at beautiful Princ fields on lake Jarun in Zagreb. It was a beautiful sunny day on October 4th 2009. With two very well prepared fields we were able to host 4 teams which played against each other in just one day. Teams that played were Azzano (Italy), Novi Zagreb Lady Pirates, Princ Zagreb and Mladost Scorpions, all 3 teams are from city of Zagreb.

All games were limited to 1 hour and 30 minutes due to the fact that 6 games had to be played.

At the end, the ranking was as follows:

		W	L	PCT	SCORE
1.	AZZANO	3	0	1.000	16:3
2.	NOVI ZAGREB	1	2	0.333	10:9
3.	MLADOST	1	2	0.333	16:11
4.	PRINC ZAGREB	1	2	0.333	5:21

Novi Zagreb – Azzano	3:5
Azzano – Mladost	4:0
Azzano – Princ	7:0
Princ – Mladost	2:12
Novi Zagreb – Princ	2:3
Novi Zagreb – Mladost	5:4

It was great to see Anna and Adriano again, but this time together with their team and of course a lot of parents and friends that came to cheer for Azzano.

With ongoing help from the European Softball Federation, Italian Baseball and Softball Federation and people like Anna and Adriano we hope to see improvements in the Croatian softball overall. Through permanent education of existing, as well as future, softball coaches we have seen a great enhancement and progress in our sport.

The youth program in particular has enjoyed great success in the past two years. Competitions organized by the Croatian softball association in 2009 were completed by 3 Junior, 5 Cadet and 4 Minime teams.

We would like to thank the European Softball Federation and the Italian Baseball and Softball Federation once again for all the help provided so far as well as any future support.

Sincerely,

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Pictures of the tournament:



