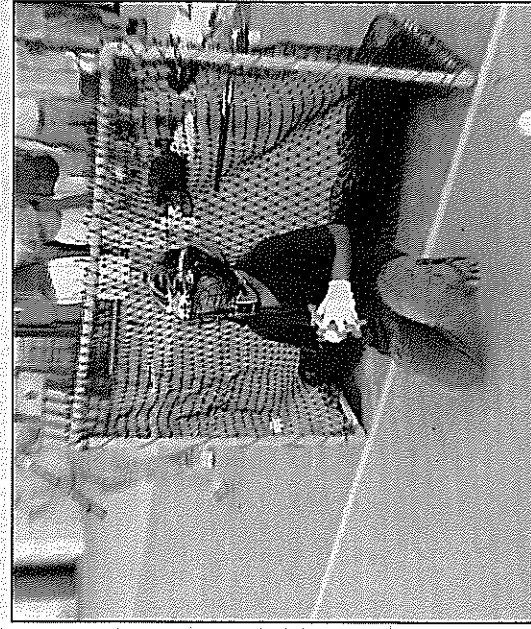


FLOORBALL

Historic First Game in Thailand



Last week a little bit of sporting history was made at the Chaimongkhol School, South Pattaya Road, where the very first Floorball game to be played in Thailand was held. Floorball is a very popular worldwide indoor sport akin to ice hockey.

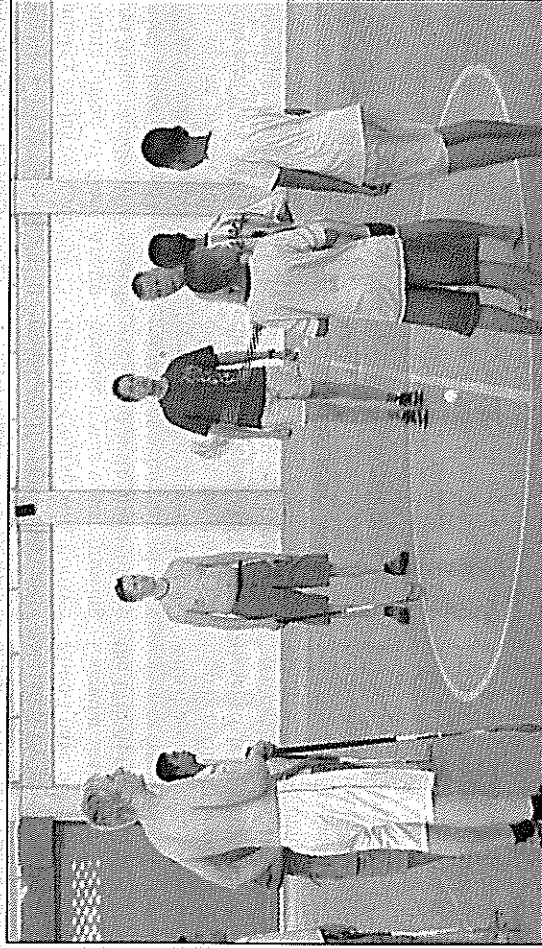
Thanks to Mr. Ossi Viljanen, professional golfing coach at the Pattaya Expats Club, he brought this exciting fast paced sport to the attention of fellow expat sporting members who invited representatives from the International Floorball Federation and Finnish Floorball Federation to Pattaya to introduce the game to the public. Every Sunday from 2.00pm at the School, it is planned for children to be trained to play the game, and later at 3.00pm for adults to participate and from this hopefully a national Thai Floorball team will be formed. On the 22nd July, an

aim is to put a light plastic ball into the opponent's goal. It is gaining popularity worldwide. Floorball is played in a court by six players including a goalkeeper per side.

The objective of the game is to score goals by playing a plastic ball into the opponent's goal net, which is placed at the opposite end of the rink. The players may control and redirect the ball using a stick with a blade that is curved at one end. Players must not use their hands, arms or head to play the ball. One may use other body parts.



The teams of the historic first Floorball game in Thailand, together with Senior City Council in charge of sports in Pattaya. Khun Pisai Phanomwan Na Ayuthaya (standing centre).



Representatives from the International Floorball Federation came to Pattaya to teach some of the future Floorball players of Thailand. Everyone was eager to learn this exciting and fast game.

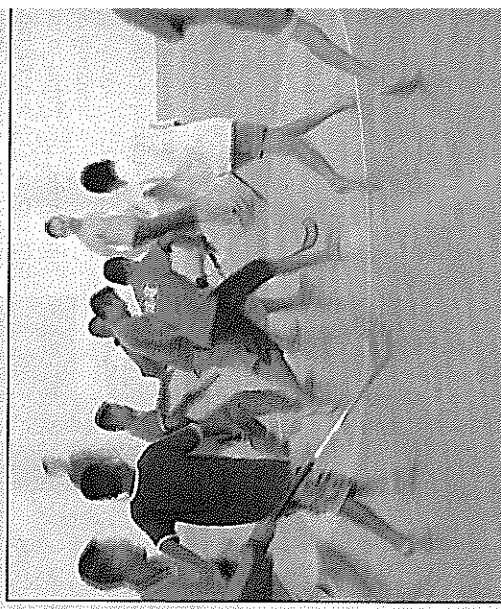
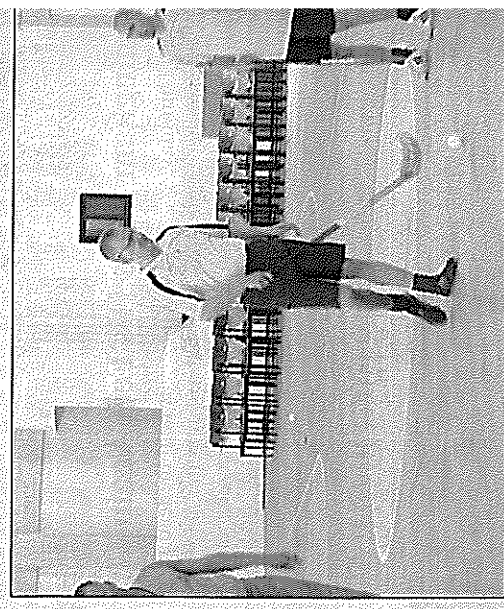
international Floorball Tournament is planned to be played at the school.

Floorball was first played in the 1970's in Sweden. It is an indoor team sport played using composite sticks with a plastic vented blade where the

It is also allowed to play the ball once by foot, but not to score goals or pass to team mates.

The goalkeeper is not permitted a stick but wears special padded equipment and a helmet to protect the face.

The goalie is allowed to wear gloves but a mitt is not permitted. The field players only wear shorts, a shirt, socks and indoor sport shoes. They



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