

407 BBQ 24 - State Farm 23

Sometimes it's just your night. 407 BBQ had one of those nights on Thursday as they scored 24 runs against State Farm, 20 of which were scored in the first 4 innings - surely a record.

The game started out on a scary note as left fielder, Keenan Wallace, took a tailing, hard hit line drive off the tip of his glove and into his face. Quick action by his teammates, lots of prayers and numerous stitches later he's home, doing well. Hope to see you back out on the field soon, Keenan.

407's awesome attack was led by Mike Moss' (4/4, 2 HRs, 7 RBIs) two home runs, one of which was well over the fence. Tim Doney (4/4, Dbl, Trip, 2 RBIs) also had a perfect night at the plate as did Mike Braam (4/4, Dbl Trip, HR) who hit for the Cycle. Rounding out the perfect batters for 407 was Louis Berthold (4/4, 2 Dbls, 5 RBIs) driving in five runs, including the game winning RBI. Every batter for 407 had at least 2 hits and Linda Caron, Charlie Dobson, Greg McElyea and 'Duke' Snider all went 3 for 4.

It's tough to hold State Farm down but 407's defense was up to the task. Kathy B told me "you better mention Chris Walton's play of the game." I felt like saying, which one. Chris made the first out on State at home plate stretching for a wide throw, holding her toe on the plate and then tumbling forward to hang on to the ball. She also made the last out on State to hold them to only one run in the Buffet Inning and pitched several innings. Ramiro Escamilla was just as good pitching and got ample help with fine catches and put outs from outfielders John Coffman, Charlie Dobson and the McElyea's, Greg and Lois, who anchor down the middle of the infield.

There weren't any slouches on the State Farm roster, either. Carol Rumberger (4/4, Trip, 5 RBIs) was the 'studdette' for State and perfect at the plate. She 'burned' 407's outfield for a full count, bases loaded triple to the fence and led her team in RBIs. Newcomer Kenny Kamrath (3/4, HR, 4 RBIs) ripped a homer over the left field fence and everyone on the State roster had at least two hits. State had to battle from behind the whole game, but going into the Buffet they trailed by only one and were able to pick up that run, but no more. 407 held on and Coach Louis knocked in the winning run on one of his four hits to win the game **24-23**. Once again, a game right down to the wire.

Announcer Tim Trotter entertained, Bob Riley kept the books and Sean Curry was busy accounting for a whole lot of runs, 47 in all.

George Wendt handled duties behind the plate; Bob Laderach umpired at 1st and Bob Duncan covered third.

See ya next game.

Johnny B

