

It was a beautiful early fall evening when the crowd filled the stands in anticipation of 407 BBQ meeting Eagle Eye Care for the evenings exciting softball game. The coaches, Rocky Dudley and Mike Moss and umpires had their pre-game meeting, the National Anthem was performed, when Tom Doty took the mound, and the Eagle Eye Care Team took the field. Starting the game, Linda Caron stepped up to the plate and hit a single. Tom Gunther followed with a single, and Linda was forced out at second. Greg McElyea got to first on a fielding error, but he and Tom were stranded on base after two pop ups were caught for the second and third outs.

It was three up and three down when Eagle Eye Care came to bat. No scores, on to the second inning.

BBQ came to bat with fire in their bellies starting with 6 singles and a double by Tim Duney. Louis Berthold was forced out at second, but Mike Moss, Joe LeCroy, Ken Cline, Lois McElyea, Charley Dobson all came around to score 5 runs, inning over.

EEC came fighting back in the second inning. Since Mike Braam doesn't wear a hat, the sun was reflecting off of his large forehead and blinding the pitcher Ramiro Escamilla, who proceeded to walk Mike. Ron Schwertner then smashed a ball to center and after a fielding error made it to third just ahead of the throw, driving in Mike for the first run. Jay Wissink singled and then got home on Tom Doty's single. Tom was forced out at second on John Jordans fielder's choice single, and then John was forced out at second on Kelly Wissink's single, but Kelly was then thrown out at third on Nancy Regus's hit to center field, and with great fielding, Nancy was also thrown out for the double play.

Score at the end of two, BBQ five and EEC three.

In the third, Linda C, Tom G, Ramiro, Greg Mc and Chris Walton all got to first, but a series of force outs at second and third ended the inning without any runs scored.

EEC didn't fare much better, as it was basically 3 up, 3 down, score remained 5 -3 for BBQ. All evening, the crowd was enjoying the wit and wisdom of that ebullient, velvet voiced, grand master of announcers, Jimmy Reese. As usual, Jimmy was loaded with trivia, bad jokes and those wonderful snarky comments,

but the crowd loved it. Even the umps, Mick Calverley at home plate, John Basse at first and Jeff Peck at third were laughing at Reese's banter.

Well, the game must go on, and it was worth waiting for as BBQ had their bats working again. Joe LeCroy singled as did big Louis, Ken Cline, Lois McElyea and Charley Dobson. Unfortunately, EEC fielded the ball well and BBQ could only get one runner across the plate.

In the bottom of the fourth EEC had similar scoring issues. Rocky Dudley and Steve Ward each started with a walk, runners on first and second and no outs. Mike Braam, still without a hat, hit a hard blistering line drive to Ken Cline at third, one out, runners stay put. Next up was Ron Schwertner, who hits a repeat of Mike's hard blistering line drive to Ken at third. Two rockets, one right after the other, great fielding Ken. Two outs, runners hold again. Jay then doubles sending Rocky home and Steve to third. Tom hits into a fielder's choice, force at second, third out only one run scores.

At the end of four it's BBQ 6 and EEC 4.

In the fifth inning the action picks up and Joni Matthiessen at the scoreboard and hubby Randy recording the score book were kept plenty busy and didn't have time to pay attention to Jimmy's banter, funny as it was. For BBQ, the inning started with Linda C singling, Tom G doubling then Ramiro singling to drive in Linda and Tom. Then hits by Greg, Mike, John and Louis drive in three more for five runs, inning over.

EEC didn't have the same good fortune, so we will just move on to the sixth inning.

Score BBQ 11 and EEC 4

Ken Cline led off in the sixth with a single, Lois McElyea drew a walk and Tim Doney doubled driving in Ken. John Hoffman singled, driving in Tim for the third run, inning over.

When EEC came out in the sixth, they started slow, George Keller was out at first and then Jim Hupp hit a pop up behind the plate that Lois McElyea snagged for the second out. But then Rocky drew a walk, Steve Ward singled and Mike and Ron both doubled driving in three runs.

With the score BBQ 11 and EEC 7, BBQ stay in the field for a flip flop inning with EEC still at bat. But it was to no avail, EEC had a quick three outs with the final score remaining at 11 – 7.

Both teams had some great moments, so it was a fun game, and the fans had a great time. What more could you ask for; it was just another super day at the Robson Field of Dreams. So ya'll come back for our next game.