

What a great late afternoon for Robson Ranch softball, the stands were filled with fans enjoying pleasant breezes and fall like temperatures. Umpires Danny Thomas, Gary Warrick and Mark Mills kicked off the game a few minutes early with home team Rodney taking the field. PA announcer Johnny Belcher, scorekeeper Donna Peck and scoreboard operator Carol Rumberger get ready for action.

Adams got off to a fast start with a Mike Slocum double, Mick Calverley walk and a Jimmy Reese single to bring in the first run. Mike Braam belts a two RBI double followed by Manager Stan Isbell with an RBI single. Bob Riley smashes a double to the right centerfield fence and drives in the fifth run. Adams is the speed team with Slocum, Reese and crazy legs Braam.

Rodney Landscaping starts the bottom of the first with a triple by Randy Matthiessen and Steve Wardlaw brings him home with an RBI single. Bryce Treese draws a walk and substitute Steve Ward gets an RBI single. Adams defense takes over and ends the inning with Rodney scoring two runs. Its Adams 5 to 2 at the end of the first inning.

Adams is shut down at the top of the 2nd with three snags of hard hit line drives for the outs. Shortstop Bob Laderach showed his acrobatic and tumbling skills with an outstanding catch of a hard hit line drive to end the inning.

Rodney comes to bat and Adams continues the defensive display by shutting them down after a George Wendt single and a Bill Soule walk. Still 5 to 2 after two innings.

David Popejoy starts the top of the 3rd with a hard single and then the Rodney defense shuts them down which included a nifty double play. Rodney comes to bat and rookie Rojean Cossairt smacks a single. Randy M belts a long fly ball to center field and Mike Braam hauls it in for the first out. Mike gets another fly ball out for the 2nd out and then a force play at second ends the inning with Rodney shut down again. What a defensive performance from both teams and its the end of third still holding with Adams leading Rodney 5 to 2.

Adams bats come alive at the top of the 4th with Mike Slocum legging out another double. Mick Calverley brings him in with an RBI single and Jimmy Reese adds a single to put runners on the corners. Substitute Mike Jaensch delivers a double to drive in a run. Bob Riley then strokes a double to clear the bases. Jerry Bennett brings in the fifth run with a hit and Adams is at ten runs.

Rodney starts off with singles by Bryce Treese and Steve Ward. Adams defense again steps up and the inning is ended with another double play.

We start the fifth inning with the score 10 to 2 in favor of Adams who is looking to put the game out of reach. Bill Maynard starts out with a single but then Rodney gets two quick outs with stellar defensive play from the infield. Chris Walton beats out a single and Sharon Deputy flies out to end the inning with Adams still showing 10 runs.

It's the top of the sixth and George Wendt starts out with a single and then a hard hit by Bill Soule puts runners on the corners. Jackie Fox gets an RBI single and Dan Patrick draws a walk to load the bases. Rojean Cossairt gets an RBI single. Randy Matthiessen brings in a run and

then Mike Slocum, the human vacuum cleaner at shortstop ends the Rodney rally with a highlight style defensive play. Rodney gets three runs to make the score 10 to 5 in favor of Adams.

Adams's bat remain hot with another Mike Slocum double, Mick Calverley advances Mike to third and then Jimmy Reese gets the RBI single. Mike Braam walks (what's up with that, he never walks!) and Stan Isbell brings in another run Singles by Mike Jaensch, Bob Riley and Jerry Bennet load the bases and Bill Maynard brings in the fifth run to give Adams a ten run advantage.

Rodney gets singles by Bob Laderach, Bryce Treese and then Deb Hinson brings in Bob with an RBI single. Luay Ashoo singles and George Wendt singles to load the bases. A ground out ends the rally for Rodney and its 15 to 6 as we start the buffet inning. The flip flop rule came into play and Rodney comes to bat hoping to pig out at the buffett. Adams defense shuts the door and the game ends with Adam winning 15 to 6. A perfect day for softball comes to end at Robson Ranch as the teams convene for the ever popular after game socials and a well deserved cold beverage!