

Argyle Dental vs Dog Gone It

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Let me start by recognizing the folks who volunteer their precious time to support our game. First, our beloved Umpires. Behind the plate - John Basse, over at first - Bob Collins and down at 3rd - Bob Riley. Thank ya gentlemen! Entertaining and keeping us informed in the press box are game announcer Peter Day, updating the scorebook is Ron Schwertner and keeping everyone in and around the Field of Dreams informed is our scoreboard technician Carol Rumberger. Thank y'all!

On to the game. What a perfect night for baseball. A bright blue sky and a balmy 82 degrees. After a collegial managers meeting at home plate and the playing of our National Anthem, announcer, Peter Day calls out, "PLAY BALL!"

Top of the 1st

Tim Williams leads off for the Dog Gone It team by hitting a double to left. Hard-hitting Steve Courtney drives in Tim for the first run of the game. Ken "Red Legs" Kamrath hits a laser to right that scores the speedy Steve C. With the bases loaded, Jeff Vata drives in 2 runs with a double to left field.

Bottom of the 1st

Deb Hinson starts it off for Argyle Dental with a single down the 3rd base line. Jim Hupp moves Deb to 2nd with a single to right. Greg Alexander steps to the plate and hits a deep ball to left that scores Deb. Clean-up hitter Coco Ondina clears the bases with an inside-the-park home run! [Who's faster, Coco or Steve C? Not sure, but bloody heck they get after it! Jerry Hinson gets it started again by lacing a single to left and moves to 2nd on a single by Frank Kaker. Mike Flatt drives in the 5th run with a single to right!

Top of the 2nd

Theresa Tucker kick-starts the inning with a single to left and moves to 2nd when Steven Bentley punches a single to left. Glen Wilson plates a run with a well hit ball to left-center. Deb Hinson makes great play at 2nd to end the inning and get her team back at the plate!

Bottom of the 2nd

Rick Watkins doubles to right center. The Dog Gone It defense muscles-up and records 3 outs to leave Rick stranded at 2nd.

Top of the 3rd

Sue K jump starts the 3rd with an infield single. Red Legs (Kenny K), drives in a run by launching a rocket to right field and ends up at 2nd. Sean Curry - Mr. Reliable - singles to left that plates "Red Legs." Luay Ashoo advances Sean to 3rd with a single. Jeff V scores 2 with a double to right. Theresa T drives home Jeff with a single. Bob Kriz hits a "bomb" to left field that scores the 5th run and ends the inning.

Bottom of the 3rd

Deb H jump starts the inning with a single. Jim Hupp reaches base after hitting a fly ball to sun-soaked right field. Coco drives in another run with a double to left. Jerry Hinson scores Coco with a line drive to deep left field. Franky K hits a sac fly that plates the last run of the inning.

4th Inning

Both teams display formidable defenses that prevent any scoring in the 4th!

Top of the 5th

Steve C blasts a double to left and is able to score thanks to another double by Kenny K. Sean C is able to drive home Red Legs with a hard smash to 3rd.

Bottom of the 5th

Tom Doty reaches 1st and moves to 2nd on a single by Deb H. Jim H plates Tommy D with a single to right. Deb H scores on a fielder's choice and then, hold on to your hat, Kenny K makes a very impressive catch in center field to end the inning. Wow!

Top of the 6th

Thanks to a terrific shoe-top catch by left fielder Frank Kaker, Dog Gone It is unable to push across any runs.

Bottom of the 6th

Despite a couple hard hit balls by Mike F and Rick W, Argyle cannot add any runs! Score is tied as we move into the Buffet!

Top of the 7th

Argyle's defense really shows up! Coco makes a heads-up play to get Sue K out at 1st. Then, pitcher Tom Dody's reflexes are put to a true test - to say the least! Steve "hit the ball hard" Courtney smashes a ground ball right at Tom's well, rather not say the direction the ball was heading. But happily, Tom was able to field the ball and throw Steve out at 1st to end the inning, which left the score tied 12 to 12. Nail biter for sure!

Bottom of the 7th

Here we go. Deb H. gets it going with an infield single and moves over to 3rd after Greg A hits a double. Up steps Coco with the winning run 60 feet away. I hear one of our great fans yell out, "right man in the right spot!" That fan was right again! Coco comes through in the clutch by pounding a single to left that scores Deb H. Game Over! Argyle Dental records a victory.

Game Summary

A Standing "O" to all the players on Dog Gone It and Argyle Dental for playing an exciting game for the fans! On a more somber note, please be sure to keep Argyle's Dan Patterson in your thoughts and prayers. Dan sustained an injury while attempting to field a ball in left field. Thinking of you Dan! Get well soon!

This day in baseball history

On April 4, 1974 Hank Aaron "Hammerin' Hank" tied Babe Ruth's lifetime home run record of 714 with a blast in the 1st inning of the season opening game at Riverfront Stadium in front of 52,000 screaming fans! What a talent!

