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What a beautiful Spring day for a softball game, especially after almost three inches of rain the night before. For those of you that know the history of our softball infield dirt it was just a couple of years ago a three inch rain would of delayed play by three days! Many thanks to our Softball Board and those individuals that work diligently to upgrade our playing surfaces and have the field always ready to play!

Now, onto the game!

A great ball player once said " It ain't over till it's over" (Yankees legend Yogi Berra), and that's exactly the circumstances of last night's game.

It was Mike Jaensch's Wise Health vs Sean Curry's Farmers Insurance. Going into the start of the game both teams were undefeated so there was a lot hanging on the outcome.

Farmers started off the first inning and quickly scored thanks to Bill Smiley's blooper to short right field scoring two runs. Not to be undone Wise Health came to bat and Mike Moss singled, Bruce Horeftis (2 RBI's) doubled into right field, Becky Miley (RBI) had a great hit to left field and scored Bruce, Rod McDonald hit one to left field and then up comes Clyde Ziegler who hits a long ball to left field and scores another two runs. All totaled at the end of one the score is 5-2 Wise Health

Second inning starts off with four singles contributed by Danny Thomas, Sean Curry, Jay Wissink and Tom Neagli earning two runs for Farmers. Wise Health scored only one run in the second but boy was it a dandy - an in-the-park home run by Tony Ross.

The third inning we saw a lot of action from both teams. Three runs for Farmers helped by Kelly Wissink, John Gauthier, Steve Courtney and Bill Smiley. For the Wise Health team they scored five runs; Mike Jaensch singled, a triple by Bruce Horeftis (2 RBI's), Tim Jeske's hard hit ball down the third base line for a single, Rod McDonald's single and now with the bases loaded Clyde Ziegler (4 RBI's) hits to Center and Wise Health adds a total of five runs in the third.

In the top of the fourth Farmers doesn't score however, Wise decides to add another 5 runs thanks to Larry Lewis, Tony Ross, Charley Dobson, Christa Prim (RBI), Mike Jaensch and Mike Moss.

The fifth and sixth innings helped Farmers add three more runs and they held Wise to zero runs in both the bottom of the fifth and sixth.

The score going into the seventh inning is Wise Heath 16 and Farmers 10. With a lead like that, and with only one more time at bat for Farmers you'd think that Wise was feeling pretty good about now, eh?

Well, Farmers did not lay down! Farmers came roaring back with six additional runs in the top of the seventh thanks to Kelly Wissink, John Gauthier, Steve Courtney (3 RBI's), Bill Smiley (3 RBI's) Danny Thomas, Jackie Fox (RBI), Sean Curry, Bob Wheeler (2 RBI's) and Tom Neagli. At the end of the top of the seventh the score was TIED 16 - 16!

Wise Health is flummoxed! Can they score just one more run to win the game?

At the bottom of the seventh Larry Lewis is up to bat. He hits a fly to center - one out. Next is Tony Ross who squiggles a ball to the pitcher - out #2. Charley Dobson walks. Christa Prim hits a ball back to the pitcher. The pitcher picks up the ball and because he's not a designated player when a

lady is at bat Christa automatically gets first base and the runner advances. Mike Jaensch walks and now with two outs the bases are loaded. Only one more out is needed by Farmers!

But it is not to be as Mike Moss (3 RBI's) hits a single and Charley Dobson scores the winning run. Folks, "It ain't over til it's over!"

FINAL SCORE: Wise Health 17 - Farmers Insurance 16

Many thanks to our umpires Gary Warrick, Carol Rumberger, Mike Conley and Bob Duncan. Also thanks to our score board keeper Bob Potter and score book keeper Bob Riley!

If you weren't there you missed a good one!

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