

## **Farmers vs 407 BBQ**

**Tuesday, 4 Oct '22**

Ronda Gunther opened the night with a beautiful rendition of the Star-Spangled Banner. Goose bumps!

George Wendt was behind the plate with an 'A crew' of Carol Rumberger at first and Jeff Peck at third. Bob Potter kept the scorebook, Kathy Escamilla kept us up to date with the scoreboard and Johnny B had the mic and the pen this Tuesday night.

Farmers took the Visitors dugout with a deceptive 2-2 record and first at bats. Don't be fooled, they're contenders and they're dangerous. But, 407 with their 3-1 record drew first blood when Spencer Folsom caught Steve Courtney's rocket to left field. Farmers then proceeded to hit five singles and a double to score 2. You would have thought there would be more but 407 pitcher, Ramiro Escamilla (3/4, RBI), husband of renowned scoreboard operator, and natty dresser himself, shut down the rally with some nifty, close-out pitching. But, we don't talk about Bruno; no, no, no.

Four singles & a long fly ball later, Spencer Folsom (4/4, Dbl, 2 RBIs) got one home for 407, but some excellent infield work by John Gauthier (4/4, RBI) of Farmers held 407 to just the one run.

Bill Maynard (2/3) found grass and John Blattner (2/3) ripped one down the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line but no runs were scored for Farmers in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. With 407 at bat, Bill Smiley made a highlight reel, leaping catch of Mike Moss's line shot. Courtney and Johnny G did the rest to put a donut on the Board for 407 in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Score 2-1 Farmers after 2.**

Steve Tafoya (4/4, Dbl, 2 RBIs) doubled to bring in Farmers only run in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. 407 one upped Farmers with 2 runs in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Riddle (3/3) singled, Jerry Isbell (replacing Stan Bennett) sliced one to left moving the runner and John Coffman singled home a run to tie the score at **3-3 after 3.**

Top of the 4<sup>th</sup>, for Farmers, Jackie Fox (4/4) and Bob Wheeler (3/4, Trip, 4 RBIs) started a rally scoring 2 runs as Danny Thomas (2/3, RBI) brought the stick. 407's pitcher, Chris Walton, put a halt to this rally with a timely strike out. 407 struck on the bottom of the 2<sup>nd</sup> starting with Spencer Folsom's double and singles by Walton, Moss, and a sacrifice RBI by Joe LeCroy. Berthold (2/3, 2 RBIs) singled and got his first RBI and Riddle singled, but that was it. **407 6 – Farmers 5.**

Inning 5: Bill Smiley (3/4, 2 RBIs) flashed some speed as he beat out a ground ball to SS, Mike Moss. But Mike Moss and Linda Caron (4/4) soon defensively took over the middle of the infield and The King and Queen of the "Out at 2<sup>nd</sup> base" blanked the Farmers in the 5<sup>th</sup>. 407 flashed for a couple of runs as John Coffman smacked one through the 5/6 hole; Linda Caron (4/4) cracked one deep; Tom Gunther (4/4, RBI) shot one high into the sun and Spencer wrapped it up with an RBI single to short right field. **Farmers 5 – 407 8 after 5 innings.**

Trailing, Farmers Jackie Fox smacked one deep to left field. Bob Wheeler (surely redeeming himself) hit a line drive to center and Gary Brown followed with another single. Stan's replacement, Jerry Isbell, interrupted the hit fest with a running catch followed by another out at second by the King & Queen of the out at 2<sup>nd</sup>. That was neat, but Farmers wasn't done. Blattner walked to load the bases, Courtney nailed a 2 RBI line drive down 3<sup>rd</sup> base and Smiley (3/4, 2 RBIs) wrapped up the 5 spot by slicing one to right field. Whew! That was exhausting. We haven't even touched 407. For 407 BBQ: Moss singled up the middle; LeCroy singled between the second baseman and first baseman and Louis got an RBI single to center field. **Tied 10 – 10 after 6 innings** and off to the 7<sup>th</sup> and Buffet Inning.

Farmers up: Johnny G beats out a ground ball to second. Jay Wissink (3/3, RBI, stepping up to the plate) drills one deep but it's hauled in by a super Charley Dobson catch in deep left field. Steve Tafoya (4/4, Dbl, 2 RBIs) skied one to left for a single before Spencer stretched to nab a hard drive off the bat of Sean Curry. Bob Wheeler got his final act of redemption with a 3 RBI triple to the right center field fence for a total of 4 RBIs on the night.

Linda Caron and Tom Gunther, both 4 for 4 on the night, started the 407<sup>th</sup> off gamely in the 7<sup>th</sup> with singles, but it was not to be. 407 mustered one run with additional hits from Ramiro (3/4, RBI) and Spencer, but it wasn't enough.

**Farmers 13 – 407 BBQ 11**

Cheers,

Johnny B