

## **ARGYLE DENTAL (1W/1L) vs FARMERS INSURANCE (1W/2L)**

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A near perfect evening for softball brought two teams together, both looking to improve their records. Although all the tickets were sold for the game, a sparse crowd was in attendance to enjoy the competition...although I think Paco paid his friends and neighbors to attend!?!?

Mike Conley, crew chief umpire, was at home plate, Danny Thomas at 1<sup>st</sup> and Bob Riley at 3<sup>rd</sup>. The sultry tones of Ken Quarfoot described the action while Jay Parker kept the scorebook and Linda Cawley pushed the buttons for the scoreboard.

With everyone ready, the National Anthem was played and Mike called “PLAY BALL”.

Becky Milby got the action started for Farmers Insurance with a solid single between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jerry Bidondo hit a sharp grounder to short stop for a single, but Becky was forced out at 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mick Calverley doubled to left center scoring the fleet-footed Bidondo. Two outs followed to end the top half the inning.

Debbie Hinson was the lead-off batter for Argyle Dental (Dr. Susan Randall) and was quickly on base with a single. Mike Flatt followed with a hot shot down the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line for a single and Jim Hupp followed suit with another hit down 3<sup>rd</sup>. There’s a reason they call it the “hot corner”. Hupp’s hit scored Debbie. After a pop-up out, Jerry Hinson hit a long fly ball to left field for an out...but it allowed Mike to tag up and score...and moving Hupp to 3<sup>rd</sup>. With two outs, Mike Jaensch singled scoring Hupp. A final out ended the inning

### **AFTER 1 = FARMERS INSURANCE 1 ARGYLE DENTAL 3**

Bill Maynard drew a walk to lead-off the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mike Braam followed with a single. After the 1<sup>st</sup> out of the inning, David Ferneding hit a solid ball between SS and Rov scoring Maynard. Richard Milby singled to right field for another run. Sharon Deputy singled down the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line. Steve McCaskill followed with a double to left-center field scoring Milby and Deputy. After an out, Becky Milby singled bringing Steve home with the 5<sup>th</sup> run of the inning.

Tom Naegli drew a walk to lead-off the bottom of the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Frank Kaker then tripled sending Tom home. Tracey Ginnings hit a solid grounder to SS (Bidondo)...Frank broke for home but a perfect throw to the catcher (R. Milby) caught Frank short of home for an out. Rick Watkins followed with a walk and after an out, Debbie Hinson singled loading the bases. Unfortunately, a HIGH pop-up to left field was caught for the 3<sup>rd</sup> out.

#### **AFTER 2 = FARMERS INSURANCE 6 ARGYLE DENTAL 4**

The top of the 3<sup>rd</sup>...3 up 3 down for Farmers

Jim Hupp led off the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> with a shot to center field that he stretched to a double. Coco then hit a triple to left scoring Hupp. Jerry Hinson followed with a single easily scoring Coco. Mike Jaensch then singled. After an out, Tom Naegli singled but Mike forced Mike at 2<sup>nd</sup>. With two outs, consecutive singles by Frank Kaker, Tracy Ginnings and Rick Watkins scored the maximum 5 runs for the inning

#### **AFTER 3 = FARMERS INSURANCE 6 ARGYLE DENTAL 9**

Two quick outs started the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> before Mike Braam doubled to center field. Not to be outdone, Joe Dougherty followed with a double of his own scoring Mike. A 6-4 out ended the inning.

Steve Bentley opened the bottom of the inning with a single, but was forced out at 2<sup>nd</sup> when Debbie Hinson singled. Mike Flatt singled, but Debbie was forced at 2<sup>nd</sup>. Hupp singled to center but both Mike and Jim were stranded when the 3<sup>rd</sup> out was made.

#### **AFTER 4 = FARMERS INSURANCE 7 ARGYLE DENTAL 9**

The top of the 5<sup>th</sup> saw 4 batters come to the plate with only Sharon Deputy reaching base.

Looking to extend their lead, Jerry Hinson started the inning with a line-drive double down the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line and Mike Jaensch followed with a single scoring Hinson. Gary Warrick singled scoring Mike. Tom Naegli singled to center and with a great relay from Bidondo to Bill Maynard, Gary was OUT at home. Frank Kaker singled scoring Tom and after an out, Rick Watkins singled scoring Frank. A pop-up caught by Becky in the rover position ended the inning.

### **AFTER 5 = FARMERS INSURANCE 7 ARGYLE DENTAL 13**

Trying to scratch their way back, F.I. started the inning with consecutive singles by Becky and Jerry Bidondo. Mick Calverley singled, but Becky was forced at 3<sup>rd</sup> for out #1. Andy Bradshaw then hit what likely was the hardest he's connected with a ball...but right to the glove of Jim Hupp at SS. Greg McElyea singled scoring Jerry, but was left stranded with an unassisted grounder to SS forcing Greg at 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Argyle Dental started their half of the 6<sup>th</sup> with singles by Debbie Hinson and Mike Flatt. Jim Hupp hit what he thought would be a run-scoring shot to right-center field but Stan "Paco" Isbell jumped (?) and stretched (?) to his right and snagged the ball for out #1. Coco then singled loading the bases. Unfortunately an infield pop-up and an out filed pop-up ended the inning

### **AFTER 6 – FARMERS INSURANCE 8 ARGYLE DENTAL 13**

With excitement building for a Farmers' comeback in the "buffet" inning, Frank Kaker made an excellent catch in center field for the first out. A grounder to short stop...over the 1<sup>st</sup> was the 2<sup>nd</sup> out. David Ferneding singled...but was able to stretch the hit to a double!! Needing a few more hits and runs was not in the cards for Farmers...a grounder to 2<sup>nd</sup>...flip to 1<sup>st</sup> ended the game.

### **FINAL SCORE = FARMERS INSURANCE 8 ARGYLE DENTAL 13**