

## Farmers 9 – Eagle Eye Care 8

Monday, 29 Aug 20

Opening Day lived up to expectations as we went into the Buffet 7<sup>th</sup> Inning with Sean Curry's Farmers holding on to a 9-8 lead over Rock Dudley's Eagle Eye Care.

But it didn't start that way. Farmers took a 9-1 lead into the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Farmers started off with a bang scoring 3 off the bats of Bill Smiley (1/1) and Jay Wissink (4/4, Trip). Eagle Eye Care, Dave Riddle (1/2, Dbl) flashed a little glove & savvy to run down Courtney between 3<sup>rd</sup> & home plate and rookie Dave Lucas made catching a fly ball look easy.

Each team scored one in the 2<sup>nd</sup> with EEC riding Coach Rocky's (2/3, Dbl) double & Ed Cawley's (2/3) single for a run. Bill Smiley made a game ending (for him) diving, spectacular catch and Steve Courtney then executed an unassisted double play to shut down EEC.

Farmers put up a 5 spot in the 3<sup>rd</sup> behind the big hits of Jackie Fox, Bob Wheeler (2/3) and Kelly Wissink (2/3). Gary Brown (2/3) and John Gauthier (2/3) troubled the EEC outfield all night, but 9 was to be it on the scoreboard on the night for Farmers.

EEC picked up 2 in the 4<sup>th</sup> with Hupp (2/3, Dbl) doubling to left and Steve Ward (3/3, 2 Dbls) doubling on a moon shot. Mike Moss (1/3, HR) made the catch of the night on a Gary Brown line shot.

Ed Cawley (2/3) and Dave Riddle produced another EEC run in the 5<sup>th</sup> and Dave Lucas started pitching for EEC and you could start to feel the momentum switch to EEC.

EEC substitute Coco Ondina (1/3, HR) started off the 6<sup>th</sup> with a bang as he homered in Linda Cawley (1/2). Farmer Steve Courtney made a great over the shoulder, running catch but EEC still wasn't done until Dave Lucas doubled in the 5<sup>th</sup> run for the inning setting up a one run showdown in the 7<sup>th</sup> and final inning.

EEC seemed to run out of gas in the 7<sup>th</sup> as the 'smooth' Bob Wheeler hauled in two and Courtney put the finishing touches on the last out.

We had some special treats for Opening Day as RR HOA Manager, Rhett Hubbard, threw out the first pitch and players from the initial season (2013) showed up to celebrate another successful year, 10 years in total, of RR softball at our Field of Dreams.

Mike Conley managed home plate umpire duties; Stu White umpired 1<sup>st</sup> base and Bill Hackley umpired 3<sup>rd</sup>. Marti Harnly operated the scoreboard, Bob Potter had the scorebook and Johnny B announced. Great start to the season.

Johnny B