

Week Three: Monday, April 4th, 6 PM: Reporting Rosemary "Killer" Myers-Neagli

This year I am a newbie as a game reporter, so bear with me. Sharing reporter duties with the softball pros like Dale Hill or a Johnny Blecher is a very high bar to attain. So here it goes: Oh, by the way, "Why is it so hard to steal 3rd base at RR? The short answer is because you must go through a shortstop."

Monday, April 4th, 6:00 PM started off week three of very competitive RR Co-Ed Softball at our Field of Dreams. Manager Keenan Wallace of Team **407BBQ** were tonight's visitors, and Manager Tom Neagli of **Home Tint** occupied the home team dugout. Managers and Umpires (Carol Rumberger-HP, Danny Thomas-1st base, and Miguel Ondina-3rd base) were carefully monitoring the weather reports for possible severe weather but the weather gods were with both teams. Ready to record all the action in the Press Box had Jim Reese not being able to commentate due to faulty equipment, George Wendt keeping the score, and Ed McGlaston manning the field scoreboard. After paying respect to our flag, play ball!

First Inning Highlights: 407BBQ opened the top of inning 1 demonstrating their powerful batting. Sub Randy Matthiessen and Tim Doney both had standup doubles, and seasoned Linda Caron's strong batting saw several BBI's throughout the game. Sub Mike Braam closed the inning slamming a hit that drove in the final 2 runs to top a 5-run inning for 407BBQ. Home Tint's (HT) John McNemar and Ken Ford answered with stand-up doubles. A short intermission occurred when spectator Lisa McGlaston retrieved a hit foul ball for HP Umpire Carol Rumberger. Back to action, Jeff Duncan cracked a ball straight into the skilled glove of CF Keenan Wallace which ended the 4-run inning. **(Score After One: HT-4 / 407BBQ-5)**

Second Inning Highlights: Inning two was short for 407BBQ. Three batters up and three batters out. Jeff Duncan (HT-SS) caught Lois Mcelyea's fly ball and drove the ball to 1st base Mike Flatt who caught a 407-base runner off the bag making it a double play and close any further 407BBQ chances. The bottom of 2 was also quick, Dianna Duncan's single hit scored the lone HT run. The final out of the inning caught Tom Neagli unsuccessfully stealing HP. **(Score After Two: HT-5 / 407BBQ-5)**

Third Inning Highlights: Louis Berthold (407BBQ) started off 3 with a burner into the glove of 3rdB Mike Lorenc. Outs at 2nd base and 3rd base closed out a scoreless inning for the 407BBQ. Ken Ford (HT) smashed another rocket to start with a stand-up triple. 407's Chris Walton made an outstanding catch near 2nd base for the only inning out. HT kept making single hits, plus one walk to Ty Nelson racked up a 5-run inning for HT. **(Score After Three: HT-10 / 407BBQ-5)**

Fourth Inning Highlights: 407BBQ came back fighting with several well hit singles, quickly adding 4 scored runs. There rally ended when LF Ken Ford caught a Louis Berthold missile. The bottom 4th was short and scoreless for HT. Tom Neagli rifled a shot to LF which was easily caught by Charley Dobson. **(Score After Four: HT-10 / 407BBQ-9)**

Fifth Inning Highlights: Both teams hit well in this inning. Sub Randy Matthiessen started the 407BBQ rally with a stand-up triple. Linda Caron placed another good hit to score the innings 1st RBI. 407BBQ kept batting away to rack up a sweet 4 runs before HT pitcher Paul Vargo made the innings 3rd out. Dale Frazier launched to RF for a stand-up double to start the HT party. Good single hits and one walk ended the bottom of five with 5. **(Score After Five: HT-15 / 407BBQ-13)**

Sixth Inning Highlights: The crowded stands appreciated the short 6th inning; those black clouds were approaching the Field of Dreams quickly. Linda Caron achieved another RBI, which proved to be the lone

scored run for 407BBQ. In the bottom of the 6th HT began with Paul Vargo receiving a walk, but after excellent caught fly balls, HT was shut out with no runs. (**Score After Six: HT-15 / 407BBQ-14**)

Final Buffet Inning Highlights: The “buffet” inning turned the fortunes for 407BBQ. The hitters were hot, with sub-Mike Braam adding another stand-up double. When it was all said-and-done, 407BBQ racked up 4 scored runs. Sadly, after receiving three gift walks, they were unable to score any runs. Perhaps the threat of impending lightning was intimidating? **FINAL GAME SCORE: HT-15 / 407BBQ-18**

Congrats to both teams on good play and sportsmanship. In conclusion, if anyone along Edmundson Dr. happens upon a lone shoe in the roadway; please contact Tom Neagli who lost it leaving the HT after party in ankle deep water running to his truck. Have a blessed day ya'll!