

## **Proscapes Landscape vs. Adam's Furniture**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2024**

A perfect blue sky with lots of sunshine, a slight wind out of the north, temperatures around 60, and Hot Dog Day - it is no wonder I couldn't find a place to park as I drove up to watch the second game of the Wednesday Seniors League doubleheader. It reminded me of the crowds at our Sponsor Appreciation Days.

Speaking of Hot Dog Day, immediately following the end of first game of the double header, Ponder Hardware went to work setting up to cook, prepare, and serve hot dogs to all players, fans, volunteers, etc. Terry Scholze coordinated Ponder Hardware's effort and Randy Brewer cooked the dogs. Thank you, Terry, Randy, and all the volunteers that made Hot Dog Day a huge success.

With the aroma coming from the grill, no more than 25 feet from home plate, Umpire Ken Kamrath, accompanied by 1B umpire Nancy Rogus (coming off the DL), and 3B umpire George Herman Babe Ruth, called the managers out to conference – Jim Reese for home team Adams Furniture and Johnny Blecher, of visitors ProScapes Landscaping.

Up in the booth, Dave Riddle took his regular Wednesday morning position behind the microphone. This time Dave was accompanied by his beautiful granddaughter, Isabella. Operating the scoreboard for this game was Linda Cawley and keeping the official score book today was John McNemar. A shout out to Linda, who manned the scoreboard last night and to John, who runs the Robson Ranch community batting practice every Thursday. Thank you both.

Since there is not anthem for the second game, the next words spoken came from HP Umpire Kamrath, "Play Ball"

Out to the mound for Adams Furniture strode the one and only, Bob Kuhfuss, one of the founders of Robson Ranch Softball. As an indication of things to come, Bob shut down ProScapes allowing only Carl Caruso to reach base on an infield hit

In the bottom of the inning, after pitcher Carl C. retired the first batter, Adams exploded for four runs. Bruce Horeftis tripled to right to drive in Becky Milby who had singled. After a fielder's choice drove in the second run, the dynamic duo of Gary Wiesner and John Tanner went back-to-back hits, John's a double, to drive in two more runs. These two guys went back-to-back three times, each going 3 for 3 and driving in five runs between them.

**After 1 inning, Adams Furniture – 4; Rodney Landscape – 0**

Kuhfuss shut out Landscape once again in the second allowing only a base hit by Shields Jones. Shortstop Becky Milby made her first of several great plays to end the inning.

Kuhfuss led off for Adams Furniture with a base hit to right. Kelly Petre (MVP), Cheryl McCally, Ken Quarfoot, and Myron McKinney all single to produce two runs to load the bases for Bruce H who doubles to right field, clearing the bases.

**After 2 innings, Adams Furniture – 9; Rodney Landscape – 0**

Raise your hand if you know what happens next. Just like last inning, following a base hit by Mike Powell, a nice play by Becky ends the inning.

In the bottom of the inning, Reese leads off with a home run to right. As soon as the ball got past the right fielder, Riddle said “gone”. Following a base hit by John Duffy, the dynamic duo (Wisner and Tanner) go back to back (Tanner a 3B) producing 2 runs. Becky then hits a SF to 1B to drive in the 4<sup>th</sup> and final run of the inning.

**After 3 innings, Adams Furniture – 13; Rodney Landscape – 0**

Manager Reese sends slugger John Tanner to the mound to pitch the 4<sup>th</sup> for Adams. Only allowing a hit to Steve Foster, John shuts out Proscapes with the help of Pete Day snagging a throw at 1B to end the inning.

Believe it or not, Adams fails to score for the first time. Bill Soule and MVP Petre lead off with hits but are stranded.

**After 4 innings, Adams Furniture – 13; Rodney Landscape – 0**

At the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, Manager Johnny Blecher called his team together for a little pep talk. It was rumored and later confirmed by Johnny himself that he told the team, “Listen, if don’t score in this game, no hot dogs for you.” Firing out of the dugout, Mike “Crazy Legs” Braam leads off with a double down the left field line and Pete Day drives him in with a base hit to right. Johnny’s motivational speck pays off.

Coming to bat in the bottom of the inning, no doubt sensing the momentum may be switching, Adams Furniture posts a five spot. Myron leads off with a hot shot up the middle that pitcher Carl snags and throws Myron out. Becky gets a hit. Then the speed of Becky and Bruce put runners at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> as Bruce blooms on just over the 1<sup>st</sup> baseman’s glove. After the second out of the inning, five consecutive hits produced the five runs - Duffy, Author Lee Figueriedo (3B), the dynamic duo (Wiesner and Tanner), and Richard Milby.

**After 5 innings, Adams Furniture – 18; Rodney Landscape – 1**

As a closing finish to this most entertaining game, pitcher John Tanner shuts down Rodney Landscape, 1-2-3, to end the game.

**Final Score: Adams Furniture – 18; Rodney Landscape –1**

Despite the once sidedness of the score, this game and the whole atmosphere was nothing but fun for everyone there. Thanks to both teams.

In the quote of the day and perhaps the quote of the year for the Seniors League, Jerry Bennett said:

**“Who knew that softball in slow motion could be so entertaining”.**

See you next week for some more Seniors League fun.