

It was a warm sunny afternoon at the Field of Dreams, a perfect day to play a make-up game caused by rain on the originally scheduled day. After The Star Spangled Banner and a moment of silence commemorating September 11, umpire, Stu White called "balls in". While Wise Health Care (WHC) took the field, Jim Reese stepped up to bat for Rodney Landscaping (RL). Jimmy hit a bomb to center for the first out, Steve Wardlaw got to first but was out at second on a fielder's choice as Bob Laderach reached first. Bryce Treese, Debbie Hinson and Jerry Hinson all hit singles driving in Bob L. and Bryce T. for two runs to finish the inning. RL was spotted three runs on the sub rule, so the score was now 5 runs for RL at the top of the first.

George Wendt pitching for RL first faced Mike Moss, who liked what he saw and hit a ball to the fence for an infield home run. That got the WHC fired up, Becky Milby singled, Mike Braam walked, Kelly Wissink singled as did Jay Wissink, Clyde Ziegler and Jackie Fox bringing in four more runs for a five run total, inning over. Score tied at 5 all.

The second inning started with a single by George W., but because of great defense, a 6 - 4 - 3 double play stopped George at second and got the runner at first, 2 outs. A ground out finished the inning.

Pat Lewis starting the second hit a grounder and was out at first while hubby Larry singled and was then driven home by Rod McDonalds double. Mike Jaensch singled advancing Rod who then scored on a long scarify fly to center. Two runs scored, WHC 7, RL 5.

RL struggled at the top of the third, three up three down.

WHC started the third with a bang as Mike Braam smashed one to the fence for a home run. Jay W. singled, but Bryce T. made a great stop on Clyde's hard grounder throwing out Jay at second for the second out. Jackie Fox doubled driving in Clyde from first, Bruce Horeftis got a triple driving in Jackie for the third run. Pat Lewis singled, but Randy Catron made a great catch of Larry's long fly ball for the third out. Score Wise 10, Rodney 5.

Things improved for RL in the fourth. Jimmy R. doubled and then came home on an in the park home run by Steve Wardlaw. Bob L. followed with a single, Bryce T. walked and Debbie H. singled, setting the stage for Jerry Hinson's double driving

in Bryce and Debbie for two more runs. Greg McElyea singled but was stranded with the third out, four runs scored.

For WHC, the inning started with two outs, then Mike M. and Becky M. singled, Mike Braam followed with a double driving in one run. After the third out, the score was Wise 12, Rodney 9.

It was a tight game with lots of action which kept umpires Stu White at home, Mick Calverley at first and Mark Mills at third busy and on their toes with lots of close calls.

The fifth inning for RL wasn't very productive, after two quick outs Louis Berthold and Rojean Cossairt both singled but an out ended the inning.

Things were only a little better for WHC in the fifth. Clyde singled and was advanced to home with hits by Jackie F and Bruce H, but alas the action stopped there leaving people on base with the third out. Score, Wise 13 and Rodney 9.

There was lots of activity for RL in the sixth with base hits by Jimmy R, Steve W, Bob L, Bryce T and Debbie H. The singles advanced Jim to home plate, but a series of fielder's choices generated three outs and the inning ended with one additional run.

Larry Lewis who pitched for WHC, started the sixth with a single. He moved on to second with a single by Mike J and then Larry moved on home with a single by Mike M and Mike J advanced to second. A two bagger by Mike B moved Mike J to home, but soon thereafter came the third out, two runs scored. Wise 15, Rodney 10.

Greg McElyea started the seventh with a hard grounder but Jay Wissink at first stretched out and then further out and still further out to snag the throw for the put out at first. We didn't check to see if his pants seam was ripped, but he was able to stand up again, so it didn't seem to matter. George W got a walk and Bill Soule singled, but it wasn't enough to keep the inning going, final score Wise Health Center 15 and Rodney Landscaping 10.

Paul O'Neill announced the game, Johnny Blecher kept the scorebook and Shawn Curry ran the scoreboard.

It was a great game, an exciting game with lots of action and a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. Stay tuned, because these teams and other exciting teams will be coming again to a theatre near you or better yet to The Field of Dreams in your own backyard, see you then.