

2022 SPRING SEASON SEMI-FINAL

State Farm Insurance vs. 407 BBQ

June 6

If you weren't in the crowd watching Monday evening's semi-final game...YOU MISSED A DOOZIE!!!

45 runs scored...with no triples or home runs...but with 57 singles, and 16 doubles!!!

But let's backup...the game pitted the #1 seed 407 BBQ (Keenan Wallace, manager) the #5 seed State Farm Insurance (Coco Ondina, manager).

Bob Laderach was calling balls and strikes behind the plate, Mick Calverley on 1st, and John Basse on 3rd. Jimmy "the lip" Reese was on the mic, Clyde Ziegler was keeping the book, and Kathy Escamilla was running the scoreboard.

An indication of the type of game this would be was signaled by both teams scoring 5 runs in their half of the 1st inning.

State Farm sent Scotty Wilson, Coco, and Johnny B. to the plate and all hit doubles. Jeff Rumberger followed with a single and Ken Kamrath followed with yet another double. After a line drive catch at 3rd...Gary Warrick and Carol Rumberger followed with singles and the inning ended with 5 runs across the plate

In 407 BBQ's half of the inning, lead-off hitter Linda Caron singled but was forced at 2nd by John Coffman's single. He was followed by another single by Greg McElyea. After a second out, Mike Moss doubled for an RBI, Tom Doney doubled for 2 RBIs, Chris Walton singled and Keenan Wallace doubled in 2 more runs to end the inning

5 – 5 after 1 inning

The top half of the 2nd inning was a little quiet. 4 singles...but a couple of force outs...scoring only 1 run for State Farm.

The bottom half was a little more exciting. It started out with a second to first ground out...followed by a single by Charlie Dobson...but he was forced out at 2nd from a single by Lois McElyea. Then with 2 outs, 407 hit four consecutive singles by Louis Berthold, Ramiro Escamilla, Linda Caron, and John Coffman...and a double by Greg McElyea...before a 4-3 ground out ended the inning. 4 runs scored.

State Farm 6 407 BBQ 9

In the top of the 3rd, State Farm came to life again. Coco singled (yes, just a single), after a pop-out, Jeff Rumberger singled, Ken Kamrath drew a walk, Steve Courtney and Gary Warrick singled...but was forced out at 2nd with a hit by Carol Rumberger. Mike Jaensch, Tracey Kucharski and George Keller all singled...the maximum 5 runs scored

Quick bottom half of the inning...Mike Moss drew a walk, but was forced at second with a hit by Tim Doney...then a very nice 4-6-3 double play.

After 3 innings – State Farm 11 407 BBQ 9

The top of the 4th was quick...singles by Bob Kuhfuss, Susan Kamrath, Scotty Wilson, Coco Ondina (yes, just a single)...and, believe it or not, Johnny B drew a walk, and Jeff Rumberger doubled...5 runs with 0 outs!!!

Bottom of the 4th saw 407 BBQ continuing to rest up a bit. 2 singles but both forced out at 2nd and a pop-up to right-center.

After 4 innings – State Farm 16 407 BBQ 9

The top of the 5th opened with Ken Kamrath and Steve Courtney getting singles, followed by an RBI double by Gary Warrick, and RBI single by Carol Rumberger. A single by Mike Jaensch forced Carol at 2nd and a single by Tracey K. forced Mike at 2nd...but Gary Warrick was able to cross the plate. Another force out ended the inning with 3 runs scored

Louis B. led off the bottom of the inning with a single but was forced at 2nd with a hit by Ramiro. Linda Caron singled and went to 2nd when Ramiro tried to stretch

for an extra base but was cut down at 3rd. John Coffman then doubled bringing Linda around to score, Greg McElyea doubled scoring John. Tom Gunter singled but was stranded at first with a pop-out on the infield.

After 5 innings – State Farm 19 407 BBQ 11

Will the #5 seed advance to the Finals on Saturday!?!?!?

State Farm opened the 6th inning with Bob Kuhfuss singling, but was forced out at 2nd with a hit by Susan Kamrath. Scotty singled but Susan was forced out at 2nd. With 2 outs, Coco doubled, Johnny B. doubled, scoring Scotty and Coco and Jeff Rumberger singled scoring Johnny. The inning ended with a pop-up on the infield.

407 BBQ with their backs to the wall sent Tim Doney to the plate and he answered with a single. After an out, Keenan Wallace and Mike Braam both singled...Mike's hit being caught in the pitcher's netting after being touched by Gary Warrick. With bases loaded, Charlie Dobson drew an RBI walk and Lois drew another RBI walk. After an out, Ramiro singled and sent 2 more runners across the plate. Ramiro was the 3rd out when he was forced at 2nd by the next batter.

After 6 innings – State Farm 22 407 BBQ 15

With the visiting team ahead by 5 or more runs...the **FLIP-FLOP** rule is implemented...State Farm stayed in the field while 407 BBQ batted again in an attempt to catch up.

The 7th inning is, of course, the BUFFET INNING...the 5-run scoring maximum is no longer in force...score as many runs as you can before 3 outs.

John Coffman started it off with a walk. He was followed by Greg McE. and Tom Gunter both singling...Mike Moss then hit a 2 run double and Tim Doney hit a 2 run double. After an out, Keenan hit an RBI single, Mike Braam singled, Charlie Dobson hit an RBI single and Lois singled!!! A line drive out to the rover position playing just over 2nd base and then coming in few steps to 2nd forcing Lois who

had wandered a little too far off the base ended the ½ inning...**407 SCORED 7 RUNS AND TIED THE GAME!!!**

Now, it was State Farm's turn in the bottom of the Flip-Flop inning to try and score 1 run to win the game!!

State Farm came up a bit short...with a couple of pop-outs and a force out at 2nd the 7th inning ended in a tie score!!!

After 7 innings – State Farm 22 407 BBQ 22

This writer has been at Robson Ranch and affiliated with RRSA for many years. I don't remember a playoff game going into an extra buffet inning!?!?!?

With the Flip-Flop no longer in play...the game reverted to State Farm batting in the top of the 8th inning.

3 quick outs...no runs scored by State Farm.

Needing just one run to win the game 407 BBQ sent Ramiro up as the lead-off batter...and he singled. Linda Caron singled and sent Ramiro racing to 3rd. A pop-out to short left field left the runners in position. Greg McElyea came to bat with the winning run on third and the outfield playing in hoping to cut-off the winning run on a grounder or short pop-up....but Greg hit a solid shot over the left fielders head and Ramiro trotted across the plate for one of the biggest come-from-behind victories in RRSA history!!!

407 advances to the championship game on Saturday at 11am against the winner of Tuesday's game = Adams Furniture vs. Farmers Insurance

Stats

407 BBQ

Tim Doney - 4 RBIs

John Coffman, Greg McElyea, Mike Moss Keenan Wallace, Ramiro Escamilla all with 3 RBIs

State Farm

Jeff Rumberger – 5 RBIs

Coco, Johnny B., Gary Warrick, Carol Rumberger all with 3 RBIs