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April 18th:

It started out as a great night for softball - the sun was out , the playing field was beautifully lined, the temps were in the low 70's but still a little windy (again) but not too bothersome for the pitchers.

Our umpiring crew was Stu White at home, Don Andrews at first and John Basse at third. Stu called "Play Ball" and Farmers Insurance was up first.

Bobby Laderach started the inning off with a single to right field followed by John Gauthier's double to left field scoring Bob. A fly ball to the outfield was caught and a pop up to short made for the second out. Then came six consecutive singles by Bill Smiley, Bob Wheeler, Sean Curry, Pat Snider , Kelly Wissink & Steve Tafoya. Immediately it was 5-0.

Scott Wilson opened the bottom of the first for State Farm with a triple to left. Coco hits a ball to right field. For you and I it would of been a double but with Coco's speedy legs he made it a home run. Two runs in and then a miracle happened - Louis Berthold hits a double! That scored Gary Warrick for the third run of the inning.

In the second inning Danny Thomas and Marlene McNemar hit singles. Bob L again hits to right field for a triple for Farmers and scores two runs. John G hits a long fly to left center and is hauled down by Gary Warrick for the second out but Bob tags up and scores the third run for Farmers.

State Farm has a 1, 2, 3 inning but there was a great play by John G at short where he did a running leap into the air to rob Carol Rumberger of a hit.

In the third inning Farmers scored one run on a hit by Bob Wheeler who scored Bill Smiley. The bats came alive for State Farm in the bottom of the third. George Keller, Susan Kamrath and Scotty all singled followed by a double for Coco and a triple for Johnny B. All in all 5 runs scored ending the inning.

After three innings the score is 9 - 8 in favor of Farmers Insurance.

Farmers Steve Tafoya starts off the fourth inning with a booming shot to LCF and gets a double. Allen Day hits one between the pitchers feet for a single. Danny hits a booming shot to RCF scoring a run. This is followed up by Bobby hitting a gapper to center field scoring two runs and then John G hits one all the way back on the warning track scoring two more runs and the inning ends due to the 5 run per inning max rule. State Farm has a 1, 2, 3 inning to end the fourth inning.

Farmers fifth inning is a duplicate of the fourth with adding another five runs. State Farm struggles with another scoreless inning.

After 5 innings the score is 19 - 8 in favor of Farmers Insurance.

Allen Day starts the sixth inning with a single followed up by Danny who hits a ball to Coco who steps on second and throws Danny out at first. A well executed double play! However, Marlene beats out a play at first, Bobby hits a long ball to center, Marlene scores and Bobby decides to try for an in-the-park home run and is almost called out at home. John G hits a ball to the fence and he legs it out for an in-the-park home run as well. Louis catches a line drive at third for the third out. Farmers scored three runs.

So we're at the bottom of the sixth and State Farm needs a lot of runs. State Farm has their starting line up coming to bat, Scotty, Coco & Johnny B.. Scotty hits a single and is now standing on first. Coco comes up to the plate and hits a screamer, 😬, down the first base line hitting Scotty while he's standing on first base. Home plate umpire calls Scotty out as he sees the ball as a fair ball that hit a base runner and now he directs Coco to be on first base. Coco's on first but then suddenly runs over to the umpire loudly proclaiming it was a foul ball and Scotty can't be out. The ump demonstrably calls it's a fair ball and that Scotty is out **and** since Coco, an active player, left first base without calling for time he's out as well! You can only imagine Coco's reaction to that call! Pounding of feet, throwing his gloves down into the dirt and temper flaring.

Soooo, to bring some decorum back on the field the umpires call time and meet on the field to discuss what they each saw. Finally they agreed to adjust the call from fair to foul ball thereby putting Scotty back on first and Coco back up at the plate with a one strike call. This writer thought that was a good call by the umpires and the game resumed peacefully.

At the bottom of six State Farm scored another three runs thanks to the single by Scotty, an in-the-park home run by Coco, a double by Johnny and Louis driving in Johnny on a fielders choice play.

Since the score had the Farmers up by 11 runs it was decided to enact the flip-flop rule where State Farm would continue batting in an attempt to score 11 runs or more. If they did not then Farmers would be declared the winner.

State Farm came to bat at the bottom of the seventh. Ken Kamrath hit a double followed by a single by Carol and Ken scored. That was State Farm's only run and the game was over.

Final score: Farmers Insurance 22 - State Farm Insurance 12

Special Recognition goes to...

Farmers:

- Bob Laderach: 2 Dbl's, 1 triple, 1 HR & 6 RBI's
- John Gauthier: Single, Double, HR & 5 RBI's

- Steve Tafoya: Single, Double & 3 RBI's
- Bill Smiley: 2 Singles, Double & 2 RBI's
- Bob Wheeler: Single, Double & 2 RBI's
- Sean Curry, Pat Snider, Kelly Wissink, Danny Thomas - all had an RBI

State Farm:

- Coco Ondina: Double, 2 HRs & 6 RBI's
- Johnny B: Single, Double & 2 RBI's
- Louis Berthold: 2 Singles & 3 RBI's
- Bob Kuhfuss: 2 Singles & 1 RBI

The Booth Personell:

- Jimmy Reese: Game Announcer
- Deb Hinson: Scoreboard
- Bob Potter: Scorebook Keeper

Many thanks to the 25+ fans that came out to cheer these two teams on and see Coco throw down on the Umps ... his gloves, silly, just his gloves!

Your FBI reporter,
(Full Blooded Italian)

PS. Hey Scotty, after being hit by a Coco line drive at 1st, what is your health status this morning?