

Wise Health Care (3-2) vs Farmers Insurance (3-2)

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

What a beautiful evening for a ball game!! Two equally matched teams...temps in the upper 80's with a light breeze out of the north!

Bob Laderach was our home plate umpire, assisted by Gary Warrick at 1st, and Nancy Rogus at 3rd. Peter Day was our announcer, and he was flanked by John McNemar on the scorebook and Linda Cawley on the scoreboard.

The umps are ready, the press box is ready...Bob Laderach calls PLAY BALL!!

1st Inning

After a long fly out to left for the "visiting" Wise Health Care (WHC), Bruce Horeftis cuts a single to right field. Becky Milby earns an infield hit pushing Bruce to second. Clyde Ziegler singles, but forces Becky out at 2nd...Bruce to 3rd. Then a great defensive 4-6-3 double play ends the inning with no runs scored.

Steve Courtney started the inning for the "home" Farmers Insurance (FI) with an infield single. Bill Smiley (RBI) then doubled to right field scoring Steve. John Gauthier then singled sending Bill to third. Steve was forced out at 2nd with a single by Jay Wissink...but Bill scored giving Jay an RBI. Two outs followed ending the inning

AFTER 1 INNING WHC – 0 FI – 2

Steve Wardlaw led-off the top of the 2nd inning with a walk and Tom Gunther followed with another walk. With two on, Spencer Folsom (RBI) singled to right-center field, sending Steve across the plate. Steve Wetenkamp (RBI) singled but forced Spencer at 2nd and scoring Tom!! Two consecutive force outs at 2nd ended the inning

Sean Curry led-off the bottom of the 2nd with a walk but was forced out at 2nd with a single by Jackie Fox. Bob Wheeler (RBI) doubled and with very good hustle

by Jackie...she scored from 1st!! A fly ball out and another force out ended the inning.

AFTER 2 INNINGS WHC – 2 FI – 3

After a fly out to start the inning, Mike Slocum hit a shot to the outfield, but with a clean pick-up and quick throw to the infield, he was held to a single!! After an infield pop-up out, Becky Milby (RBI) kept the inning going with a single, which scored Mike from 1st. Another infield pop-up out ended the inning

The bottom of the inning saw Steve Courtney earn a walk. Bill Smiley followed with a single sending Steve to 3rd. John Gauthier (RBI) singled, forced Bill at 2nd, but scored Steve. Jay Wissink (RBI) doubled, scoring John and after an out, Kelly Wissink (RBI) singled, scoring Jay. An infield out ended the inning.

AFTER 3 INNINGS WHC – 3 FI – 6

The top of the 4th was a 1-2-3 inning for the WHC team.

Jackie Fox led off the bottom of the inning with a single. After an out, Marlene McNemar singled sending Jackie all the way across the plate. Two outs followed ending the inning.

AFTER 4 INNINGS WHC – 3 FI – 7

The top of the 5th continued to see cool bats from the WHC team. Spencer Folsom singled to lead off the inning but was stranded on three consecutive outs.

The bottom of the inning was equally as cool for FI. Steve Courtney hit a shot to left field for a single but was forced out on a single by Bill Smiley. Then two consecutive unassisted infield grounders = force outs at 2nd...ended the inning.

AFTER 5 INNINGS WHC – 3 FI – 7

Top of the 6th was another 3 up, 3 down inning for WHC.

Kelly Wissink led off the bottom of the inning with a double to right-center field. After a pop-out, Jackie Fox earned a walk. A fielder's choice single by Bob Wheeler sent Kelly to 3rd. Marlene McNemar (RBI) then singled sending Kelly home...but she was then forced at 2nd for the final out of the inning

AFTER 6 INNINGS WHC – 3 FI – 8

With their backs against the wall...the WHC team needed 5+ runs to tie or go ahead in the "buffet" inning.

After an out to start the inning, Clyde Ziegler shot a drive to right field for a single. Larry Lewis sent Clyde to second with an infield single. With their rally caps on, Steve Wardlaw (2 RBI) doubled to left field, scoring both Clyde and Larry!!! After another out, Spencer Folsom (RBI) doubled to right-center field, scoring . Steve Wetenkamp (RBI) then singled bringing home Spencer!! Down by just 1 run...the rally ended with a second to first out.

WHAT A GAME ON A BEAUTIFUL EVENING AT THE FIELD OF DREAMS!!!

FINAL SCORE – Wise Health Care – 7 Farmers Insurance – 8

George Wendt, Game Reporter

No guarantee on the description of the game and what actually happened.