

May 11th's MS2-USA and Corple Corral by John Thompson

We had a great morning for senior softball, and Nancy Neal and I managed to get 2 box seats that were exceptional for viewing the game. Corple Corral were short on players, so we were glad to see their skipper Dale Hill with his arm out of the sling fielding balls at 1st base. (I won't tell his doctor if you won't). Then out of nowhere came Jerry Bennett to the rescue in the second inning with hair combed still rubbing his eyes from his restful sleep. Anyway, on to the game.

What an exciting game! With CC managing a 2 and 2 record, and MS2 1 and 3, both teams had fire in their eyes for this matchup. There were a total of 33 hits by CC, and 27 hits by MS2 in this contest.

The first two innings were very close with MS2 scoring 2 in the first and CC scoring 2 in the second. The 3rd inning was a dead heat with both teams scoring three runs. At the end of 3 innings the score was 5 -5. In the 4th inning both teams scored 5 runs making it 10 - 10. After the 6th inning we were again all tied up 13 - 13. The buffet inning produced 5 runs for CC, but MS2 managed to score 6 for a 19 to 18 victory.

The offence for both teams produced a huge number of singles. There were only 2 doubles on CC, both hit by John Harnley. One was a 2 run double in the 3rd. MS2 had a total of 6 doubles with Blecher having 2 of them and a triple.

Those getting more than one hit included:

CC Mckinney 2 singles, Henson 3 singles, Harnly 2 doubles, 2 singles, Killer 3 singles, Reece 3 singles, Mills 3 hits including a 2 run single, Ramiro 5 hits (that's 5 for 5), David Dick 2 hits, Bennett 3 hits,

MS2 Wiesner 2 hits, double, Scholze 2 singles, Calverley 2 singles and a double, Horeftis 2 singles and a double, Neal 2 singles, McKie 3 singles, Ford 2 singles and a double, McGlaston 2 singles, Day 2 singles, Sharon Deputy 3 singles with the game winning hit, Blecher 2 doubles and a triple.

A couple of standout defensive plays included a nice play by John Harnly at third base to throw out the baserunner, and Jim Reece threw out Blecher at 2nd base for a force out from shallow centerfield.

Thank you to the umpires which included Don Andrews at the plate, Mike Braum at first, and Bobby Duncan at 3rd. Also, the excellent pressbox crew of Rick Rubin and Marty Conley, and a smorgasbord of announcers from each dugout which included David "Joe Buck" Mckie.

Overall, a well played game with a few hiccups in typical senior league fashion. My salute to the MS2 USA winners 19 to 18 over Corple Corral.

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