

407 BBQ 16 – Rodney Landscaping 11

Monday, May 6th

What a start to a game. Greg Alexander got a single and ended up scoring on Bobby Laderach's double. I said, "Alexander is fast!" Kathy Escamilla, sitting next to me, said, "He floats." Melissa Werstein, John Coffman, Jack Moore, and Gary Warrick all singled to bring home 4 runs. The field was swapped and James LaGesse (pronounced LaJess) singled, Gauthier doubled, Clyde singled and Mike Braam homered with a line shot to right center to finish the 5 spot in 5 at bats. Smiley tried to heckle Mike as he crossed the plate, something about, 'where was that...?', and heading back to the dugout, Braam replied, "I took lessons from Bob Riley yesterday."

407 BBQ 4 – Rodney Landscaping 5 After 1 Inning

A Johnny G, to Dianna Duncan (there's that arm), to Jeff Duncan double play basically shut down 407 BBQ in the 2nd. Rodney Landscaping (RL) started out quickly with a single from Tafoya and a double from Wheels (Bob Wheeler). There was almost an Alexander to Hal W, to catcher, Louis Berthold, double play, almost... Ramiro asked catcher, Louis from the stands, "Are you the coach?" Louis responded, "You think I'd be this quiet if I was the coach? Hal Wasson's the coach!" But RL gave up an out then loaded the bases for batter, Dianna Duncan. Dianna didn't disappoint as she lifted one to right center for two more RBIs. Rodney loaded the bases again. 407th's third baseman, Randy Mathiessen (pronounced Mathee ess son) perfectly executed the 'touch and go' at third base

as he took a ground ball, tagged third for one force out and tossed home to get the committed runner for out #3. So fun to see that executed perfectly.

4 – 7 After 2

David Pryde took the mound for Rodney Landscaping. After a couple of the boys did their thing, Randy Mathiessen drove in two runs with a double. John Coffman doubled to drive in another run and then WOW! Jack Moore (>60's AA RR Tourney Team) drove one over the left field fence for two more runs and the five spot. Not sure what Tina has been feeding Jack, but he had some pop. Rodney went down quietly, and it was:

9 – 7 After 3

It seemed like the crowd just kept growing. Okay, at least there were several more in the crowd. My Kathy and Cindy Baker showed up, several others, plus Andy Yankovich. You've all seen Andy with his mom, Margaret, navigating the streets of Robson. Used to be Andy did it all manually and now 'Momma' has an electrified chair. Anyway, Andy and a lot of others were turned away (it was already a full house) from what turned out to be a highly anticipated and attended meeting at the Club House where Dianne Edmondson was telling what to expect around Robson in terms of growth and developments. Hope we all get to see the video of that presentation.

407 BBQ went down after a Warrick single in the 4th, but not without drama. We love our ladies. Tina Moore of 407th, put one down the first base line. With only the 2nd baseman, Dianna Duncan, in a position to make a play, it was a race. Dianna scooped the ball and again made a great throw to nick a speeding Tina and it was over to Rodney's. Schwertner set things up with a single. Then Bob Riley's straight 'A' student, Mike Braam, hit another bomb but this time to the opposite field, his second homerun for 2 RBIs. Wheels and Pryde singled but two outs later the two runs stood.

9 – 9 After 4

407 BBQ started slow but exploded. Laderach, Melissa W, Coffman, Jack Moore and Warrick all singled to set up Allen Day to get the last RBI and 5 spot for 407 BBQ. Ok, there was a moment when Bobby Laderach tried to explain to home plate umpire, Scotty Baker, that if the ball was lower than his 5'6" frame it might ought a be illegal. It was to no avail, but Bobby got a single anyway. 407 went on another run and 6 singles and a double later had their 5 runs. The 5th inning was not as kind to Rodney Landscaping. Rodney came up and Joe Dougherty singled as well as Rich Werstein putting one through the 5/6 hole and it seemed doable. Johnny G, one of the stalwarts of the >70's tournament team was poised to blow it open. Johnny drilled a line drive well in front of the left fielder. And then we realized it was truly Jack Moore's day as he came swooping in to snag the line drive at full sprint.

14 - 9 After 5

Randy Catron dropped one behind 3rd for the 1st single and a big stretch, by Pryde, got the next out at first. Coach Louis, scratch that, he's not the coach, insert Hal, but Louis singled, Greg A singled, Coach Hal singled, Randy singled and they had 2 runs. 2 runs? Sounded like a lot more than that. Rodney Landscaping was not to be out fancied. Clyde Z singled and then 'Crazy Legs' threaded one through the 5/6 hole. You know, if Riley can turn around Mike Braam like that, we might ought 'a all be looking to take some hitting lessons from Bob Riley. Wheels singled and Rodney picked up two in the inning.

16 - 11 Going into the Buffet

Flip flop in play, with home team batting first

407 BBQ made quick work of Rodney Landscaping and after three quick outs, 407 BBQ had the victory.

Final Score 407 BBQ 16 – Rodney Landscaping 11

Statistics

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Laderach 3 for 4 Double RBI

Wasson	4 for 4		
Mathiessen	3 for 3	2 Doubles	4 RBIs
John Coffman	3 for 3		
Jack Moore	3 for 3	Homerun	3 RBIs
Gary Warrick	3 for 3		
Randy Catron	3 for 3		

Rodney Landscaping

Jim LaGesse	2 for 3		
John Gauthier	2 for 3	2 Doubles	
Clyde Ziegler	2 for 3		
Mike Braam	3 for 3	2 Homeruns and a Double	6 RBIs
Steve Tafoya	2 for 3		RBI
Bob Wheeler	3 for 3		RBI
Joe Daugherty	2 for 3		
Rich Werstein	2 for 2		

Like always, the final score is only part of the story. George Wendt, with the perfect professional announcer's voice, had the mic. Jackie Fox took care of the scorebook and Ms. Pat Lewis was spot on with

the scoreboard. Scotty Baker remained rock solid at the plate, supported by Bob Collins at first and George Ruth at third. My special thanks go to Kathy Escamilla, who realized the person needing the most help was the game reporter. I was smart enough; okay I'll admit it wasn't me, but Jackie Fox suggested that I take a picture of the line-ups. Kathy E. navigated my phone and the line-ups to keep my notes somewhat on track.

Glory be to the competitors but just know there are plenty of stories going on around us. Perhaps my favorite was Andy Yonkovich's story. He and his mom, Margaret, see many of us every week. Andy is so happy to be around our generation and how we are able to communicate with each other without politics interfering and even stopping discourse. What? I'm thinking. Andy is hopeful that his generation will end up more like the residents of RR and has nothing but compliments for our softball leagues and players. But this is The Robson and maybe we just have something special here. Let's keep it going!

Cheers,

Johnny B

