

It was a perfect Saturday morning down at the old ballpark when 407 BBQ met Tommy's High Tech Auto to play a make up game after the originally scheduled game had been rained out. It was worth the wait to see these two teams meet as they both have had a good season, with THT Auto holding onto a perfect 5-0 record.

It was at this point where the perfect morning concept hit a small speed bump right off the bat. George Wendt, home plate; Kevin Buckrucker, 1st base and John Tanner at 3rd met with the managers and then got the players lined up for the National Anthem. That's when things came apart, as it seems the recording disappeared from the music playlist. Linda Cawley, running the scoreboard saw Bob Richardson, on the scorebook searching feverishly through the iPad for the music, but to no avail, the National Anthem was missing in action. The fans were standing with hands over their hearts and the teams were lined up with hats off ready to sing. What to do now as the delay seemed to go on and on and on, 30 seconds seemed like an hour. Linda was beginning to panic with the thought that Bob, holding the mike, might burst into his solo rendition at any moment. Not to worry, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Quarfoot, who just happened to be wandering through the press box at that moment suggested bringing up the music on a cell phone with the mike held close by. Walaa, crisis averted, George was able to call out **PLAY BALL** and everyone was spared Bob's solo rendition.

After that inauspicious start, the fans were in for a great roller coaster ride with great defensive plays and hot bats resulting in feast or famine from inning to inning. 407 quickly got on that roller coaster, Greg Alexander and Gary Warrick singled and then Hal Wasson tripled, two runs in. Tim Williams also tripled bringing in Hal, then John Coffman hit a fly deep to left for the second out but Tim tagged and scored for the fourth run.

Bob Laderach leadoff with a single for THT Auto followed with hits by Aasha Jones and Dale Frazier bringing in Bob for the first run. After an unusual play where THT wound up two runners at second base, oops. Side retired, with the score 407 up 4 to 2 after one.

407 wanted to stay on the roller coaster with on base hits by Charley Dobson, Allan Day, Randy Catron, Louis Berthold and Greg Alexander and a base on balls by Tina Moore advancing the runners for three more runs.

Melissa Werstein led with a single and John Leprevost hit it deep for a double. Melissa was later thrown out at home, no runs scored as the roller coaster hit the low point and 407 extended their lead to 7 to 2 after two.

407 was still flying high on the roller coaster to start the third with singles by Warrick, Wasson, Williams, Marlene McNemar and a two bagger by John Coffman which brought in four more runs. 407 has scored 11 runs in three innings.

THT just couldn't climb back on that ride and had more downs than ups with no scoring to close the third with 407 now up 11 to 2.

407 fell off the high flying ride to start the fourth. Allan Day and Randy Catron got on base, but a strike out and two fly outs stranded them on base, no runs. Moving on.

Just as 407 fell off the ride, THT jumped on to see what the fun was all about. Base hits by Aasha Jones, Dale Frazier and Spenser Folsom were followed up Mike Moss's rocket to the fence for a home run and three more RBI's. Jay Wissink singled, Leprevost walked but Greg Alexander shut down the action, making a great catch at short for the third out. The upside was that THT was now fighting back scoring four more, making it 407 – 11 and THT – 6 at the end of four.

407 who started feeling the heat at the top of the fifth responded with power. Gary Warrick blasted one to the left field fence for a triple. Not to be out done, Hal Wasson blasted one to the right field fence for his triple as Gary came around home plate. Randy Mathiessen tried to keep it going with a single driving in another run, but after that a string of fielder's choice outs and with only two runs chalked up the inning ended.

The only thing about THT's fifth inning is that it was mercifully fast, three up, three down. Score at the end of five 407 – 13 and THT – 6.

Things weren't much rosier for 407 to start the sixth which is why we will just move on to the bottom of the sixth with hope and optimism.

Well that hope and optimism certainly paid off as THT came to bat in the sixth. Joe Lecroy singled and then Aasha Jones hit her third single of the day. All of this leading up to another Dale Frazier (3 for 3) rocket launch to the fence for an easy triple that scored two runs for Dales third RBI. Spenser Folsom got to first but no one could advance him. Three runs tightened the score, 407 – 13 and THT – 9.

407 wasn't ready to call it a day. Tina Moore beat out a throw to first and after two quick outs, the "beast" Gary Warrick blasted a triple for his fourth hit in this game (2 singles and 2 triples). The next "beast" on this roster, Hal Wasson then doubled for his fourth hit of the game with 4 RBI's. Hal had a single, a double and 2 triples, that makes for a fun morning I'll bet. Those two runs made it 15 – 9 for 407.

THT valiantly entered the seventh inning, but it was not to be on this day.

FINAL SCORE: 407 BBQ 15, Tommy's High Tech Auto 9.

Both teams played hard and gave the fans a fun outing for the morning. Thanks to the fans for supporting all of the RRSA teams, thanks to the

officers, volunteers, and committees for keeping the sails full and steering this ship forward through the season. And, since we forestalled Bob Richardson's solo singing debut, it has been a win / win for all. Let's do again.....

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