

407 vs Adams game report

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The opening game of the Co-ed league playoffs has number one seed 407 BBQ (managed by Tom Neagli) versus number 8 seed Adams Furniture (managed by Spencer Folsom). 407 is heavily favored but as we saw last year, a number 8 seed went deep into the playoffs. Anything can happen in Robson Ranch softball. The press box was ready with Tim Trotter at the PA, Carl Caruso cooking the books and Carol Rumberger at the scoreboard. Umpire crew chief was Gary Warrick assisted by Jeff Peck at 1st and Ken Kamrath at 3rd. Our very own Miss Patriotic, Ronda Gunther performed our National Anthem and it was time to play. Your humble sports reporter climbed to his exclusive seat reserved for the media.

407 pitcher Larry Lewis delivers the first pitch and the next thing you know, its 3 up and 3 down for Adams. 407 comes to bat against Adams pitcher Steve Bentley and Kelly Wissnik leads off with a single. Tom Neagli singles and Mike Flatt delivers an rbi double. Sub Ron Schwertner gets an rbi single and sub Becky Milby raps a single. Adams defense grabs three outs and holds 407 to 2 runs. 2-0 in favor of 407 after one inning.

Adams puts runs on the board following an infield single by sub Matt Curtis, a single by Shields Jones and an rbi single by Steve Wetenkamp. Pitcher Steve Bentley helps his cause by getting an rbi to tie the game. 407 comes to bat and the married duo of Ronda and Tom Gunther get solid hits but unfortunately right to Adams defenders for 2 outs. Adams gets the 3rd out and holds 407 scoreless. A 2-2 tie after two innings of play.

Tiffany Ramzy draws a base on balls and the ageless Jerry Bennett singles. Mike Jaensch singles and Jerry is thrown out at home plate on a very close play. Spencer Folsom comes to bat and gets a hit but a little base running snafu results in the third out. Adams is again held scoreless.

407's Marc Busboom booms out a single to bring up the top of the order. Pitcher Steve B gets a strikeout and then Tom N triples in a run. Adams defense says no more and holds tough. It's a low scoring tight game with 407 leading 3-2.

Adams starts the top of the 4th with a hard-line drive single by Randy Matthiessen. 407 shortstop Steve Courtney demonstrates a textbook bang bang double play for two out and the inning ends with an infield pop up and again Adams is held scoreless.

Ron S leads off for 407 and hits a towering fly ball to the warning track but left field Dave Pryde tracks it down for the out. Becky M finds the gap for a single but gets thrown out at second on a fielder's choice. Ronda G draws a walk and Adams then gets the third out to hold 407 scoreless. What a low scoring game, the bats are cold for both teams, but the defensive gloves are hot! It's still a 3-2 ballgame with 407 leading.

Adams comes to the plate in the top of the 5th and gets two singles by Dave Pryde and Steve W. 407 catcher Ronda G makes a great defensive play behind the plate and snags a foul ball for the first out. Sub Randy Catron singles to load the bases for Tiffany R. Tiffany brings home a run to tie the game. Bases still loaded for Jerry B who delivers an rbi single. Christa Prim singles home a run and Mike J draws a walk to again load the bases. A ground out ends the threat, but Adams takes the lead 5-3. In the bottom of the 5th, Adams gets two quick outs before Kelly W raps a single. Another ground out and the favored 407 is held scoreless. In the movie "The Matrix", Neo sees a cat almost back-to-back and says "Deja Vu".

Trinity says deja vu is often a glitch in the Matrix and they go on high alert. Could this be a glitch in the Matrix of Robson Ranch softball and a repeat of last season where the 8th seeded team snags a victory? Adams leads 5-3 as we head to the 6th.

Randy M leads off for Adams with a single and Matt C drives him home with a triple. Shields J gets an rbi single. A routine grounder to the stingy 407 infield leads to the first out. Eagle eyed Steve W entices a walk but then 407 digs in, but Adams sits at 7 runs. In the bottom of the 6th, after a quick out, Steve C singles. Ron S singles and the speedy Steve is thrown out at third base in a very close play. Becky M finds the grass and scores Ron. The Adams infield gets another out to end the threat and we head to the buffet inning with Adams leading 7-4.

Adams could use some insurance runs but it's three up and three downs. They need to hold 407 to 2 runs for the upset win as they take the field. Adams gets a quick infield out and Tom G belts a single. Adams' defense digs deep and a nifty double play by Randy M at shortstop and Steve W at first ends the game with Adams Furniture scoring a major upset against 407 BBQ. The final score was 7-4 which is the lowest scoring game of the season in Co-ed softball. Adams moves on to game 5 Monday against either Ponder Hardware or State Farm, that game is tomorrow! Come out to the ballpark for some great softball, fun and camaraderie!