

Rodney Landscaping 16 – Adams Furniture 11

Thursday, 5 May 2022

Let's just get to it since this report is a little late. My apologies.

Home team, Adams Furniture, was cruising behind the bats of Lisa McGlaston (3/3, RBI), Mike Braam (3/3), Jerry Bennett (2/3) and Sharon Deputy (2/2, RBI). Mike Braam made one of his patented kneeling catches as well as taking one over his shoulder on the full fly. Lisa M cleaned up several at 2nd base and Adams was up 11 – 7 after 5 innings.

Rodney Landscaping gave us a peek at the ending when in the sixth, they closed the gap to 11 – 9. Ron Schwertner (4/4, 2 Dbls, Trip, HR, 6 RBIs) had a big night leading off the 6th with a double and getting knocked in by sub, Spencer Folsom (4/4, 2 Dbls, 2 RBIs). Bill Smiley (3/4, 3 RBIs) brought in Spencer, Daniel Patrick (2/3) got his 2nd hit and the lead was narrowed to 11 – 9 going into the buffet with Adams still on top. Rodney was helped along the way with some nifty defense by 'Duke' Snider at 3rd and Schwertner gliding under several deep balls making it all look so easy. Jim Hupp (2/4, Dbl, 2 RBIs) was his normal, hero as he scooped everything coming near him.

David Carl kicked off a huge buffet inning for Rodney with his second hit (2/3, Dbl). Luay Ashoo (3/4, RBI) came up with the bases loaded and one out and he singled home the first run and then the flood gates opened. Pitcher, Steve Bentley, wrapped up the hit parade and after 12

batters Rodney had chalked up 7 runs to turn the game around and take the lead 16 – 11 and that's how it ended.

Homeplate umpire, Carol Rumberger, was a delight and it was clear she was in control from the moment she made a slow motion, tomahawk, emphatic strike call. Every call was clearly made and all that was left for umpires Mike Conley and George Wendt to do was smile, stay in their own lanes and compliment Carol's umpiring.

Sean Curry worked the scoreboard and Donna Peck had the book. Johnny B had the mic but depended on Donna to be the pronunciation specialist with help from Ramiro and Jose Raices.

It was a fun night and everyone went home with something from the game to smile about.

Johnny B