

Adams Furniture vs 407 BBQ

Thursday, April 19, 2023
Attendance 76 (estimated)

As the wind howled out of the south at 21 MPH, gusting to 25, Rhonda Gunther kicked the evening off saluting America with an inspirational performance of our Star Bangled Banner. The press box crew of Peter Day (Announcer), Marty Hamly (Scorebook) and Bob Potter (Scoreboard) were ready to go as was the 5-star umpire crew of Clyde Ziegler (HP), Bob Collins (1B) and Gary Warrick (3B).

It is interesting to note that 5 players from the "Diamond Woods" section of *The Ranch* participated in the game. Diamond Woods has positioned itself as one of the top recruiting areas for the RRSA. The Diamond Woods community was also well represented in the stands leading to one of the highest attended games of the year!

At 5:45 Veteran Pitcher Larry Lewis launched the first pitch to John Coffman who delivered a single, however, a Dale Hill single was all that Adams could muster.

407 got the quick start they were looking for sending 7 batters to the plate resulting in 5 runs. Kelly "Speedy" Wissink got things started for 407 with a single followed by five straight hits highlighted by back-to-back triples by Mike Flatt and Steve "The Human Vacuum" Courtney and a Tom Gunther double. Killer Myers-Neagli finished the fireworks off driving in the 5th run.

End of 1: ADAMS - 0 / 407 BBQ - 5

In the 2nd the Adam Furniture squad put together an inning their sponsor would be proud of. Aided by three walks, singles by Steve Wetenkamp, Christa Prim and a home run by Jerry Bennett Adams plated 4.

Temporarily stunned by Adam's response, despite two base knocks by Charley Dobson and Ronda "The Voice" Gunther, 407 BBQ went down quietly.

End of 2: ADAMS - 4 / 407 BBQ - 5

The top of the 3rd began with Dale "Sweet Swinging" Hill approaching the plate as his walk-up song YMCA blared from the speakers. His lead off rip to center followed by Spencer Folsom and Tiffany Ramzy singles and a couple fielder choices netted 2 runs.

Not to be denied, 407 BBQ cooked up a response of their own. Tom "Motivator" Neagli worked a base on balls. Steve Courtney's second triple and three consecutive singles by Rick Ketring, Tom Gunther and Killer plated 3 runs to extend their lead.

End of 3: ADAMS - 6 / 407 BBQ - 8

Adams started their half of the 4th with a single by David Pryde, however, went quietly after that.

407 BBQ scored 5 runs on their half of the inning to take a commanding lead. Larry Lewis began the run parade with a walk. Singles by Ronda Gunther, Berthold, Wissink and Ketring supported the break out inning.

End of 4: ADAMS - 6 / 407 BBQ - 13

The 5th inning saw 407 extend their lead highlighted by a Larry Lewis double driving in 2 runs.

End of 5: ADAMS - 7 / 407 BBQ - 16

Adam's went quietly in the 6th while 407 "Sauced" 5 more runs to break the game open. Singles by Tom Neagli, Flatt, Dobson, Lewis and a double by Courtney delivered the runs.

End of 6: ADAMS - 7 / 407 BBQ - 21

On to the Buffet...a single by Jaensch and Matthiessen brought Dale Hill to the plate who delivered his fourth hit (4/4) of the evening to drive in the final 2 runs of the game.

FINAL SCORE: ADAMS - 9 / 407 BBQ - 21

Post Game Musings:

It is said that successful teams are foundationally built around a strong middle of the field. This was on full display as veteran 3B umpire Gary Warrick shares his thoughts:

"Rarely does an umpire get to enjoy poetry in motion while calling a RRSA game but Wednesday night that just happened. Second baseman Rosemary Myers-Neagli (Killer) and Steve Courtney the short stop were siblings connected. My goodness, time after time, Killer was in the right spot to put out a runner from first. Time after time Steve Courtney delivered the perfect throw right at shoulder height and not too fast. Together they demonstrated how effective a coordinated infield can be and in the process crippled the offense of Adam's Furniture."

On the flip side, Adam's Furniture's Manager, Spencer Folsom, stated that the message to his Team is to start stringing small wins together. Hit the cut off, minimize errors, keep the ball in front of you – just get better every play, every game and the wins will come. This was on full display!

Bottom line folks, where can you play softball and have so much fun at the same time?

The Field of Dreams of course!