

# Adams Furniture vs Farmers Insurance

## Semi-Final Game

June 7, 2022

Yet another exciting game played before a sell-out crowd at the Field of Dreams!!

The #7 seeded Adams Furniture (Stan Isbell, manager) against the #3 seed Farmers Insurance (Sean Curry, manager). Not as high scoring as the first semi-final game, but this game featured a defensive record that was tied...one that you don't see very often...and VERY rare when it happens twice in the same game!

Overseeing this game was home plate umpire, Mike Conley, assisted by Steve Pratt at 1<sup>st</sup> and Rocky Dudley at 3<sup>rd</sup>. Johnny B. was on the mic, with help from Bob Riley on the scorebook and Deb Hinson running the scoreboard.

Now lets get to the game...

Adams Furniture sent Scott Lassiter to the plate as the lead-off batter...he started the game with a single on the first pitch. Dave Riddle then singled to left center field and Scott rounded second base and tried for third. A perfect 8-6-5 relay...Scott was tagged out at third!! Dave Riddle was able to take second on the play. Mick Calverley singled and brought Dave across the plate. A pop-out to left center and a fielders choice out at 2<sup>nd</sup> ended the inning.

Bob Laderach led-off for Farmers with a strong double. Steve Courtney then singled sending the fleet-footed (?) Laderach across the plate. John Gauthier singled for and RBI, Jay Wissink singled, Bill Smiley popped-out but earned an RBI, and Tim Winiesdorffer (hereafter referred to as Tim W) doubled for another RBI before two "short to first" outs ended the inning

### **After 1 inning – Adams Furniture 1 Farmers Insurance 4**

Mike Braam led-off the second inning for AF with a double. Jerry Bennett singled sending Mike across the plate. John Jordan then singled but Jerry was forced out at 2<sup>nd</sup> on the play. Peter Day singled and after the second out of the inning

Ramiro Escamilla singled for an RBI and John Bosse singled for yet another RBI. The inning ended with the next batter hitting a grounder that forced John out at 2<sup>nd</sup> (5 to 4).

Bob Wheeler opened the bottom of the second inning with a walk. After a pop-out to left-center, John Coffman drew a walk. Mike Jaensch hit a grounder to 3<sup>rd</sup> that forced Bob out. Kelly Wissink singled...but the bases-loaded inning ended with a pop-out to center field.

#### **After 2 innings – Adams Furniture 4 Farmers Insurance 4**

The third inning was rather quiet for Adams Furniture. A lead-off out was followed by four consecutive singles by Scott Lassiter, Dave Riddle, Mick Calverley and Randy Catron...but 2 of those singles resulted in force outs at 2<sup>nd</sup>...and no runs scored

The same cannot be said for Farmers Insurance as Steve Courtney and John Gauthier both singled and Jay Wissink followed with a 2 RBI double. Bill Smiley singled and sent Jay to score and Tim W singled sending Bill home. After a “short stop step on second and throw to first double play...Sean singled and Bob Wheeler singled, but the inning ended with a fielder’s-choice out at 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **After 3 innings – Adams Furniture 4 Farmers Insurance 8**

Mike Braam led-off the 4<sup>th</sup> inning with a double. After an unassisted out to first base, John Jordan singled home Mike. Peter Day singled but was forced out at 2<sup>nd</sup> on a hit Ramiro singled and sent John Jordan home and a pop-out to short stop ended the inning...with 2 runs crossing the plate.

In the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Mike Jaensch, Kelly Wissink and Bob Laderach all singled, but 3 outs in between those hits ended the inning with no runs.

#### **After 4 innings – Adams Furniture 6 Farmers Insurance 8**

The 5<sup>th</sup> inning saw a long-standing record tied!! After singles by Randy Catron and Sharon Deputy, three consecutive pop-out to Bill Smiley ended the inning. A single defensive player made all 3 outs!!!

John Gauthier led off the bottom of the inning with a single. John was able to tag-up on a long fly ball, out, to left field, and reach 3<sup>rd</sup> base!! Bill Smiley then singled

sending John across the scoring plate. Tim W singled as did Jackie Fox. Sean Curry then sent both runners home with a strong single. After another out, Sean Curry was tagged out at third on a fielder's choice.

### **After 5 innings = Adams Furniture 6 Farmers Insurance 11**

Down a couple of runs, Randy Matthiessen kicked things off in the top of the 6<sup>th</sup> with a single. Following an out, Mike Braam doubled. Jerry Bennett followed with an RBI single. John Jordan then followed with a single sending Mike home. The inning ended with a pop out to right and a fielder's choice out at 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As Adams Furniture was creeping closer, Farmers Insurance wanted to extend their lead. John Coffman led off with a single but was cut down at second on a hit by Mike Jaensch. Kelly Wissink followed with a single and Bob Laderach sent them both home with a triple in the gap. Steve Courtney sent Bob home with a single. John Gauthier then singled...and when Jay Wissink sent a ball to right field, John Gauthier started to round the bases...but a perfect right fielder to third to home caught John a couple of steps short of scoring. However, Farmers extended their lead with 3 additional runs

### **After 6 innings – Adams Furniture 8 Farmers 14**

So it all came down to the “buffet” inning. Here's where a long-standing record was tied once again. Adams Furniture sent three consecutive batters to the plate...all three grounded the ball to short stop Steve Courtney who cleanly fielded each ball and threw a perfect strike to first baseman Danny Thomas. One defensive player assisted in three consecutive outs!!!

## **STATS**

### Adams Furniture

19 singles, 4 doubles

2 RBIs = Jerry Bennett, John Jordan, Ramiro Escamilla

### Farmers Insurance

25 singles, 3 doubles, 1 triple

3 RBIs = Jay Wissink, Bill Smiley, Sean Curry

2 RBIs = Bob Laderach

SO THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IS SET

**#1 seed 407 BBQ vs #3 seed Farmers Insurance**

**11am, Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

Although it may be a little warm for this game, PLEASE arrive early as parking and seating will be at a premium!!!

WWHHAATTT...did someone say HOT DOGS!!!