

## April 20, 2022, Game Report - MS2-USA vs. Corple Corral

Alright, it's 8 AM Wednesday, game day for our Senior / Ladies League. We receive word from Commissioner Kelly that the game is on. A little cool, a little windy, and a bit wet, but other than that, it's a beautiful day for softball. Gotta love our Commish. And by the time we arrived at the field for warm-ups, he was dead-on.

Leading up to the game, MS2-USA Coach Johnny B. meets Corple Corral Coach Dale Hill to discuss the team lineups in a typical "Seniors" fashion. JB: "Hey man, how many you got?" DH: "13. You?" JB: "Not enough. I can't believe it. You got Lisa as a sub? You can't have Lisa go out to the Field of Dreams battlefield to try and defeat her own husband. Ed would never forgive you." DH: "OK, interpretation – you want Lisa. For the sake of peace and harmony at the McGlaston household ... and 3 number 1 picks in next year's draft, Lisa is an MS2." Done.

Still, one player short, Coach Johnny heads up the Pressbox stairs, convinces Jackie Fox she would rather play softball than keep score, and boom ... team complete. Ready to sing the National Anthem and get this game underway.

### First 3 Innings:

Gary Wiesner starts the game off for MS2 with a single and would come around to score. But surprisingly, this would be MS2's only score during the first 3 innings. Their high-powered lineup was quieted by a combination of: (a) the pitching by crafty ol' Ramiro Escamilla, (b) a long-running catch of Ken Ford's drive to deep left field by Myron McKinney, (c) Killer Neagli's lunging spear of a shot off the bat by hard-hitting Mick Calverly, (d) Mike Conley's fake throw to first of a ground ball, then firing to home plate where Mark Mills made the catch for the out at home, and (e) numerous other exceptional plays by the Corple fielders.

Corple Corral bats, on the other hand, were pounding the ball in the early innings. In the 1<sup>st</sup>, Myron McKinney, Mike Conley, and George Wendt doubled, Donna Peck and John Thompson contributed singles, and all 5 scored. Killer Neagli got the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning off with a single and she eventually came around to score. In the 3<sup>rd</sup>, it was the same culprits creating damage as Mike Conley and John Thompson crushed back-to-back triples off the outfield fence. Donna Peck, who accumulated 4 hits for the day, while dealing with a hamstring pull, added to the excitement and, again, all scored.

### After 3, Corple Corral held a 9-1 lead.

### Next 3 Innings:

Despite CC's commanding lead at the time, no one from the stands were leaving. All three came to see the game to the end. Besides, no Johnny B team can ever be counted out until the very end, right? So, in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, MS2 proceeded to 5 runs without logging an out. Corple Corral never know what hit 'em. David Dick, Ken Ford, Deb Hinson, Bob Kuhfuss, Mick Calverly, and Ed McGlaston all reached base safely. And in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 5 more runs. Stan Isbell, Jackie Fox, Johnny B, John Anderson, and Gary Wiesner created the damage. And in the 6<sup>th</sup>, MS2 had crossed the plate another 4 times with only one out.

That's right, calculator man, 14 runs were earned by the MS2 team while only 2 outs were registered over a 3-inning period.

Corple were able to score 5 runs during this time, thanks again to hits by the same five that started the game off so well.

**After 6, Corple Corral was clinging to a 16-15 lead.**

**Inning #7**

OK, so we have yet another 1-run game late in a Senior League contest. Everyone was waiting to see if the CC team could slow down the momentum of the MS2 soldiers. And in short order, we had the answer. Stan Isbell singled. Jackie (Scorekeeper) Fox singled, Johnny B homered, Gary Wiesner doubled, Clyde Ziegler doubled, David Dick doubled, and then ... BIG BOOM ... Ken Ford lifted a long drive over the left-field fence. 7 runs in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning for the MS2-USA's. That was enough for the CC's. They were able to muster one more run but left the field wondering what had gotten into the MS2'ers in the final innings. Off to fight another day ...

**Final Score: MS2-USA 22, Corple Corral 17**

Special thanks to Jim Reese and Rick Rubin, who pulled double duty after Johnny raided their Press box.

And thanks to the umpiring crew as they once again, allowed the game to progress smoothly despite the numerous close calls. Cheers to Stu White, Rocky Dudley, and Mike Braam.

**Significant Offensive Highlights:**

**MS2-USA:**

Johnny Blecher ... 3/3, homerun  
David Dick ..... 4/4, 2 doubles  
Ken Ford ..... 3/4, double, homerun  
Stan Isbell ..... 3/3,  
Gary Wiesner ..... 3/4, double  
Jackie Fox ..... 2/3

**Corple Corral:**

Mike Conley ..... 4/4, 2 doubles, triple  
John Thompson ..... 4/4, 2 triples  
George Wendt ..... 4/4, double  
Donna Peck ..... 4/4  
Myron McKinney ..... 3/4, double  
Killer Neagli ..... 3/4  
Ramiro Escamilla ..... 3/4, double