

Argyle Dental vs 407 BBQ

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Attendance 33 (estimated)

Under partly cloudy skies and a light wind out of the southeast, Rhonda Gunther kicked the evening off with a moving rendition of the Star Spangled Banner. The press box crew of Tim Trotter (Announcer), Jay Wissink (Scorebook) and Greg Laffey (Scoreboard) were ready to go as the late arriving crowd settled into their seats at the Field of Dreams. Home Plate Umpire, Larry Studinski called out “play ball” as his crew of Carol Rumberger (1B) and Scott Baker (3B) settled in.

At 5:47 Veteran Pitcher Larry Lewis launched the first pitch. Following two quick outs **Argyle Dental (AD)** executed some two-out lightning. John Coffman singled, followed by a Ken Kamrath double and back-to-back singles by Steve Wardlaw and Matt Curtis plated two runs.

With Sean Curry on the bump for **407 BBQ**, Kelly Wissink got things started with a single, however, three straight outs ended the inning;

End of 1: AD – 2 / 407 BBQ -1

There was no “lightning” during inning two for **AD** as Larry Lewis worked the corners (3 up...3 down).

407 BBQ must’ve rubbed some sauce on their bats as doubles by Frank Kaker and Charley Dobson a single Rick Ketring and a bases clearing inside the park home run by pitcher Larry “Wheels” Lewis resulted in four runs.

End of 2: AD – 2 / 407 BBQ - 4

The 3rd had a promising start for AD with back to back singles by Bill Reese and Cheryl “I’m Back” Soule, A fielding miscue loaded the bases. Led by the honorable, Bob Kuhfuss, the AD fans were doing the wave as it appeared a big inning was in the works, however, only one run was plated via a John Kaufmann’s fielder’s choice.

Wanting to maintain their two run lead, 407 BBQ did just that generating a run off of a lead off single by Joe Nuttal and back to back hits by Mike Flatt and Steve Courtney.

End of 3: AD: 3 / 407 BBQ - 5

Despite three singles by Sean Curry, Louis “The Lip” Berthold and Sue “Lefty” Kamrath, Larry Lewis kept AD off balance when it counted keeping them off the board in the top half of the inning.

407 BBQ extended their lead as Tom Gunther led off with a single followed by a Charley Dobson double – both were driven in by a Rick Ketring shot to left. A Miguel “CoCo” Ondina web gem solo double play snuffed out any further damage.

End of 4: AD 3 / 407 BBQ - 7

AD rookie coach, Ken Kamrath, urged his team to “focus” on the ball. It worked as AD put up 5 runs to capture an 8-7 lead. The Bill Reese, Cheryl Soule duo again opened the inning with consecutive singles followed by 3 more singles by Miguel Ondina, Ramiro Escamilla and John Coffman. A Matt “The Hammer” Curtis double to right center field knocked in runs 4 and 5 ending the onslaught.

As veteran closer, Ramiro Escamilla took the mound in the bottom of the inning the 407 BBQ squad was planning a 5-spot of their own. Kelly “Speedy” Wissink lead off with a single. Coach Tom Neagli follows with a double scoring Kelly. Steve “The Vacuum” Courtney drives Tom in with a double down the line. Frank Kaker follows with a triple driving in Steve. Tom Gunther and Larry Lewis drive in runs four and five.

End of 5: AD: 8 / 407 BBQ: 12

The 6th was quiet with neither Team plating a run. Another CoCo double play web gem was the highlight of the inning.

End of 6: AD: 8 / 407 BBQ: 12

On to the Buffet...AD was able to generate two runs before the rally fizzled.

FINAL SCORE: AD: 10 / 407 BBQ: 12

Bottom line, a well-played game by both squads, post-game hand shakes and off to celebrate the “Robson Life” at the post-game gatherings!