

Yes, this is actually the fourth Game Report you are receiving today - and at no extra cost, I might add. Such value. And they were each provided by a different talented journalist. Many thanks to our one-armed **Jeff Duncan (and Dianna)** for this lively and entertaining report on the Argyle Dental vs Rodney Landscaping game.

Your intrepid sports reporter showed up early at the ballpark this afternoon to scope out batting practice and get a feel for the team's preparation. Using my press pass, I walked out onto the field and interviewed the managers and key players from both teams. Some interesting comments and I hope the video feeds make it to the local news at ten.

A cool north wind greeted everyone as game time approached. Head umpire Carol Rumberger assisted by Bobby Richardson and Warren Fowler greeted Argyle manager Ken Kamrath and Rodney manager Steve Tafoya at home plate and Argyle pitcher Mick Calverly took the mound. Announcer Peter Day, scorekeeper George Wendt and scoreboard operator Donna Peck manned the press box. Your reporter was nursing a broken arm so his beautiful and talented assistant, Dianna, served as note taker.

Rodney put up five runs at the top of the first with solid hits by Becky Milby, Craig Bishop, super sub Rocky Dudley, Luay Ashoo, Dale Frazier, and Tom Doty. Pitcher Tom Doty took the mound to face Argyle Dental's leadoff batter Bob Laderach. Bob rapped a nice hit which he stretched into a double with a spectacular slide just beating the throw. Rare to see a slide in Robson Ranch softball, some players still got it! Johnny B brings him home with a double. Hits by Ken Kamrath, a sacrifice fly by Ken Ford, and more hits by Steve Wardlaw, Louis Berthold, John Coffman, and Sue Kamrath bring the run total to 4 as the inning ends. It's 5 to 4 in favor of Rodney Landscaping.

The 2nd inning was a quick one. Great pitching and defense held Rodney scoreless. Rodney returns the favor with solid defense and blanks Argyle to end the inning.

Rodney comes to bat in the top of the 3rd and the speedy Bruce Horeftis stretches a single into a double, Bruce loves to run!! Mike Slocum singles, Craig Bishop gets an RBI single as does Rocky Dudley. Luay drives in a run with a nice double and Rodney takes the lead 8 to 4. Argyle comes to bat and Johnny B excites the crowd with an inside-the-park home run. Singles by Ken K and Ken Ford allows Mick C to drive them home with a triple. Steve Wardlaw hits a deep fly ball that was caught but Mick tags up for the run. Singles by John Coffman and Sue K allow Joe Dougherty to drive them home with a nice hit. Argyle retakes the lead 9 to 8.

Ken Ford takes the mound for Argyle as Mick C takes a break and ices down that pitching arm, Mick pitched in a senior game earlier in the day. Ken gives up a single to Tom Doty and the defense steps up with a nice double play to hold Rodney scoreless. Rodney comes to the plate and Bill Reese and Cheryl Soule lead off with singles. Johnny B drives in a run and Ken K drives in two more with a triple. Ken Ford enjoys an inside-the-park home run and the 5-run limit is reached. Score is 14 to 8.

It's the top of the 5th and Mick C retakes the mound. Bobby Duncan and Doreen Schewlin rap a pair of singles. Two great defensive plays by Johnny B and John Coffman on deep fly balls bring Rodney to two outs. Becky Milby singles to load the bases for big Craig Bishop. Craig blasts one out of the park for a grand slam home run, what a towering hit into the wind! It's now 14 to 12. Argyle Dental starts a hit parade with singles by Mick C, Steve W, and Louis B. John C doubles in a run. Sue K and Joe D hit RBI singles and Bill Reese singles to load the bases for Cheryl Soule who drives in a run. Bob L singles and Johnny B drives in the 5th run. At the end of five innings, the score is 19 to 8.

The buffet inning starts and the Rodney bats come alive. Jimmy Parker leads off with a triple and Bobby D brings him home with a single. Doreen S raps another single and Bruce H singles to load the bases. Mike Slocum brings home two with a double, Becky M gets a 2 RBI single and Craig B drives in a run. It's getting tight but the Argyle defense holds tight and the game ends with Argyle on top 19 to 17. A great game for the spectators and players as high fives were exchanged between the teams. The best part of Robson softball was yet to come, the after game get together for the teams enjoying food, drinks, and fellowship! Another great day for Robson softball