

ProScapes vs. Corple Corral – This Game had it all.

As gametime for the second game of the Weekly Seniors League double header approached, the parking lot was jammed pack. As fans were still talking about the opening game (a one run thriller between the unbeatens), it was time to turn our attention to this particular battle of two 0-2 teams – visiting team Corple Corral, managed by Dale Hill, and the home team ProScapes Landscaping, managed by Bill Smiley.

Rick Rubin was poised to operate the scoreboard as he did for the first game (and for the previous 50 or so Seniors League games); he was joined by Ken Lulu Quarfoot behind the mike and Clyde Ziegler keeping the book. Thanks men.

Don Andrews took his position behind homeplate to serve as chief umpire for today's game. He was joined by Greg Laffey at 1B and Ken Kamrath at 3B. Greg played in the first game and stuck around to volunteer to umpire. Thanks to you three men as well.

This second game of the double header had a little bit of everything for us softball fans – some good, some not so good, and for some reason today, an array of colors adorning our players (see list below).

In the top of the first, Corple greeted pitcher Gary Warwick with five straight hits and then Pete Day cleared the bases for the last of five runs. In the bottom of the inning, Gary Wiesner greeted pitcher Paul Vargo with an inside the park home run. Then Ken Ford knocked in sub Bob Laderach who had doubled. But that was it, only two runs scored. Catcher Cheryl Soule made a great catch at home to end the inning with 5-2 score.

A Robson Ranch Seniors league record was set in the bottom half of the first inning. David McKie, playing shortstop, recorded three assists in the inning, but none of those assists were to first base. Two of his assists were 6-5 assists to third base. His final assist was a throw to home (6-2) to nail speedy Randy Brewer trying to score.

In the second inning, once again, one team scored five runs and the other two runs. But the two teams reversed it this time. Corple Corral scored two in the top

half of the inning despite five base hits, the last of which was a 2 RBI single for Gary Wiesner. The inning ended with ProScapes' left fielder Myron McKinney making a shoe-string catch for the second out and firing the ball to 3B to catch the runner leaving the base too soon. 7-7 after two innings.

The third inning yielded no runs for either side. But the defense of each team's outfielders was outstanding. In the top of the 3rd Bill Smiley made a nice catch off the bat of Stan the Man Isbell and Myron McKinney had another catch to end an inning. In the bottom of the 3rd, it was the Ken Lilley show in RCF. He made a nice, long running catch off the bat of Bob Laderach and then one off the bat of Ken Ford. 7-7 after three innings.

Corple Corral scored three in the top of the fourth. The first two runs came off the bat of Ken Lilley, a two-run home run scoring Jerry Bennett who had singled. Dale Hill hit a triple to drive in the third run, but was thrown out at home trying to notch a home run. Nice throw home by pitcher Bill Smiley. But ProScapes answered with five runs of their own on six hits, the last of which was a 2 RBI single by Bill. 12- 10, Proscapes after 4 innings.

Corple Corral scored three more in the top of the fifth. Kelly Wissink and David McKie each had their third hits of the game bringing up Stan the Man who cleared the bases with a three-run home run. The inning ended on a nice catch of a pop-up by first basement Henry Moore. Pitcher Paul Vargo shut down ProScapes in the bottom of inning with the help of yet another fine running catch by Ken Lilley. Score after five: 13-12 in favor of Corple Corral

Umpire Don Andrews announced that the 6th inning was to be the last inning and it was a buffet inning (Score all you want). Corple Corral extended their lead. The first three batters all got hits (Lilley, Vargo, and Soule) setting the stage for Dale Hill. Dale was able to drop a hit in front of the outfielders to drive in two runs, but that was all as ProScapes defense stepped up to shut Corple down.

Trailing 15-12 coming up for their final at bat, Corple Corral's new pitcher, Ramiro Escamilla gets the leadoff batter to hit a foul ball on their third strike for a big K. Then Killer and Gary Warwick hit singles and both scored on a single to left by Henry Moore. Bobby Duncan moved Henry to 3B with his third hit of the game. Henry scored on an infield hit tying the game. John Anderson stepped to the plate with runners at 1st and 3rd. John hit a ground ball to short who flipped to second

for one out, but John beat the throw at first as the winning run crossed the plate. Wow! What a finish! Proscapes moves to 1-2 following the win.

Final Score: Proscapes Landscaping – 14; Corple Corral – 13.

PS: Trivia question #1: In the Seniors League, how can a batter have an inside-the-park home run but not touch home plate?

PS: Trivia question #2 - Razzle Dazzle Em! (ala Chicago!). Uniform sightings today; name the player who wore these:

- Orange shoes
- Green pants
- Green and pink shoes
- Blue shoes
- Orange hat and matching shin guards
- Purple and white shirt.
- Purple tube socks.

See you next Wednesday for some more Seniors League fun and action.