

## **TOMMY'S HI TECH AUTOMOTIVE v DOG GONE IT**

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After the weeks of rain, a bright and sunny Tuesday evening welcomed faithful fans at The Field of Dreams at Robson Ranch as Dog Gone It played Tommy's Hi Tech Automotive. Both are new sponsors this year and we welcome them and hope that you support their businesses when you have the opportunity.

Marty Conley kept the records straight, Gary Warrick manned the scoreboard, and Johnnie Blecher kept us entertained and informed as the voice of Robson Ranch Softball for the evening. As always, we saluted our nation as both teams lined up along their respective foul lines and everyone stood to sing our National Anthem.

A veteran crew of umpires met at home plate with the managers. Umpire in Chief Mike Conley manned first, Bob Riley patrolled the left field line and third base and Carol Rumbarger called balls and strikes at home.

Both teams appeared to be evenly matched and it had all the appearances of an excellent match up. Tommy's started hot with a 4 run first inning. With Bob Laderach, Assha Jones on base, Dale Frazier drove in Bob. Spencer Folsana walked and Mike Moss hit a 2 RBI sacrifice fly. Melissa Werstein singled and brought in Spencer. Dog Gone It answered in the bottom of the first inning with hits by Theresa Tucker and Tim Williams. Steve Courtney's double scored Tim, but Tommy's defense stepped up to keep the score and 4-1.

Tommy's continued their assault in the second. Danny Silva led off with a single, followed with a single by John Westbrook. Bob Laderach's single brought in Danny. Aasha Jones singled and then Dale Frazier brought Joe in on a single. Spencer Folsana's sac fly plated Bob. Dog Gone It couldn't get untracked in the bottom of the second. At the end of 2, Tommy's lead 7-1.

Tommy's offense stalled out in the top of the third. Down by 6, Dog Gone It went to work. Glen Wilson walked, Kenneth Kamrath singled, followed by Theresa Tucker. Tim Williams' double brought in Glen and Kenneth. Steve Courtney's double brought in Theresa. Rick Ketrings' single scored Steve. At the end of three, Tommy's lead 7-6.

In the top of the fourth, Dog Gone It's defense was solid and shut down Tommy's once again. In the bottom of the fourth Luay Ashoo lead off the 4th with a walk and scored on a Steve Bentley double. At the end of 4, we were tied up at 7.

In the top of the fifth, Tommy's lit up the scoreboard with 4 runs. Aasha Jones led off with a solid hit to right field. Dale Frazier hit a rocket to first baseman Theresa Tucker for the first out. Singles by Spencer Folsana, Mike Moss were followed by a triple by Joy Wissink. Melissa Werstien's hit brought Joy in to finish off the scoring. Dog Gone It answered in the bottom of the 5th. With Glen Wilson and Theresa Tucker on base, Tim Williams hit and inside the park home run. Rick Ketrings followed with a double but was stranded at second. After 5, Tommy's lead 11-10.

Tommy's continued their offensive show in the top of the 6th. Singles by Danny Silva, John Westbrook, Joe Lecroy, a sacrifice fly by Bob Laderack and another single by Assha Jones added three more runs to their side of the ledger. With one out in the bottom of the sixth, Curtis Handley reached on a single, but the rally was stopped with a double play. After 6, Tommy's Hi Tech continued to lead, 13-10.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> Mike Moss singled and scored on a sacrifice by John Leprevost, adding one for run for Tommy's Hi Tech. Down by four, Dog Gone It had their work cut out for them. Steve Bentley and David Popejoy got on base, but that was where it ended for Dog Gone It.

The final score, Tommy's Hi-Tech 14, Dog Gone It 10.

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