

April 26th Game Report:

Eagle Eye Care vs Proscapes Landscaping

Should we or shouldn't we? That was the question that Commissioner Deb Hinson was faced with early Wednesday morning. It was cool (50's), breezy (10-12 mph), and a mist in the air ... with a forecast of a hard rain beginning at about 1 PM. After drawing her fishbone diagram, performing a detailed pros/cons analysis, and flipping the coin, Commish Deb announced the decision to play ball. And so, the volunteer army went to work. Ken Q, manning the announcer's booth, initiated the teams' warmup music. Sean Curry entered the lineup in the scorebook and Rick Rubin set the clock for the scoreboard. HP umpire Mike Braam pulled team captains Johnny B. and Smiling Bill, along with fellow umpires Bill Hackley and Ken Kamrath to discuss ... important softball stuff. "Oh say, can you see ..." and the contest was on.

Inning #1

Scotty Wilson started this game off the way he does most games – with a double to left. Lefty Gary Wiesner singled along with Myron McKinney, and Gary Warrick, resulting in 2 runs for the visiting Proscapes. It would have been more, were it not for the long-running catch in center by Kelly Petre. Eagle Eye sent Dianna Duncan to the plate to start their 4-run 1st inning rally. Dianna's single was repeated by teammates Shields Jones, George Keller, and Sue Kamrath, along with a triple, contributed by Ron Schwertner.

So, after 1 inning: It was Eagle Eye - 4, Proscapes - 2.

Inning #2

As the mist became a bit mistier, Oh Henry stepped to the plate and, on the first pitch, lined Bob Kuhfuss's first pitch into left-center to ignite what would be a game-altering 5-run inning for Proscapes. After Mike Slusher slashed a single through the right side, EE's infield of Ron S and Sue K recorded two outs and things were looking good for the home team ... even in the rain (misty mist). But Proscapes pulled out their special weapon that they would use more than once in this game – the always-exciting "two-out rally". Smiling Captain Bill doubled. Then hard-hitting David McKie doubled. Then Scotty W doubled (again). And when Gary Wiesner stroked a line drive into center field, Scott scored the 5th run of the inning and

After 2 innings, Proscapes found themselves ahead of the previously unbeaten Eagle Eyes, 7-4.

Inning #3

Now, with the wind picking up another 8 mph, the fans in the stands started looking for cover. And, with home plate becoming a slippery concern, Fields Overseer Ron Schwertner quickly applied a chalk line at the home plate, essentially removing the slip hazard. Proscapers just

seemed to be in their element – like those ducks you see on the pond during a winter rainstorm. Myron McKinney started this inning's hit parade, followed by Ken Ford, and ... wait, who did I just say? Ken Ford?? The same Ken Ford that just got run over last week in his golf cart? Who was in ICU with a bleeding brain? That Ken Ford? Wow. Isn't God good! A real treat to see Ken on the Field today ... even though he forgot to wear his bright green pants. Let's see, where were we? Oh yeah, then more hits followed, by Gary Warrick (2B), Killer Neagli (a long drive through the mist and wind to right field), and Ramiro, to net 3 more runs for the Proscapes. In the bottom of the 3rd, Eagle Eye Care's Coach Extraordinaire Johnny B combined with hard-charging Bruce Horeftis to produce another EEC run, and

After 3 innings, Proscapes had increased their lead over EEC to read: 10—5.

Inning #4

With the misty mist now having turned into a steady rain, HP Ump Mike B (AKA Crazy Legs when he's not umpiring), after reviewing the local radar, called for inning #4 to be our buffet inning. Everyone is looking to speed the game up and take cover. Hard-tossing Bob Kuhfuss records 2 quick outs. But then, remember Proscapes' secret weapon for this game – the “2-out rally”? Despite numerous encouraging requests by EEC Coach Johnny B for the Proscapes batters to help everyone out by making that last out, they just wouldn't cooperate. Super Sub David Mc homered to deep left center. Scotty singled. Gary Wiesner followed David's lead and provided a home run as well (Wow – two HR's in one inning ... in one Seniors inning!). Myron, Ken F, Gary W (yet another 2B), Killer (another deep blast to right field), and Ramiro – all contributed to the 6-run, two-out rally for Proscapes. Rain? What rain? These folks were really enjoying themselves. By the time, Eagle Eye Care came to the plate, they were so wet and cold, it looked like they were even OK with the game-ending double play.

Final Score: Proscapes 16, Eagle Eye Care 5.

Everyone still took time to high-five the friendly opposition, then made a quick dash to the car.

FYI, here are some of the offensive stats that stand out in this back-and-forth battle between Eagle Eye and Proscapes:

Homeruns – David McKie, Gary Wiesner

Triples – Ron Schwertner

Doubles – Johnny B, Scott Wilson (2), Gary Warrick (2), Bill Smiley, David McKie

1000% Batting Avg – Scott W, Gary W, Myron Mc, Gary W, David Mc, George K, Sue K, Johnny B, Bruce H.

Cheers, Dale Hill

