

Farmers vs Home Tint

Thursday, 6 Apr '23

Commissioners Mike Braam & Debbie Hinson, President Sean Curry and the entire Board can look back on two full successful weeks of Coed and Senior ball in the books.

But it was cold; a cold, cold night. Home plate ump George Wendt said it best when he said, "You know it's cold when Louis doesn't show up for the game." Umpires Steve Pratt and Ed Cawley were dressed pretty warmly, as well.

Jimmy Reese had the mic; Jackie Fox kept the 'Book' and Tim Trotter ran the scoreboard. Other than that, Farmers' fans included Debbie Warrick and Gary Brown's wife, Cheryl, their daughter-in-law and a granddaughter. Not sure who Home Tint had at the game, but it was cold. I did see Richard Goodwin at the game. He called it a track meet.

Home Tint started off with the lead after one inning. Farmers tied it up in the second and lost only one inning from then on out, to take a 18 - 14 victory.

For Home Tint it was about Old Heads & New Faces. Rookies excelled for Home Tint: Tim Jeske went 4 for 4 with 2 RBIs; Paul Bengé was 4 for 4 with 2 triples and 2 RBIs; John Pierini was 2 for 3 with 4 RBIs and John LePrevost was 2 for 2. And, of course, a few of the Old Heads stood out: Ron Schwertner was 4 for 4; Jim Hupp was 4 for 4 with a double, 2 triples and 4 RBIs and Coach John McNemar went 3 for 3.

For Farmers it was a good mixture of new, old, and good Subs. Substitute Coco Ondina went 2 for 3 with 2 home runs, 5 RBIs and started a double play (Coco - Moss - Jeff Rumberger). Sub Linda Caron excelled on both batting (3 for 3) and playing a steady 2nd base. Sub Ty Nelson patrolled right center and flashed a lot of speed. Coach Mike Moss had a scorching bat going 3 for 3 with 2 triples, a home run and 2 RBIs and was superb ranging all over the field as rover. Newcomer Andy Bradshaw had a big arm from 3rd base and batted 4 for 4 with 3 RBIs.

Pitchers from both teams; Ramiro and John McNemar for Home Tint and Sharon Deputy, Gary Brown and Gary Warrick handled the cold and the wind well.

Johnny B got the “Dumb Ass of the Game Award.” Twice. He came up in the second with runners at 2nd and third, 3 runs in and 2 outs. He didn’t hit a good one, but it got thru the infield and then total chaos ensued. The runner on third scored easily and the runner at second went for home. He scored and Johnny got stuck between 2nd and 3rd and decided ‘what the heck’ go to third. Johnny saw the throw coming to Schwertner at third and knew unless he hit the deck he was out. He pulled a Carl Caruso dive bomb on third base, was barely safe but then he learned it didn’t matter. The 5th and last run had just scored ahead of his slide/bomb run into 3rd base and the inning had already been over. Thank goodness he didn’t hurt himself.

Later in the game, he went to the bathroom between innings and could hear his team calling for him to hurry cuz his at bat wasn’t too far away. He got back to the dugout, took his at bat but when it was time to go the field, didn’t have a glove. After a frantic search, he had to borrow a Home Tint glove. Jeff Rumberger later found his glove in the bathroom on the sink counter.

Every game has highlights and a favorite for me was when Farmers’ pitcher, Sharon Deputy, took a relay throw in from the outfield and turned and flipped it to catcher Gary Brown to just nip Ron Schwertner before getting the 5th and final run of the 2nd inning.

Fun, but cold, cold night. Farmers 18 - Home Tint 14.