

QUARTER FINAL #2

Farmers Insurance vs Dog Gone It

May 21, 2024

Two evenly matched, “middle of the pack”, teams fighting to get to the next round = Farmers Insurance (3W/4L) vs Dog Gone It (3W/2L/2T).

Formalities: Tim Trotter was at the mic, Jay Wissink kept the book and Deb Hinson was tracking balls, strikes, outs, & score pushing the buttons on the scoreboard.

Veteran umpire Bob Collins was at home plate with Coco Ondina on first and Nancy Rogus on 3rd.

90 degrees, cloudy skies, and a breeze out of the south...but not as strong as earlier in the day.

Following the National Anthem, Bob called “play ball” and the battle was on!!

Becky Milby started the game off for Farmers facing Steve Bentley, pitcher for Dog Gone It (DGI). Becky singled to left over 3rd base. After a pop out, Mick Calverley singled, sending Becky to 2nd. Andy Bradshaw then stepped up and after looking at a ball and a strike...sent a LONG fly ball OVER THE LEFT FIELD FENCE for a 3 run homer!!! After the 2nd out...a ball speared by a jumping Steve Courtney at SS...Jerry Hinson singled and Mike “crazy legs” Braam hit a ball to deep right field for an inside the park homer...2 RBIs...5 total runs...end of the inning.

Sharon Deputy walked the first two Farmers batters, Tim Williams and Aasha Jones, but 3 consecutive outs ended the 1st.

AFTER INNING 1 = Farmers 5 Dog Gone It 0

Joe Dougherty led off the top of the 2nd for Farmers with a solid shot to left field for a single. David Ferneding followed with a hard hit single of his own. After an infield pop-up for out #1, Sharon Deputy singled, but forced Joe out at 3rd. A 6-4 out ended the inning.

David Popejoy singled to start the bottom of the inning for DGI. Luay Ashoo singled to put 2 on base with 0 outs. A single by Kelly Wissink loaded the bases!! A pop up out to the rover and another to the left fielder left bases loaded with 2 outs. Andy Bradshaw then fielded a strong grounder at 3rd base and stepped on the bag forcing Luay at 3rd, for the final out.

AFTER INNING 2 FARMERS 5 DOG GONE IT 0

After a quick out to start the Farmers 3rd inning, Becky Milby doubled down the 3rd base line. Joe Bidondo raced to 1st for an infield single...but keeping Becky at 2nd. Mick Calverley singled bringing Becky over the plate. Andy Bradshaw ALMOST it one over the fence...but it fell short for a single and an RBI. Greg Alexander hit a “tweener” to center field just out of the reach of 3 fielders...and an RBI. Jerry Hinson then doubled in 2 more runs to end the inning with a total of 5 runs scored!!

The bottom of the inning saw Ken Kamrath hit a double...but was stranded on base after the 3rd out = pop-up on the infield.

AFTER INNING 3 FARMERS 10 DOG GONE IT 0

Mike Braam doubled to start the inning for Farmers...but 3 consecutive outs ended the top half of the inning

Farmers relief pitcher Mick Calverley served up a ball hit for a single by Steve Courtney. Rick Kettring and Teresa Tucker followed with singles to load the bases. After an infield pop out, Luay Ashoo singled to center for 2 RBIs and DGI was on the board!! With Teresa on 2nd, Kelly Wissink singled over 1st base pushing Luay to 2nd, and Teresa to 3rd. Bob Kriz earned a bases loaded walk to bring Teresa over the plate. Two outs followed...but DGI put 3 on the board!!

AFTER INNING 4 FARMERS 10 DOG GONE IT 3

After a lead-off out, Steve Macaskill singled, but two more outs ended the inning.

Cheryl McCally Soule legged-out an infield single to start the bottom of the inning. Two outs later, Aasha singled pushing Cheryl to 2nd. Steve Courtney doubled sending Cheryl over the plate. Rick Kettring followed with a single of his own and Aasha scored. A third out ended the inning.

AFTER INNING 5 FARMERS 10 DOG GONE IT 5

Jerry Bidondo opened the top of the 6th with a triple! Mick Calverley sent a line drive over 3rd base for a single and an RBI. Andy Bradshaw kept his hitting streak going with a single. Greg Alexander singled, but forced Mick at 3rd. Jerry Hinson singled, but forced Greg at 2nd...scoring Andy. Mike Braam then came to the plate and hit yet another strong line drive to right center field and raced around the bases hitting home plate just one step behind Jerry Hinson...A SECOND INSIDE THE PARK HOMER BY MIKE!! A third out ended the inning with Farmers putting another 4 runs on the board.

Needing some strong hitting to make this a closer ball game, DGI started the bottom of the inning with two outs before Kelly W. beat out an infield single. Bob Kriz pushed her to 2nd with a single...but a line drive caught by Farmers SS Jerry Bidondo ended the inning.

AFTER INNING 6 FARMERS 14 DOG GONE IT 5

FLIP-FLOP = with the visiting team leading by 5 or more runs, the home team bats again in the 7th inning. If scoring enough runs to tie or go ahead (this is the “buffet” inning) the home team will bat. If not, the game is over.

Needing a whole bunch of runs to force Farmers to bat again, Cheryl singled to get on base following an opening out. Ken Kamrath singled...but forced Cheryl at 2nd for out #2. Tim Williams singled pushing Ken to 2nd. Unfortunately, the third out followed ending the game.

FINAL SCORE = FARMERS 14 DOG GONE IT 5

Farmers Insurance advances to the semi-finals with a game on TUESDAY, MAY 28TH vs #1 seed Tommy's Hi-Tech Auto.