

## **FARMERS INSURANCE (2/3) vs. TOMMY'S HI-TECH AUTO (5/1) May 13, 2024**

What a BEAUTIFUL evening to play and watch softball!! Farmers Insurance looking to get in the hunt for a good play-off position, Tommy's Auto playing the odd-on favorite to earn the top seed for the spring season. Temps in the low 80s...the field in PERFECT condition after the Sunday rains...just a slight breeze out of the southwest.

Keeping track of the action on the field = John Basse at HP, Bob Collins at 1<sup>st</sup> and Brian Brevard at 3<sup>rd</sup>. Up in the booth...Jimmy "the lip" Reese at the mic, Sue Yonkin keeping the scorebook and Linda Cawley pushing the buttons tracking the action on the scoreboard.

Following the National Anthem...John started the game with a "PLAY BALL" call from the plate.

Joe Lecroy, pitching for Tommy's, faced lead-off batter Becky Milby. She sent a strong line drive to left field for a single. Mike Braam sent a line drive to Mike Moss at SS for an out and Mike's throw to 1<sup>st</sup> caught Becky off the base for a double play!! After a Mick Calverley single, Dale Frazier caught a fly ball in left-center for the third out.

Sharon Deputy, pitching for Farmers, faced Bob Laderach and Aasha Jones...both drew a walk. With runners at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dale Frazier sent a line drive just inside the right field line for a double, scoring Bob...Aasha to third. Tom Beaury singled bringing Aasha across the plate. Mike Moss singled, but caught Tom at 2<sup>nd</sup>. Melissa Werstein singled scoring Dale, but Moss was out at 2<sup>nd</sup>. Joe Lecroy singled to right, John Leprovost drew a walk...but the third out followed.

### **AFTER 1 INNING = Farmers 0 Tommy's Hi-Tech Auto 3**

After 2 quick outs, Jerry Bidondo hit a "Texas-leaguer" double. But a 3<sup>rd</sup>

out ended the inning.

The bottom of the 2<sup>nd</sup> exemplified the strength of the Tommys team! Jerry Bennett beat-out an infield single...yes, THAT Jerry Bennett! Spencer Folsom singled to left and Danny Silva singled for an RBI. John Westbrook singled and Bob Laderach doubled to left for 3 RBIs!! Aasha singled with a shot to center field sending Bob to third. Dale then popped deep to right for an out, but Bob tagged-up and scored the 5<sup>th</sup> run.

## **AFTER INNING 2 = Farmers 0 Tommy's 8**

### INNING 3

Relief pitcher John Westbrook stepped-in to face David Ferneding who led off the 3<sup>rd</sup> with a single to center. Richard Milby singled, but David was caught at 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sharon Deputy singled ALMOST over the head of Aasha at 2<sup>nd</sup>. She tipped

the ball. It was quickly picked up by Mike Moss and tossed back over to Aasha covering 2<sup>nd</sup> to nip Richard who thought it was a clean hit by Sharon. Steve Macaskill and Stan Isbell followed with singles...but the inning ended with a pop-out to Moss at SS.

Tom Beaury started the bottom half of the inning with an infield hit. Mike Moss then sent a long fly ball deep to left center field for a triple and an RBI. Melissa drew a walk and Joe Lecroy singled to left for an RBI...sending Melissa to second. John Leprovost singled but Melissa was forced out at third. Corey Klessing singled to load the bases. Jerry Bennett then sent a fly ball to center field for 2 RBIs!! With runners on first and third, Spencer Folsom sent a single to left field sending Joe across the plate with the 5<sup>th</sup> run.

## **AFTER INNING 3 = Farmers 0 Tommy's Hi-Tech Auto 13**

Needing to break out of their hitting slump, Mike Braam started the 4<sup>th</sup> with a double to left-center field. Mick Calverley singled and Andy Bradshaw

drew a walk to load the bases. Greg McElyea then sent a line drive up the middle with what appeared to be a multi-RBI hit, but Mike Moss running to his left stabbed the ball out of the air for an out...and the runners clambered back to their bases. Bill Maynard singled to center field to send Braam home with Farmers' first run. Jerry Bidondo doubled to right field for 2 RBIs! Joe Dougherty singled for an RBI and David Ferneding followed with another single to score Bidondo with the 5<sup>th</sup> run.

In an attempt to stem the hitting barrage, Farmers sent relief pitcher Mick Calverley to the mound. Needing to answer the 5 run Farmers inning, Tommy's sent 4 batters to the plate but only Bob Laderach was able to reach base with a single. Good job, Mick!!

#### **AFTER INNING 4 = FARMERS 5 TOMMY'S HI-TECH AUTO 13**

Farmers needed to continue their good hitting from the previous inning. Alas, after 2 quick outs, Steve Macaskill singled, but was left on base as the third out ended the inning.

With a comfortable lead, Dale Frazier led off the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> with a clean double to right field. After a line drive caught by Jerry Bidondo at SS, Mike Moss sent a hard hit ball to center field for a single and an RBI. Melissa continued her good hitting with a single over SS...and Joe Lecroy singled sending Moss home. John Leprovost singled sending Melissa across the plate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> run of the inning. Corey Klessing singled, but Joe was forced out at third. Jerry Bennett singled bringing up Spencer. His single sent 2 across the plate to end the inning with yet another 5 runs scored.

#### **AFTER INNING 5 = FARMERS 5 TOMMY'S 18**

With the air out of their sails...Farmers sent 3 batters to the plate = 3 outs.

After a quick out for Tommy's in the bottom of the inning, John Westbrook singled. Bob Laderach followed with a single. Aasha, also continuing her good hitting, singled, Bob was forced at 2nd, but John was able to score. Dale Frazier sent a hard-hit ball to the fence in right-center field for a triple, scoring Aasha. Tom Beaury singled up the middle scoring Dale with the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the inning before the 3<sup>rd</sup> out was recorded to end the inning

**AFTER INNING 6 = FARMERS 5 TOMMY'S 21**

Needing a whole lot of runs to continue the game, Andy Bradshaw started the "buffet" inning with a single. After an infield pop-up out, Bill Maynard beat out an infield hit. Jerry Bennett doubled up the middle scoring Andy. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the inning, David Ferneding singled to score Jerry. Sadly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of the inning ended the game.

**FINAL SCORE = FARMERS 7 TOMMY'S HI-TECH AUTO 21**