

# May 10th Game Report:

## Corple Corral vs Proscapes Landscaping

Commish Deb looked at the darkening skies, checked her weather forecast (hmmm, calling for rain about noon), remembered the last Wednesday she found herself positioned at Our Field of Dreams (rainy, cold, windy), and decided she didn't want to go through that lovely experience again. So, she commanded that the game begin early, and the pre-game process was quickly implemented. By 9:30 AM, Announcer Ken Q. called for the coaches (Proscapes Smiling Hop-a-long Bill and Corple Corral's One-Armed Hill) to appear before the honorable HP Umpire (Steve Pratt), along with George Wendt (serving as 1<sup>st</sup> base umpire ... and 2<sup>nd</sup> base umpire ... and 3<sup>rd</sup> base umpire). After Honorable Steve directed the coaches that (a) don't let the 1<sup>st</sup> baseman touch the orange base, and (b) no one questions an ump's call, the ground rules were in place. The coaches relayed the two "must do's" to the team, they prayed for a safe contest, and it was time for "Oh say can you see...". By 9:45, Corple Corral's Ace right-hander Paul Vargo was delivering the first pitch to Proscapes lead-off hitter Scott Wilson, and Commish Deb was happy.

### Inning #1

Scotty Wilson (just coming off an MVP performance last week as a member of the 75+ State Champs) stroked a line drive to left and the fastest RR game on record was under way. Base hits by Randy Brewer, Gary "Babe" Warrick, and Killer, followed by a couple 6-5 outs (for those allergic to numbers, 6-5 is a ground out to SS Terry Scholze who tosses to 3B Mick Calverley for the force) kept the damage to 2 runs for the top half of the inning. The Corrallers, bound and determined to build upon their 1-game winning streak, came out smoking. Kelly Wissink ignited the 7-hit explosion with a single down the first base line, followed by shots from Mike Conley, David McKie (a homerun to the center field fence), Terry Scholze, The Mick (Calverley), Rocky (2B), and Tall Ron Schwertner.

**So, after 1 inning: It was Corple Corral - 5, Proscapes - 2.**

### Inning #2

But the Proscapers did not let the CCers keep the lead for long, as they followed with their own 7-hit, 5-run performance. As you can quickly surmise, this was one offensive contest. Mike Slusher started the 1-out rally with a drive to left, immediately followed by impressive strokes by John Anderson (2B), Shields Jones (2B), Scotty, Gary Wiesner, Ken "Crash" Ford (hey, some guys go through a lot to earn their nicknames), and Randy Brewer. But now it was the Corrallers' turn again. And they picked up right where they left off the previous inning, this time having 8 consecutive players reaching base. Robert Cox led the parade, followed by Jerry Bennett, Peter Day, John Duffy, Oh Henry (2B), Ace Vargo, Cherly Soule, and "Speedy" Wissink.

**And after 2, the Corrallers found themselves ahead 10-7.**

### Inning #3

It seemed to Scorekeeper (and Press Box Coordinator) Bob Riley (thank you, Bob) that he was going to be shading in five runs for both teams the entire game. Inning #3 started the same as the previous two, when “Babe” smacked a hard-hit ball to center, followed by hits from Weldon Wallace, Killer (yes, the same Killer that christened Gary with his well-earned nickname), and Marc Busboom. But excellent defensive play by Corral’s David McKie, Mike Conley, and Terry Scholze kept the damage to 2 runs scored. And they couldn’t wait to get back up to bat. Mike Conley singled, then David McKie blasted one to the fence for his 2<sup>nd</sup> homerun of the game (and 5<sup>th</sup> RBI). At this point, 14 batters into the game, every single Corple Corraler had reached base. So, when Gary Wiesner makes a long running catch in deep center off the bat of Terry Scholze, Scoreboard Operator Rick Rubin was finally able to log an out for CC. But it was temporary, as The Mick, The Rock, and Tall Ron followed up with drives to the outfield to plate two more runs before the Proscapers’ impressive inning-ending 6-4-3 double play.

**After 3 innings, the Scoreboard read Corple Corral 14, Proscapes 9.**

### Inning #4

Shields Jones (whom I haven’t seen make an out in ages) stroked a base hit to left, followed by a “Crash” Ford sky-high floater to right, a fence-rattling triple by Randy B, still another RBI single by the “Babe”, and an RBI double by Weldon Wallace. Rick, add 3 more to the scoreboard for Proscapes. And none for the Corralers ... for once. So, what’s the score now?

**After 4: Corple Corral 14, Proscapes 12**

With a close 2-run game going into the buffet inning, could Proscapes pull out a win? Not this time. Length of game – just 1 hour and 2 minutes. Time to shake hands with friends and neighbors wearing opponents’ jerseys and get game two underway, because (remember) Commish Deb wants to finish before everyone gets wet.

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

Homeruns – **David McKie (TWO)**

Triples – Randy Brewer

Doubles – Crash Ford, Weldon Wallace, John Anderson, Shields Jones, Rocky, Oh Henry

1000% Batting Avg – Speedy Wissink, Mike C, **David Mc**, The Mick, Rocky, Tall Ron, Robert Cox, Peter D, Ace Vargo, Randy Brewer, Babe, Shields Jones

Multiple RBI’s – Randy Brewer, Babe, **David McKie**

Cheers, Dale Hill

