

# Game Report: Oct. 18, 2022 – Wise Health vs. State Farm

Tonight was to be a battle between two evenly matched Robson teams, each with identical 3-3 records, and very similar-looking lineups. There was speed at the top of the order – Kelly Wissink / Carol Rumberger; power in the middle of the order – Larry Lewis, Dave Riddle / Coco Ondina, Matt Curtis; and sure-handed shortstops – Scott Wilson / Steve Courtney. Vegas had the point spread on this contest at 0. Whoever wins this game moves into the upper echelon of the final standings. State Farm was sending their time-tested and crafty Bob Kuhfuss to the mound to face Wise's wise and slight-of-hand master of the mound, Clyde Ziegler. State Farm would have knuckleballer Gary Warrick to come in as their closer, while Wise would counter with hard-throwing, loud-grunting Larry Lewis to handle the closer duties. Got your popcorn ready? Here we go.

## Inning #1

State Farm always seems to start the game off with a bang and tonight was to be no exception. Scotty Wilson, Carol Rumberger, David McKie, Coco Ondina, Ken Kamrath, and Matt Curtis all reached base as the 5<sup>th</sup> run scored on a ground ball RBI by Gary Warrick. So, when it was Wise's turn to bat, what do you think they did? You're absolutely correct. Hits by Kelly Wissink, Mike Braam, Larry Lewis (double), Spencer Folsom (triple), Clyde Ziegler, Jay Wissink, and Dave Riddle netted 5 runs and

**After 1 inning: Wise 5, State Farm 5.**

## Innings #2 – 4

The defensive units took control in the middle innings of the game – namely some great running catches in DEEP center field by Commissioner Mike, hot ground balls hit down the 3<sup>rd</sup> base line toward Ken Kamrath that quickly turned into force outs at second, and some nifty footwork behind home plate by Randy Catron to make a crowd-pleasing catch. And the pitching was superb, as they painted the corners with their high spin-rate curve balls (yes, it was rather windy). State Farm was able to muster 3 runs during this 3-inning stretch, thanks in big part to Mike Hodson and Scott Wilson doubles. Wise managed to squeeze in 2 runs during this period, using the small ball technique.

**After 4 innings: Wise 7, State Farm 8.**

## Inning #5

The 5<sup>th</sup> inning was a near-replica of inning #1. Both scored the 5-run max. State Farm benefitted as a result of hits from George Keller, Scott W., Carol Rumberger, David McKie (2B), Coco Ondina (2B), and Matt Curtis. Wise used hits from Rod McDonald, Randy Catron, Mike Jaensch, Kelly Wissink, Larry Lewis (2B), Spencer Folsom, and Clyde Ziegler to tally up their 5-run quota.

**After 5 innings: Wise 12, State Farm 13**

## Inning #6

Due to the fast-setting sun, Umpire George Wendt advised all that the 6<sup>th</sup> inning would be the final inning – and thus, the infamous buffet inning. All you can score. And with Larry Lewis firing those two-seamers, State

Farm was unable to add to their lead. One run down, Wise came out firing. Jay Wissink directed a missile toward left field that George Keller made a great running shoestring catch of for out #1. Followed by consecutive hits from Dave Riddle, Steve Wetenkamp, and Rod McDonald. Bases loaded, one out, and Randy Catron drives in the tying run with a fielders choice. Two more quick outs and

**Final Score: Wise Health 13, State Farm 13** Vegas nailed it.

Many thanks to our Pressbox heroes, who weathered the northern breeze that was cool to the players, cold to the fans, and frigid to Joni Matthiessen, Donna Peck, and Randy Matthiessen. Bob Laderach, Don Andrews, and George Wendt – we couldn't have done without you this evening, with all those conferences in the middle of the infield. You're the best.

Killer warned us after yesterday's game to bring plenty of clothes for this week's games. May I second that suggestion. And enjoy some very talented players display their skills. Really.

Cheers,

Dale Hill