

# April 27th Game Report:

## Rodney Landscaping vs. SafeLifts

### Pat Powers Day

11:00 AM on a Saturday? Sure. Why not, said Coaches Mike Lorenc and Peter Grasser, as they tried to determine a good time to make up the April Fools Game rainout. And I'll bet we can get Robson's Hall of Famer Pat Powers to fly in and be our honorary celebrity. Call it The Pat Powers Invitational. And so it happened. Pat flew in from Australia (paying his own way, mind you) and, after receiving his ring for being the MVP in our Tournament Team's Texas Championship in Grapevine last year, he led everyone in the National Anthem (in his newly acquired Australian accent). And with that, Kelly Wissink stepped into the batter's box and Clyde Ziegler delivered the first pitch. The Rodney Landscapers knew they were going to battle against a winless SafeLifts team that was hungry to taste victory for the first time ... ever.

The Landscapers came with their typical gameplan, using their "small ball" skills, their speed, and their tight defense in hopes of holding off the powerball SafeLifters. And after 3 innings, the game was anyone's to win, with SafeLifts ahead 12-8. Rodney L. went the entire game without making an error. Very strong defensive team. Everyone reached base at least once, with standout performances by:

Aasha Jones – 3 for 4, including a standup triple

Stu White – perfect 3 for 3

Clyde Ziegler – 3 for 4, plus a rocket shot that knocked the center fielder backward as he made the catch

And, not to spoil the ending to this story, but the two extra-base hits and 11 runs posted by the Landscapers proved insufficient to hang with the win-deprived SafeLifters on this ... Pat Powers Day.

Every time the Home team came to bat, Commissioner Bob Riley posted a crooked number on the scoreboard. An amazing statistic – every team member reached base 2 or more times. Nine players reached base on 3+ occasions. There were 13 extra base hits recorded, with five players accumulating multiple extra base hits (Jeske, Lorenc, Shanahan, Hill, and McElyea). Three dudes drove in 4 or more runs each (Jeske, Shanahan, and McElyea). Coach Mike scored all 4 times he batted. It was quite an offensive explosion by the entire team. But today's game ball goes to a well-deserved rookie – Dan (The Man) Shanahan – who homered (2<sup>nd</sup> this season), doubled ... twice, drove in 4, and hit a perfect 4 for 4 for the day. As a result,

**Final Score = SafeLifts 23, Rodney's 11.**

A big thank you to umpiring crew – Scott Baker, Ken Kamrath, and Carol Rumberger. Also, to the golden voice on the mic – Johnny B – who personally knows virtually every batter that steps to the plate, and provides his audience with "I didn't know that" facts. And last, and most important, John McNemar, who not only kept the book, but provided thorough details about the game so this game reporter could do his job. Thanks, John.

My goodness, such a great way to spend a couple hours here at the Ranch – whether it be in the stands, in the Pressbox, or on our beautiful Field of Dreams. But remember, next week is a BYE week. Why? Because many of our players (four teams this year) will be in Grapevine, participating in the Annual Texas Championship Tournament.

And finally, thanks, Pat, for being our special guest today. Come back soon, friend of all.

FYI, here is a recap of the offensive stats that stand out in this contest:

**Home Runs** – Dan The Man Shanahan

**Triples** – Aasha Jones, Jay Wissink, Tim Jeske, Dale Hill

**Doubles** – Steve Tafoya, Tim Jeske (2), Mike Lorenc (2), Dan The Man Shanahan (2), Dale Hill, Greg McElyea (2)

**1000% Batting Avg** – Stu White, Mike Lorenc, Dan The Man Shanahan, Joe Boudreau

Cheers, Dale Hill