

PLAYOFF GAME #3

Home Tint (3-4) vs Adams Furniture (5-2)

Saturday, October 22

This is game #3 of the playoffs...being played on Saturday instead of the originally scheduled Monday evening. With Game #2 being handed to the Rodney Landscape team, and inclement weather being forecast for Monday, this game filled the noon game time.

With bright, clear skies, temps in the upper 70s with winds upwards of 20-25 mph, Adams Furniture (AF) took to the field. Bob Collins, lead umpire at home plate is being assisted by Carol Rumberger at 1st and Larry Studinski at 3rd. With the umpires ready, the press box crew of Jerry Hinson (score board), Carl Caruso (score book) and George Wendt (announcer) ready and the teams ready...PLAY BALL was heard from Bob.

Super Sub Kelly Wissink and Home Tint (HT) manager Tom Neagli both earned walks to lead off the game. Ken Ford doubled, sending Kelly across the plate and putting Tom on third. Mike Lorenc also doubled and Ken scored. Joe Nutall earned a walk and Jay Wissink ended the inning with a double scoring both runners in front of him for a 5 run inning with no outs!!

Unusual for any team, much less the hard-hitting AF, HT pitcher John McNemar sent the home team batters down 1, 2, 3 on 6 pitches!!

END OF 1 = HT – 5 AF – 0

After a quick out in the top of the 2nd, Steve Tafoya singled and Craig Bishop crushed a pitch over the fence for a 2-run dinger! After another out, Marlene McNemar singled, but two consecutive outs ended the inning

AF bats started to come alive in the bottom of the 2nd. Mike Braam walked. Following an infield pop out, Dave Riddle doubled sending “crazy legs” over the

plate for the 1st AF run. Bob Riley then doubled and Riddle scored. Jackie Fox hit the third consecutive double and Riley scored. The inning ended with 3 runs scored.

END OF 2 = HT – 7 AF 3

The top of the 3rd saw Kelly Wissink earn her second consecutive walk. Tom Naegli hit a long single to the outfield and Kelly rounded the bases only to be cut down at home plate by a good relay and catch. Ken Ford then doubled and sent Tom home for the only run in the top of the inning.

Dave Popejoy led off the AF inning with a double...but was cut down at 3rd base following a 6-3-5 double play! With 2 outs, Mike Moss earned a walk and Mick Calverley then tripled for an RBI. Jimmy Reese also tripled for an RBI and Mike Braam singled for yet another RBI. The inning ended with a pop-up on the infield.

END OF 3 = HT – 8 AF - 6

After a lead-off out, Jeff Duncan singled and was sent home by a double off the bat of Steve Tafoya. Two fly balls caught in left field ended the inning.

Dave Riddle got the bottom half of the inning started with a single and Bob Riley doubled. After an out, Bill Maynard singled and both Dave and Bob scored. Bill went to third on a fielder's choice and was sent home by a single from Louis Berthold. Louis was stranded on first with the 3rd out.

END OF 4 = HT – 9 AF – 9

HT opened the top of the 5th with a single by Marlene McNemar but was called out at 2nd on a hit by Tom Gunther. Two consecutive hits by Kelly Wissink and Tom Neagli sent Tom home for the only run of the inning.

Sharon Deputy opened the bottom of the inning with a single. A double by Mike Moss sent Sharon home, Mick singled Mike home, Jimmy Reese singled Mick

home and after an out, Debbie Hinson singled sending Reese home. Two consecutive singles by Dave Riddle and Bob Riley scored Deb with the 5th run.

END OF 5 = HT – 10 AF – 14

Behind for the first time in the game, Mike Lorenc led off the 6th with a line drive home run over the left field fence!! After an out, Jay Wissink and Jeff Duncan both singled. After out #2, Craig Bishop doubled home both Jay and Jeff. The 3rd out followed to end the inning.

Looking to extend their lead, Jackie Fox opened the bottom of the 6th with a single. An out later, Jerry Bennett singled Louis singled sending Jackie home, and David Popejoy doubled, sending Louis home. After another out, Mike Moss singled David across the plate, and consecutive hits by Mick and Jimmy scored Mike home for the 5th run.

END OF 6 = HT – 13 AF – 19

Needing 6 to tie and 7 to send AF to bat in the bottom of the “buffet” inning, HT lead-off hitter Marlene McNemar singled. Two outs later, Mike Moss singled and Tom Neagli walked, loading the bases. Ken Ford earned a walk and an RBI, and Mike Lorenc doubled scoring 3 runs. Joe Nutall then doubled scoring Mike. It appeared like HT would at least tie the score when Jay Wissink sent a ball deep to center field...but Mike Braam, looking into the bright, sunny sky hauled it in for the third out...and a one run victory for Adams Furniture.

FINAL SCORE = Home Tint – 18 Adams Furniture – 19

George Wendt

No guarantee that the description written above is what actually happened

UPCOMING PLAYOFF GAMES

1st Round – **Tuesday** (5:15pm) = Farmers Insurance vs State Farm

2nd Round - **Wednesday** (5:15pm) = Eagle Eye Care vs Rodney Landscaping

2nd Round – Thursday (5:15pm) = Adams Furniture vs winner of Tuesday's game

CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY (11am) = winner of Wednesday vs winner of Thursday