

## **Home Tint vs. Argyle Dental Tuesday, 25 Apr '23**

Let's start off with compliments to Dale Hill who leads the team for your game reports; announced last night's game; and then did the game report. A huge hats off to Dale on a double, double.

Carol Rumberger led the umpire crew in this controversial less game. She was in charge. Carol let everyone know when it was strike. Otherwise, don't ask, it was a ball. Steve Pratt had first base and Ed Cawley had it down the lefthand side. Donna Peck kept our scoreboard and Press Box Coordinator, Bob Riley, had the books. He keeps a great book. Johnny B had the mic.

Jim Hupp, fresh off of vacation, looking good, like we knew he would, doubled and scored to strike first blood for Home Tint. Coco robbed Schwertner with a great catch and it was off to Argyle Dental.

I think Jim might have P.O.ed Argyle Dental, because they took off with a bang. Doesn't get much better than a lead off HR by Coco. Then singles by Wardlaw, Warrick, Coach Kenny Kamrath, Calverley, Wheeler and the 5 spot clincher by Sue Kamrath but also due to the opportunistic base running by Mick. When given accolades by the Press Box, Mick attributed all responsibility and credit to

his third base coach, Luay. Btw, Luay had a marvelous game, but we'll get to some of that later.

### **Home Tint 1 - Argyle Dental 5 after one inning**

Home Tint got 3 back in the top of the second.

'Chief' Mike Flatt singled yet again up the middle (rovers take note) and Joe Nuttal did what he does and shot one through the 5/6 hole then Ramiro drilled one to left center only to be denied by a leaping, over the shoulder catch by Coco, but Ramiro got his RBI. The stage was set for Bill Maynard. He didn't disappoint, he ripped one over the rover and into the gap with a double for the final 2 RBIs of the inning.

Argyle Dental looked like they had it going in the bottom of the 2nd. Then they didn't. Cudos to Home Tint defense. Home Tint SS Jim Hupp was a hero diving for Cheryl Soule's hard grounder up the middle. Jim dove, flipped to get the out at second, but couldn't get the determined Cheryl at first. Even so, no runs for Argyle Dental in the second inning.

### **Home Tint 4 - Argyle Dental 5 after two innings**

Singles by Diana, Matt Curtis, 'Chief' Flatt and Joe Nuttal down the line and a Ron Schwertner shot that could have

been a HR had it not been knocked down by Sue Kamrath produced 3 runs for Home Tint in the top of the third inning (whew, that was a mouthful). Might have been more but Coco was there to make another running out.

Steve Wardlaw kicked off the bottom of the third, drilling one for a single, followed by Home Tint's pitcher, Ramiro Escamilla, backhanding a shot off the bat of hot hitting Gary Warrick. Mick C brought in Argyle Dental's only run of the third.

### **Home Tint 7 - 6 after three innings**

Ramiro kicked off the 4th for Home Tint with a line drive over the 5/6 hole and ended up scoring. Ronda singled. John LePrevost (emphasis on the r with a French ending, I think). Anyway, even with the pronunciation harassment, he singled and got an RBI. Diana singled and got the other RBI.

For Argyle Dental: Bob Wheeler, coming off of pneumonia, stepped up bigtime, with a single in a 3 for 3 night; and Joe Daugherty singled and even more impressive were his catches of several deep fly balls to right center; but Argyle Dental produced no runs.

### **Home Tint 9 - Argyle Dental 6 after four innings**

No doubt one of the highlights of the evening was the introduction of the sponsor of Argyle Dental at the end of the 4th, Dr. Susan Randall and her team. Dr. Susan took the field waving to the Ranchers with her team: Kara; Emily; and Katey. Dr. Susan kept her team on the field so that Killer Neagli could capture the photo op with both of Dr. Randall's teams. Thank you Dr. Randall and we thank you for your support and applaud you for your marketing genius. Now I understand why my wife, Kathy, changed her dentist to Argyle Dental.

The 5th started off a little tenuous for Home Tint. Jeske flew out deep left center and Luay denied Matt Curtis in deep left. But it wasn't quite over. Chief Flatt did that, he singled. Doh, Joe Nuttal, who was 3 for 3 on the night, singled and Coach Stan (Paco) Isbell came up to bat. Paco has an excellent eye, at least one of them, but found himself down to his last strike. He relishes that and sliced one off to right field to get the one RBI for Home Tint on the inning.

The bottom half of the inning for Argyle almost wears me out. Coco doubled & scored, Luay singled, Warrick tripled & scored, Calverly (4 for 4 with a double on a hard fought night) doubled & scored, Coach Berthold doubled (and was proud to be his own runner), and Wheeler, 3 for 3 with an RBI, singled. Four runs. Nice bounce back.

**Home Tint 10 - Argyle Dental 10**

## **Looking like a toss up at this point.**

Home Tint made a statement in the 6th. Ronda unleashed a line drive to center field, Bill M, John LePrevost (still working on the pronunciation) who plays like he's in the running for Rookie of the Year, Dianna (a single in any league), Jeske (another Rookie of the Year candidate), and Matt Curtis all singled. Joe Daugherty and Coco made two catches deep in the outfield before Chief Flatt ended any doubt burning the outfield with a double in route to his 4 for 4 evening with an RBI. Yes, it was a 5 run inning.

Bottom of the 6th, not so much for Argyle Dental. Luay singled as did the sure handed shortstop, Steve Wardlaw (I like his hat style) who was 3 for 4 with an RBI, but no runs were produced.

Home Ump Carol R called for the Flip Flop and Argyle Dental was back at it. Coach Kenny Kamrath came up with a double and a couple RBIs, but it wasn't enough as Home Tint held on for a 15 - 12 victory.

I love softball at The Robson with friends and teammates. Again, thanks to all who make this happen.

Johnny B

