

Home Tint versus Dog Gone It

Players and fans watched the skies, hoping that our latest game would not be a rain out. Our terrific volunteers manned their positions. Jackie Fox operated the scoreboard, George Wendt announced, and Jay Wissink kept the book. Umpires Bob Collins, Scott Baker, and Brian Bravard met at home plate with managers Bob Riley of the visiting Home Tint and Ken Kamrath of home team Dog Gone It. At 6:00pm on the dot, we were underway.

The first two innings showcased the defense, with solid play all around. Steve Bentley's pitching for Dog Gone It kept Home Tint's lights low, allowing only Weldon Wallace's RBI double in the second. Home Tint's Jeff Vaka similarly kept the dogs leashed, pitching two scoreless innings. Vaka and second base person Carol Rumberger teamed up for a spectacular catch, with Jeff tipping the ball up for Carol's dependable glove.

After two innings, the score was 1-0 for Home Tint.

The third inning was good for the dogs. Steve Bentley and Bob Kriz warmed things up for Cheryl McCally, who sent a towering RBI to right center. Tim Williams sent one deep into left to score Bob, Sue Kamrath racked up a single, and Steve Courtney found left field to score Cheryl and Tim. After a single by Rick Ketring, Ken Kamrath sent one long to score Sue.

After three innings, the score was 5-1 for Dog Gone It.

Jeff Vaka got things going for Home Tint in the fourth with a big triple to center. He patiently waited on third until Mike Slocum drove him home on a shot to shortstop. But Dog Gone It had their tails wagging in the bottom of the inning. Following singles by Johnny Blecher, Luay Ashoo, and David Popejoy, Steve Bentley had an RBI single, Bob Kriz scored two on a hit to right, and Glen Wilson hit one to left. Tim Williams brought in the inning's fifth run.

The shades were still down for Home Tint in the fifth while Dog Gone It was on the scent. Singles by Steve Courtney and Ken Kamrath set the stage for RBI singles by Johnny Blecher and Luay Ashoo.

After five innings, the score was 12-2 for Dog Gone It.

The sixth inning was evenly matched. Home Tint's all-star subs Jerry Bennett, Debbie Hinson, and Stan Isbell had singles. Jerry Hinson's shot up the middle scored Debbie. Carol Rumberger followed the same path for a single that scored Stan, and Gary Warrick hit deep to score Jerry. Yet the dogs guarded their lead. Newcomer Theresa Tucker hit a single to left and scored on Bob Kriz's shot to right. Glen Wilson singled as well. Then Tim Williams was a very good boy, hitting a deep homerun to left that scored three.

After six innings, the score was 16-5 for Dog Gone It.

Home Tint shined brightly in the seventh. Steve Ward hit a single to right center followed by singles by Weldon Wallace, Charley Dobson, and Bruce Horeftis. Another newcomer, Donna Nikisch, hit to center to score Charley and Bruce. But, unfortunately, the sun set on Home Tint before the comeback was complete.

The final score was 16-7 for Dog Gone It.