

GAME REPORT - Argyle Dental vs Home Tint

The rain stayed away but it left a perfect night for softball with cool breezes and a nice cloud cover, the perfect combination for some stellar outfield defensive plays. Number 3 seed Home Tint led by John McNemar taking on the 7th seed Argyle Dental led by Ken Kamrath. The winner advances to the championship game against last night's winner, State Farm. Up in the pressbox, PA announcer Peter Day took the mic assisted by scorekeeper Jackie Fox and scoreboard operator Marti Harnley. The blue crew tonight was led by George Wendt behind the plate, Danny Thomas at 1st and Larry Studinski at 3rd. The National Anthem took on special meaning tonight as we remember the greatest generation who stormed the beaches at Normandy on June 6, 1944. We owe so much to those that served and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms.

Argyle Dental comes to bat facing Home Tint pitcher John McNemar. Leadoff batter, Sub Johnny Blecher promptly lines a double to start the game. There are 2 quick infield outs until Sub David McKie draws a walk and Ken Kamrath brings them home with a double. Ken Ford follows with an RBI double and Argyle Dental puts up three runs as they take the field.

Home Tint comes to the plate facing pitcher Mick Caverley. Matt Curtis drives a fly ball deep to left field and David McKie makes a great catch for the first out. Stan Isbell legs out an infield single showing some blazing speed? Ron Schwertner takes time off from keeping our ballfield in great shape to rap a double. Tim Jeske drives in two runs with a single. Argyle turns a textbook double play, 6-4-3 to end the threat. After one inning, Argyle Dental leads by one, 3-2.

The top of the 2nd is over quickly as the Home Tint defense shuts down the Argyle offense. Home Tint comes to the plate and slugger Bob Riley hits it deep to right center but Ken Kamrath tracks it down for the out. Pitcher Mick C shows his instinct for survival by snagging a hard hit comebacker for another out. Argyle returns the favor and holds Home Tint scoreless. Both defenses are playing tough, this could be a low scoring game.

Johnny B comes to bat in the top of the 3rd and hits a bullet into the gap that gets to the fence. Johnny hustles around the bases for an inside the park home run. Sub Gary Warrick accounts for two outs in right center field with some nifty catches and then an infield out ends the top half of the inning and Argyle is held to only one run.

Home Tint starts the bottom of the 3rd with two quick outs but John M gets an infield single, Matt C singles and Stan Isbell brings them across the plate with a nice 2 RBI triple for a nice two out rally. Ron S hits a towering fly ball deep to left field and takes David M all the way to the warning track. David hauls it in for the third out. The fans are being treated to some outstanding catches from the two teams outfields. Home Tint ties the game at 4 apiece after 3 innings.

Argyle Dental is held scoreless in the top of the 4th by the stingy Home Tint defense. Home Tint gets a leadoff triple from Tim Jeske. Joe Nutall legs out an infield single and then Bob Riley blasts a 2 RBI triple. Paul Binge brings Bob home with a single but Argyle Dental defense digs in to end the inning. After 4, Home Tint takes the lead 7-4.

In the top of the 5th, Argyle faces new pitcher Gary W. Joe Dougherty greets him with a solid single. The defense gets two quick outs and Bob Wheeler hits a single to put two on base. Home Tint grabs the third out and holds them scoreless. The bottom of the 5th went quickly as Argyle returns the favor and holds Home Tint scoreless. Still 7-4 in favor of Home Tint.

Johnny B starts the top of the 6th with a sharp line drive to right center and is robbed by Bob Riley who makes an outstanding running catch. Two infield outs follow and its another scoreless inning for Argyle Dental. Home Tint is held scoreless to end the sixth inning, What superb defense by both teams. We are used to some high scoring games in Robson softball but this season the defense has really come to be a factor in many games.

We start the buffet inning with the score still 7-4 in favor of Home Tint. Ken K leads off with a sharp single into the grass but Home Tint digs in with a nice catch in center field and two infield outs. Home Tint wins and is headed to the championship game on Saturday. Home Tint and State Farm played in the regular season with Home Tint beating State Farm 18-17 in a game that went down to the wire. Saturdays game should be a barn burner, see you there!