

It was the morning after the night before. Houston, we have a problem. Apparently, a game reporter (who will go un-named) evidently started happy hour before attending Thursday nights game between Eagle Eye Care and Wise Health Care. At the end of the game, said reporter, grabbed his empty happy hour container and ran for the exit, failing to stop and get the score book meticulously recorded by Bob Riley. Hoping there was someone I could call who might remember some of the details from the game, my mind ran through all of the people watching the game last night. Let's see, there was Jerry Bennett, Bob Kuhfuss, Sean Curry, Bill Smiley.....STOP, is there anyone who would trust the memory skills of this lot? Then another name came to me, Lulu was also at the game.

It was 7:15 AM when I called Lulu, who answered with her usual sweetness; "tell me someone's dog got loose or someone was run over by a golf cart, otherwise I will haunt you forever for calling at this hour". Lulu it's Ken and it is an emergency. I need help with the details of last nights game or Dale will send the dogs after me until he gets my report. Between my sketchy notes and your memory, I think we can put together a story of the game.

Well, let's see, they played the National Anthem, the planes flew over. Lulu there were no planes. Clyde Ziegler took the mound and Jim Hupp stepped up to the plate and was thrown out at first by Steve Courtney. Coach, Rocky Dudley pounded one to left for a single, Steve Ward hit one up the middle, runners on first and second. Mike Moss flied out to left, Craig Bishop drew a walk. Dave Riddle comes to bat with the bases loaded and two outs. Dave's hit allows Dudley and Ward to hustle around to home, with two men on base. ED Cawley then hit a line drive into Jay Wissink's mit at third for the last out. Score, 2-0 Eagle.

Lulu, what do you remember when Wise came to bat in the first. Well, Tom Doty was pitching when Kelly Wissink stepped up to bat and singled. Then hubby Jay got to first on a fielder's choice, forcing out Kelly at second. Bruce Horeftis singled as did Steve Courtney, Becky Milby and Spenser Folsom. In the end two runs scored, tying the game at two all through one.

In the second, Nancy Rogus singled, but three pop ups, two to Steve at short and one to Clyde at the mound for the third out left the score at two all.

Cagey Clyde led off for Wise with a fly ball to right field where all players were blinded by the setting sun, resulting in a two bagger. Unfortunately, Wise couldn't advance Clyde and after three quick outs, inning over, score still two all.

Lulu, were you enjoying the game? Oh yes, was very exciting, Jimmy Reese kept asking questions on the microphone that no one could answer, but that was OK because Jimmy was playing Sinatra music and I like him because he so smooth. You like Jimmy? No, I like Sinatra because he is a smooth singer; Jimmy is a smooth talker, you have to watch out for him.

So, Lulu do you remember what happened in the third. Oh yes, Randy "biker" Catron singled. Louis B. popped up to third for out number one, Jim Hupp walked, and Rocky singled. Steve Ward hit a big shot to center, but Horeftis kicked in his after burner and racing across the field let the ball fall into his glove for the second out. That was great hustling by Bruce. It must be those tall socks that make him so fast. Moss singled and Bishop walked, but they were stranded on base after a line drive out to third for the last out. Randy and Jim scored on Mike's hit, score EEC 4, Wise 2 going to the bottom of the third.

Mike Jaensch must have borrowed Bruce's after burner because he really got his butt in gear to beat out the throw to first for a single. While Mike was trying to catch his breath, Kelly busted one for a single followed by Jay's single, but Mike was forced out at third for the first out. Bruce connected driving the runners to second and third, bases loaded with one out when Steve Courtney hit a two bagger clearing the bases for three more runs. Spenser Folsom, Jackie Fox and that Ziegler guy again (3-3) all singled driving in two more for a total of five runs, inning over, Wise leads 7 – 4.

Pretty exciting stuff don't you think Lulu? Oh jes, eez very exciting. You have an interesting accent Lulu, where did you grow up. I grew up in Paris. Wow, that is pretty neat, so you must know all those fancy French words like bouillabaisse. Oh no, I don't know those fancy French words, I grew up in Paris, Texas and learned to talk like French because it make me sound so sexy. On that note, lets get back to the game.

Danny Thomas at home called "balls in" to start the fourth. Bob Collins enjoyed the evening standing at first admiring the beautiful sunset while Bill Hackley had to keep running back and forth to cover second and third. I am just guessing that

Bob must have seniority. There wasn't anything memorable for EEC, so after three quick outs, Wise return to bat. Well, Wise returned the favor and after three quick outs the fourth inning was thankfully put to rest, it can only get better from here. Score still Wise 7, Eagle Eye 4.

Jimmy is playing more Sinatra, which was lulling Jacquie Maurer to sleep while she waited for more action to keep her busy with her score board responsibilities. Sorry Jacquie, things didn't get much better. The fifth inning started out with a strike out, two base hits a force out at second and a hard line drive by Louis B was pulled in by Clyde at third. Is there anything that Clyde isn't great at? Three outs.

Score board action certainly picked up when Wise came to bat in the fifth. Kelly started with a single, then Jay hit a hard shot down the third base line. Then the trumpets sounded as the mighty 'Socks' Horeftis blasted another double to center field driving in Kelly and Jay for two more runs. Jacquie, are you having fun now? Steve's single put runners on first and second when Becky Milby hammered a hard shot in the hole that ran all the way to the fence. Bruce and Steve scored easily as Becky kicked it into high gear with the crowd shouting for her to head for home where she beat the throw for a HOME RUN. Becky is the fifth run, inning over the crowd still roaring and the score board lighting up. Score at the end of five, Wise 12, Eagle 4.

That Eagle team was a gutsy and resilient bunch that was fired up and ready to show what they could do to come back. They got off to a good start when Steve Ward hit stand up triple. Excitement was certainly in the air, but it was not meant to be, for after three quick outs Steve was left stranded on third.

It seems like the good fortune skipped EEC but was sitting there waiting for Wise to come to bat. Spenser Folsom singled followed by Jackie Fox with a blast to left. And here he is again, yes, I mean Clyde Ziegler. I have to find out what he had for breakfast because there just isn't any quit in this guy, he is like a one man wrecking machine. He proceeded to blast one up the middle for a triple driving in Spenser and Jackie for two more runs. Not to be outdone, Larry Lewis, who struggled with the bat in this game, expelled a giant grunt like sound as if stitches were being ripped out while swinging wildly at the ball. The blast went all the way to the fence and all you could see was flailing arms, churning legs and a belly flopping in the breeze. It wasn't a pretty sight, but with all of the grunts and

groans and a vision of home plate in Larry's mind, he would not be denied. The second HOME RUN of the game. What do you think of that Lulu? In my best French talk I say it eez very, very magnifique. I jost love theese game. Well, that was four more runs, score Wise 16, Eagle 4. On to the seventh inning.

Eagle wasn't going to go down without a fight, Ed Cawley started with a single but was forced out on Nancy's fielder's choice single. Tom Doty, who pitched the whole game for Eagle flew out for out number two, but then John Jordan hit a hard shot to center for a double while Nancy advanced to third. But then Linda Cawley was thrown out at first for the last out, game over Wise 16 and Eagle Eye 4.

Well Lulu I really enjoyed the game, it was more exciting than the score indicated, both teams gave it their all. Sometimes that is just how the chips fall. Don't you wish they had softball in France Lulu? Yes, that would be most fun, but they do have cheese. Why yes, they do, though I never thought of that as a sport, but it is really good cheese. Till next time Lulu, I always love doing games with you because you bring a new appreciation to the sport. And by the way, I like Sinatra too, thanks Jimmy.