

Ranchers,

And then there was Game #2 this morning, which progressed while Johnny Blecher's Proscapes players served free hot dogs, etc. to the standing room only crowd. **Myron McKinney**, wounded hand and all, was there to file this Game Report for your viewing pleasure:

It was a beautiful morning for softball at the Field of Dreams. With temperatures in the low 70's and very little wind I noticed several of the spectators checking their phones to be sure they were still in Texas and hadn't been abducted by space aliens. In the box Ken (golden voice) Quarfoot manned the mike, with Marti Conley on the book and Garry Warrick running the scoreboard. The men in Blue were Mick Caverly behind the plate, Coco Onida at first for his second game of the day and John Tanner at third.

The obligatory meeting found Dale Hill representing Ponder and Bill (lives at the ball park)Smiley representing State Farm almost as well as Patrick Mahomes represents them on the national stage. I've never know what they talk about at those meetings but today I think it might have been centered on getting the game finished before the hot dogs were all gone. Yes, it was hot dog and brats day prepared by the Proscapes team. Many thanks to Johnny Blecker and the Proscapes crew for a great job on the food. Of course food at the Ranch guarantees a good crowd and the stands were nearly full.

The first inning started with Sharon Deputy on the mound for SF and the speedy Kelly Wissik at the plate for PH. Kelly hit a smoker but Mike Conley made a good stop and a great throw to edge her at first. Singles by Scott Wilson, Randy Brewer, John Thompson, and Jerry Bennett resulted in two runs being scored before the top half ended with Ponder scoring two runs.

The bottom of the first started with Paul Vargo on the rubber for Ponder and Melissa Werstein at the plate for SF. Melissa singled to third to start things off. A single to right by Stan Isbell brought Ron Schwertner to the plate. Ron hit a screamer to third base but an overthrow at first allowed Melissa to score and Isbell showed off his amazing speed scoring from first. Ken Ford singled followed by Mike Conley with another single. Bob Romagosa singled to end the inning with SF on the board with five runs. The score after one inning was SF 5 -Ponder 2.

Rick Porter started the top of the second for Ponder with a single followed by a walk to John Harnley. Aubrey Sculley singled to left loading the bases. Singles by Joyce Basse ,Bobby Duncan and Paul Vargo brought the smooth swinging Dale Hill to the plate with the bases loaded. Dale singled to left field to bring in a run. After a fly out Scott Wilson singled and Randy Brewer singled to put the fifth run on the board for a maximum inning.

The bottom of the second started with hits by Bill Smiley, Steve Wetenkamp and Sharon Deputy scoring Smiley. An infield hit by Tom Reynolds brought Melissa to the plate with the bases loaded. Scott Wilson made a great play on Melissa's hot line drive to steal a

hit. Stan Isbell singled to score two runs and Ron S singled and Stan Isbell scored on a fly ball for the second five run inning by State Farm. After two the score stood State Farm 10 - Ponder 7.

The third inning started with John T working a walk. However, the inning ended with John being forced at second after Stan Isbell made a great running catch on a fly ball from Robert Cox. so the bats of Ponder failed to score in the third. The SF bats cooled in the third inning with only one run which resulted when Roger Kinnersly singled in Weldon Wallace. Good defense from Ponder cut down Mike Conley at third when he tried to advance from first to third on a single by Weldon Wallace and a running catch by Dale on Steve Wetenkamps hard hit line drive ended the inning.

After three innings, State Farm 11 - Ponder 7.

The top of the fourth was short for Ponder. After John Harnley singled, a nifty, rarely seen double play ended the inning with no score for Ponder.

State Farm came to bat in the bottom of the fourth with determination not to have another one run inning. With hits from Sharon Deputy, Buck Poche, Melissa Wernstein, Stan Isbell, Ron Schwertner and Ken Ford five runs had crossed the plate.

The score after four stands at State Farm 16 to 7 for Ponder.

The fifth started with Joyce Basse and Bobby Duncan drawing walks however, a caught fly ball and the runner off the base resulted in a double play. Dale Hill then hit a hard line drive to short center field but Bill Smiley made a super throw to force the runner at second and end the inning.
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State Farm continued their hitting streak with Mike Conley starting things off with a sharp single to left. Weldon Wallace walked and Roger Kennersley singled to load the bases. A ground out scores Conley another infield hit scored Weldon and Ken Ford hit a line drive in the gap for an inside the park homer scoring two runs. After Paul Vargo left the game with an injured arm Dale Hill assumed pitching duties for Ponder. Sharon Deputy singled to third but was stranded by a fly out to end the inning.

After five innings the score stood at 20-7 in Favor of State Farm.

Ponder came to bat in the top of the sixth with a final chance to catch up. Kelly Wissik drew a walk followed by Scott Wilson single. Kelly was forced at third for the first out of the inning bringing up John Thompson who continued his hitting ways with a single to left to load the bases. Unfortunately for Ponder two good catches in the outfield ended the inning and the game.

The final score was State Farm 20 -Ponder Hardware 7. A lot of action in the game with some good defensive plays from both teams, but the bats of State Farm couldn't be silenced.

No games next week since Robson Ranch will have a lot of players at the Grapevine Tournament. It's a fun event with the games starting on Tuesday. They don't have free hot dogs but its worth the drive.

And thats the news from the Robson Senior Coed, where the women are strong,the men good looking, and the children wish we would act our age!