

Game Report, Senior Softball, Ponder Hardware versus Adams Furniture



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Dawn came Wednesday with beautiful skies and pleasant breezes as the Robson Ranch Spring Senior Softball season came to an end. Ponder Hardware, managed by Dale Hill, took the field against Adams Furniture, managed by Jimmy Reese. These two titans of Robson softball wanted to end the season on a high note with a victory, the game did not disappoint.

Of course we have to give thanks and acknowledge the volunteers who make the games possible. Manning the press box was Dave Riddle with the golden microphone, Jackie Fox keeping the books and Linda Cawley playing the electronic scoreboard like a piano virtuoso. The blue crew was led by Ken Kamrath behind the plate, assisted by Bob Riley at first base and Clyde Ziegler at third.

Ponder comes to bat in the top of the 1st facing Adams pitcher, the ageless and talented Bob Kuhfuss. Ironwoman Kelly Wissink (who has more innings than any Robson softball player) lofts a single to start the game. Two outs quickly follow, substitute Shortstop Stu White responsible for those outs. Mike Braam gets his patented single turning to a double as his blazing speed is always a threat. Substitute Dianna Duncan shows off her smooth swing with a nice hit that brings home 2 runs. Stu accounts for all 3 outs with a pop up catch.

The talented and tournament tested Carl Caruso takes the mound and faces Bruce Horeftis who raps out a single and loudly complains that he couldn't keep running! Bruce is forced out at 2nd and Stan Isbell and Stu White single to load the bases. Lee Figuriedo hits into a fielders choice but he does his job and a run scores. Jimmy Reese double home a run and the speedy??? Lee F is thrown out at third to end the threat. The score is tied at 2 all after one complete.

Ponder went to the hardware store to get some hitting oil for their bats. Carl Caruso pounds out a line drive single followed by singles from John Westbrook and Jerry Bennet. 2 runs come in on fielder's choices, Dale Hill singles and Kelly W singles to load the bases. Sun Deb Hinson brings in a run and the bases are still full. John Thompson singles in 2 more runs and Ponder gets the five spot.

Adams John Tanner leads off with a double. Bob K brings him home with a nice hit. Cheryl McCally singles and Ken Quarfoot drives in a run. Ponder defense has some good arms as another Adams base runner is thrown out trying to stretch out another base. Ponder takes the lead 7-4 at the end of two.

In the top of 3rd, Adams 2nd baseman John Tanner throws up his glove in self defense against a Mike Braam hard line drive and records the out, bet that glove hand is still tingling. Bob K brings the heat to record a strikeout. Stu W at shortstop makes a leaping snag of a line drive to end the inning. Stu has accounted for and been a part of 7 of the 9 outs so far.

Adam's John Duffy starts out with a single and Stan Isbell brings him home with a triple. Stu W singles but Stan is checked at third by Jerry B and we have runners on the corners. Kelly Petrie brings him home but a base running snafu gives Ponder an easy out. Jimmy R doubles again for the rbi and John T singles to load the bases. Pitcher Carl dances the ball off the corners and records a K. Bob K hits a pretty single into right field to bring home 2 more runs. A ground out ends the inning but Adams takes the lead 8-7.

Carl C and John W both get on base with singles but then Adams Furniture went furniture shopping, buying defensive furniture and installing it in the infield to hold Ponder scoreless. Adams comes to the plate and after a quick out, Bruce H singles and John Duffy hits a beautiful triple down the 3rd base line to score Bruce. Stan Isbell grounds out but does his job and gets the run home. Mike Braam makes a running catch to end the side. Adams is ahead 10-7 after 4 complete.

Ponder manager Dale Hill leads off with a hard hit line drive single. Adams 2B John Tanner makes another defensive gem by robbing Kelly W of another hit with an over the shoulder catch fly ball catch. Deb H singles and John T delivered an RBI single. Mike B singles in a run. A fielder's choice brings the 2nd out and then Adams shortstop Stu W shines again with a great running snag of a fly ball to end the side.

Lee F leads off for Adams with a single and then the speedy Jimmy R triples in the run. John T brings him home with a single. Bob K remains perfect at the plate with another rbi single. Ponder defense shows off with a textbook double play and is looking for the third out. It's not to be as Ken Q, Bruce H and John D all single and Adams puts up a five spot leading 15-9 into the buffet inning.

Ponder needs 7 to take the lead and keep the game alive. A fly ball that is caught leads to the first out. John W and Jerry B single but then a fielders choice leaves Ponder no choice but to hope for a two out rally. It is not to be as a fly ball ends the game and the spring season, Adams takes the game 15-9 from Ponder. See you all in the fall for more Senior softball action. Don't forget that there is plenty more Robson softball as the Co-ed evening league is in their final week with the playoffs starting next week!!