

A big thank you to **Myron McKinney**, another new journalist recently "hired" by RRSA, for documenting this morning's second game - between Proscapes and Eagle Eye Care. Enjoy.

Contrary to what the Denton Chamber of Commerce might say. Wednesday, April fifth was not a Bluebird morning. In fact, the last Bluebird was seen hitchhiking on I35 West looking for warmer weather. However, that did not cause any loss of Commerce for the two teams that showed up to play the second game of the morning's doubleheader. Proscapes, led by Bill Smiley, and Eagle Eye Care skippered by Johnny Blecher. With umpires, Don Anderson behind the plate, Greg Laffey at first, and Bob Richardson at third the game was ready to commence. Speedy Dianna Duncan started the inning for Eagle EC with a single, followed by a single by Terry Scholze. Dale Hill then hit a single scoring Dianna. A walk to George Keller loaded the bases with Bruce Horeftis at the plate. Although Bruce is known for never seeing a pitch he didn't like he worked Paul Neal for a walk forcing Terry Scholze in for a score. Kelly Petre singled home Dale Hill and a bases-loaded single by George Wendt scored two runs to make the first a five-run inning for Eagle Eye Care. In the bottom of the first, Gary Brown was on the mound for Eagle and a ground out to Dianna Duncan brought David McKie to the plate where he hit a hard shot to center for a single. Singles by Ken Ford, Gary Warrick, Weldon Wallace, and Randy Brewer, coupled with a forceout brought Paul Neal to the plate for a walk forcing in Weldon Wallace. A sharp hit by Marc Busboom was negated by a sterling force at second base to end the inning. After one full inning, the score stood at Eagle Eye Care five and Proscapes three.

Sue Kamrath started the second inning with a walk, followed by a walk to Shields Jones brought Gary Brown to the plate where he scored Sue K with a single. Tony Thomas singled and scored Jones. After a foul third strike, Johnny Becher came to the plate and promptly singled setting up Diana Duncan for a base hit scoring Gary Brown. Following a base hit by Terry Scholze, Dale Hill smashed a long fly ball to the right-center field where Gary Weisner fought the wind to make an outstanding catch robbing Dale of a long-distance run. Johnny Blecher tagged and scored after the catch for the fifth run ending the inning for Eagle. In the bottom of the second Nancy Rogus walked to lead off the inning. Following a force-out, Bobby Duncan singled, and Bill Smiley singled scoring Anderson. A sharp single by Gary Weisner moved Smiley to third bringing David McKie to the plate. As often happens David drove a deep ball to right scoring Ssmiley and Weisner. Ken Ford then singled in McKie for the fifth run. At the end of two the score stood Proscapes 10 Eagle Eye Care 8.

In the top of the third, George Keller singled and then took second on an overthrow. Bruce Horeftis singled to right center. After a popout, George Wendt singled to left scoring Keller. After a fouled third strike, Shields Jones hit a ground ball single, but the inning was ended by the sure-handed Smiley making a good catch of Gary Brown's fly ball. Gary Warrick, showing unusual patience, walked to begin the bottom of the third but was forced at second on a fielder's choice on Weldon Wallace's ground ball. Randy Brewer then hit a hard single to left field. With runners at first and second Rosemary Meyers Neagli drew a walk loading the bases. Paul Neal drew a walk scoring one run followed by a bases-loaded single by Marc Busboom which scored McKie and Brewer.

Following a ground out, John Anderson singled but the inning ended when the next batter flied

out to the pitcher. Score after three innings. Eagle Eye Care 11- Proscapes 12.

It was about this time that the crowd and both benches became aware of the availability of free Hot Dogs. Maybe it was the writer's imagination but there seemed to be a sudden interest in food by all parties with some players attempting to get their food delivered by Door Dash while playing in the field. Those less technically astute just yelled their orders in with instructions to hold them until the end of the inning.

Pardon the digression, but like most happenings at the Ranch, food is extremely important. Many thanks to the teams and volunteers who made the food possible. It was a great success!

In the top of the fourth, Steve Wetenkamp, Johnny Blecher, and Dianna Duncan all singled setting a bases-loaded opportunity for Terry Scholze. Terry did not disappoint, sending a deep ball to center field and scoring a three-run triple. Dale Hill followed with a single to left scoring Terry. George Keller then flied a long ball to Center field which was caught. In the meantime, Dale had continued to run, creating some question as which base should be used for the force out. Eventually, one was chosen and the force out represented the third out of the inning. Mike Slusher singled to begin the bottom of the fourth for Proscapes. However, on the ensuing play, Steve Wetenkamp made a strong play on a pop fly and stepped on first base to double up Mike. Gary Weisner singled on a hard-hit ball to second followed by a single by David McKie. Ken Ford then hit the longest ball of the day only to have it end in a great catch in deep left by George Keller for the third out. After four innings the score stood at Eagle Eye Care 15 Proscapes 12.

The fifth inning started with a single stretched to a double by Bruce Horeftis with an overthrow at first. Bruce advanced to third on a ground ball then scored on George Wendt's single. After singles by Shields Jones and Sue Kamrath Gary Brown came to the plate and in his best Babe Ruth voice called his shot to third base. At this point, Randy Brewer had been called to emergency duty at third base. Randy, in true hero mode, told Gary to bring it on. Gary responded by hitting a super hot line drive straight into Randy's glove for the third out. It is heartening to see two guys over 70 both call their best shot and execute the same. great hit, great catch! Proscapes came to the bottom of the fifth trailing 16-12 and needing five runs to win. Gary Warrick singled to start the inning followed by a walk to Randy Brewer. Killer singled to load the bases. a run scored on a force out. Singles by Rogus and John Anderson set up the final play of the game with Proscapes trailing 15-16. Bobby Duncan hit a hard ground ball to Terry Scholze at short. Terry bobbled the ball but made the play of the day throwing from the flat of his back to force the runner at second and end the game Eagle Eye Care 16- Proscapes 15. Truly an epic contest, played well by both teams.

The crowd was entertained by Ken Quarfoot announcing, With Sean Curry doing scoreboard duty and Tim Trotter keeping the book.

Thanks to all for a fun morning and remember there are a few seats available for next Wednesday's games.