

Robson Ranch Softball – Pre-Season Finale

On a warm Friday night, on the last Friday of August, the prequel to our fall season of softball, got off to a wonderful start at the Field of Dreams, here at Robson Ranch.

The softball team of the Fellowship of the Parks in Justin, TX came to town to take on the Robson Ranch Texans, our 65+ travelling team. The visitors brought their families, their children to watch their Dads take on the old guys from Robson Ranch. It was a wonderful experience for everyone.

It doesn't get any better than the opening pitch of the ballgame. Gary Warwick, pitching for the Robson Ranch Texans facing the leadoff batter for Fellowship of the Parks, Gary Warwick, Jr. Didn't matter which team you were rooting for, you were rooting for Gary Warwick, Jr. I had the privilege of sitting next to Debbie Warwick, wife of Gary, son of Gary, Jr. There was no question who she was rooting for. It was a pretty cool moment.

The final score was 20-13, in favor of the home team. But the score was not the objective of the evening. The objective was good people playing this great game of softball, in beautiful Robson Ranch. There were two home runs worth noting. For the Fellowship of the Parks visiting team, Brandon Dougherty jerked one, clear over the left field fence. We, in the stands, stood in awe. For the RR65+ boys, with the bases loaded, John Gauthier cleared the bases with an inside the park homer. We, in the stands, stood and cheered. There were several other outstanding plays by the players of both teams, but it was a night of fellowship, friends, and family.

Bob Laderach called the balls and strikes and danced to YMCA in front of the visiting crowd. He elected not to do that in front of the home crowd, however. Randy Matthiessen and his wife Joni were in the booth announcing the game and operating the scoreboard. Thanks to all three volunteers.

The Robson Ranch Softball fall season, kicks off on Tuesday, September 8th. Check out the schedule of games at www.quickscores.com/robsonranch

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Robson Ranch Texans, 65+