

**Sr. Co-Ed Game Rodney Landscaping — vs. TXS Realty**  
**24 March 2026**

Hi All.....We're Back.....and, with an unusual early morning kickoff of our 2026 Sr. Co-Ed Spring Season. This, the second game of our opening doubleheader on a 'Special' Tuesday, 24 March.....OH, but first...

**"Softball at The Ranch...."**

I've reported about Robson Ranch's Softball Games, many times in the past  
'Seems like the older we get, weeks and months just fly by us, and, pretty darn fast

But, Softball it seems, played on our Field of Dreams, that we all look so forward to

'Just slows things down a bit, watching bats, balls and mitts, playing under skies so very blue.....

When a Fan fills a seat, it's pretty darn neat, to watch your friends and neighbors  
Playing a game, that just feels exactly the same, when we were younger players  
It brings back that feeling, when our bodies were strong and unyielding, and we could hit that ball a mile

Honestly, it's a kind of a novelty, a real camaraderie, that mixes so well with us all,  
and makes you want to smile.....

And, if you come out on your own time, you'll never need to read each line, filled  
with rhymes of mine

You won't have to ever resort, to reading any of my silly game reports, and believe  
me, that's just fine

The best part is, these Guys and Gals play with so much heart, that winning, or  
losing, doesn't seem to matter much at all

Sure, who doesn't like to win, but losing's not a sin, not when you're having such a

ball

That's what Robson Ranch Softball truly is, and it doesn't take a Wiz,' to understand what it really means

You simply need to come out, watch a close game, or even, an occasional blowout, at our beautiful...Field of Dreams....!!!

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So, what happened on this special Tuesday start for The Senior Co-Ed game that matched Rodney Landscaping, managed by the one-and-only Ron Schwertner, against brand new rival, TXS Reality, a newly sponsored team, managed by the oh-so-talented, Jim Burke...? Let's find out.....

But first, we gotta thank all those volunteers that make all this softball stuff possible....

The guys and gals up in the booth...The golden voice of Johnny Blecher on the mic,' ably assisted by Linda Cawley, handling the tricky scoreboard, and Joyce Basse maintaining the books.

The Umps around the bases....Carol Rumberger skillfully managed the game at HP, assisted by Brian Brevard at 1st and Steve Pratt eyeballing 3rd. Thanks all. And of course The Fans in the stands...Thank you all for coming out. And here we go...!

### **1st Inning:**

Rodney's was off to a good start, getting 3 runs across to start the game. Leslie Hedges (who went 3 for 3 with 2 RBI's) got the things going with a single before two straight Walks by Gary Wiesner and Steve Foster loaded the bases with only one out. Mike Conley drove in the first run with a smashed grounder, scoring Leslie from 3rd but the force out at 2nd recorded out number two. Gary and Steve both scored on Rocky Dudley's 2 RBI double, followed up by a SuperSub Weldon Wallace trip to first on a Walk, as a Carl (the great) Caruso Singled to load them up again but a ground out ended the threat for a 5-spot.

New RR sponsor, TXS Realty responded with the amazing Bob Laderach (who only needed a double to go for the cycle at games' end) banged a solid triple to the fence to start a 5 run 1st inning for the newcomers. Bob strolled home when Killer Neagli hit a single to RCF for the team's first run of the season. Rick Werstein's (3 for 3) first single to CF, preceded Manager Jim Burke's blast that loaded the bases for Sue Kamrath to get her 1st RBI, bringing Killer home with an infield out. Killer's hubby, Tom Neagli smashed a single to LF to get his first RBI (Tom went 3 for 3 with a 3 RBI performance). After a ground out for out number two, Tom crossed the plate on a classic Bill Smiley smash down the 3rd base line, as Bill touched every base for a 'technical' HR but the scoreboard could only tally the 5 spot maximum. Great start for the new TXS team.

## **TXS 5   Rodney's 3**

### **2nd Inning:**

Rick Porter's Walk, then a ground out, and three straight singles from (SuperSub) Mark Connally, Manager Ronald Schwertner's blast to RCF, and Leslie's second single and RBI to LF, loaded the bases for Rodney as Rick crossed the plate. A grounder by Mike Powell got him an RBI, before a pop up ended the inning. But 2 runs went up on the scoreboard to momentarily tie the game after an inning and a half.

TXS went quietly in their bottom half of the 2nd, but not before Tamsie Irvan ended up at 2nd with a double after hitting a short bouncer and an errant throw to 1st. Things looked promising after an infield single from John McNemar safely reached 1st with Tamsie reaching 3rd. They got loaded up with a pop single to Rover from TXS Pitcher, Mike Slusher, who made it to first but, with John safe at 2nd, Tamsie was held in check at 3rd. by Rodney's defense. The second out came after a hot smash to the Pitcher and another ground out left runners on and no runs to end the TXS threat. The score was tied after two, and we had ourselves a game folks.

**TXS 5 Rodney's 5**

**3rd Inning:**

Rodney's added a run in the 3rd from a Steve Foster single to LCF, a ground out, Rocky's single to RF, Weldon's RBI Single that scored Steve, before Weldon's force out at 2nd and another grounder killed the assault.

This might have been the knockout inning as TXS rallied around Bob Laderach's HR, with no one on. Then we saw Rick Werstein's long RCF single, mighty Jim Burke's triple blast, scoring Rick, Sue's RBI single that brought Jim home, Tom Neagli's hard single shot, before a ground out, and Bill Smiley's RBI single for the fourth run in. John Westbrook's infield single to SS was good enough for another 5 run inning for the home team.

**TXS 10 Rodney's 6**

**4th Inning:**

The 4th inning saw a bit of a comeback and the game tightened up when Rodney's offense ran two runs of their own across the plate. Rick Porter's single to LF started it off, but a force out got him for the first out. Mark Connally served up another solid single taking Mark Holamon to 2nd. Manager Ron helped his own cause with a seriously smacked RBI single that scored Mark. Leslie came through with her 3rd hit and an RBI bringing Mark home, but the attack stalled with two runners on and two consecutive infield outs.

Rodney's brought in Weldon to pitch and tighten it up and did he deliver, allowing only

A single to 2nd off the bat of fellow pitcher Mike Slusher. But, that was all the action TXS could muster as the inning came to an end with zero runs for TXS.

Again, the game was on folks.

**TXS 10 Rodney's 8**

**5th Inning:**

And just when Rodney Landscaping thought it was safe to come to the plate against TXS....we had a 1-2-3 inning. The highlight was watching the outfield catching prowess displayed by 'the defensive play of the game,' a running shoestring catch by Bill Smiley snagging a Mike Conley fly ball that was sure to drop...it did, into Bill's glove just inches off the turf. Wow what a catch..!

Maybe that catch by Bill was the straw that broke Rodney's back. TXS put up another 5 run inning, after a ground out to the SS, that set the stage for SIX straight singles, which pretty much kept the bases loaded, by Laderach, Killer, Werstein (1 RBI). Burke, Sue (1 RBI, her 3rd), Tom (2 RBI's, his 3rd), and a grounder RBI for Leon Pettikas.

**TXS 15 Rodney's 8**

**6th Inning:**

Rodney's gave a final valiant effort with four singles of their own. A leadoff pop single to 3rd by Weldon, a solid hit but caught by Jim Burke at 3rd. for out number one, Donna Peck's single, Rick Porter's shot to LF, that loaded the bases. Things were looking great when Terry Holamon's single brought in one RBI and the bases remained loaded with just the one out. But TXS's defense dug in and the game ended abruptly on a double play grounder from 3rd to HP to squash the hopes and any comeback by Rodney's.

If you weren't there, you missed a really good game folks....

**FINAL SCORE: Rodney's Landscaping 9 TXS Realty 15**

**Post Script:**

So....that's how it went down, my dear friends

But. Everyone here at the ballpark really wins...in the end

The important thing isn't so much who actually won  
'Though, that might be disputed by TXS Realty, when all is said and done  
'Just try to join us next week, Wednesday mornings are the normal time  
If not, we'll try to report it right here, if you don't read...between the lines.....!

**This is Lee F..... UT.....!!!**