

Softball Fans,

What? Another 1-run ballgame at our Field of Dreams? Awesome. And Jeff Duncan has the full coverage of the contest in his Game Report below:

What a glorious day for Co-ed Softball at the Ranch as **Eagle Eye Care** took on Rodney Landscaping. The game started a few minutes early as Home plate umpire Bob Collins assisted by Umpires Greg Laffey and Clyde Ziegler called for the National Anthem. Manning the PA was the voice, Jimmy Reese while Bob Riley kept the scorebook and Jackie Maurer ran the scoreboard. Managers Rocky Dudley for EEC and Jerry Hinson for Rodney gave the final pep talks as the teams took to the field.

In the top of the first, EEC faced pitcher George Wendt who proved tough to hit as Rocky Dudley managed a single and the Rodney defense got three quick outs. Rodney comes to bat facing EEC pitcher Tom Doty. Rodney gets three singles by Bob Laderach, George Wendt and an RBI by Bryce Treese before the EEC defense gets stingy and keeps Rodney to one run.

EEC comes to bat and Craig Bishop ignites the ballpark with a deep shot for a bonafide home run. Spencer Folsom draws a base on balls and then John Jordan hits a hard line drive that was hauled in by a hard running Randy Matthiessen. Rodney gets a double play to end the EEC inning. EEC comes up with a defensive gem of their own as Mike Moss at shortstop scoops up a hard hit ball from Jerry Hinson to get the first out. Tom Gunter and Steve Wardlaw rap singles. Jay Wissink grounds out in a close play at first. Jay's wife Kelley comes to bat and upholds the family softball honor with an RBI single. Randy Matthiesen grabs an RBI single and Dan Patrick singles to load the bases. EEC defense digs in and shuts down the rally. The score stands at 3 to 1 in favor of Rodney after two innings.

EEC digs in at the plate and singles by Tom Doty, George Keller and Randy Catron load the bases. Linda Cawley grounds out but gets the job done by driving in a run. Henry Moore delivers an RBI single and EEC ties the game. Top of the order again for Rodney and Deb Hinson leads off with a walk and then Bob Laderach hits a hard ground ball off the shin of pitcher Tom. Tom is okay thanks to his shin guards but I bet it still left a bruise. Let's all take a break and go to Amazon on your computer and order shin guards if you don't play with them yet! George Wendt comes up with a 2 RBI triple and Bill Soule drives him in with a single. Tom Gunter singles and Steve Wardlaw delivers a 2 RBI single for the 5th run of the inning. After three, its Rodney 8 over EEC's 3.

Steve Ward leads off for EEC in the top of the 4th and raps a double. Super Sub Mike Moss singles to bring him home. Craig Bishop gets another RBI with a single and John Jordan gets an RBI single. A Rodney double play ends the EEC inning but they scored three runs. Rodney comes to bat and after a sharply hit single by Jay Wissink, the EEC defense digs in to hold Rodney scoreless. It's a close game after four with Rodney leading by two runs, 8 to 6.

George Keller leads off with a single but the Rodney infield gets stingy with three quick outs. Rodney comes to the plate with singles by Cheryl McCally and Deb Hinson and Bob L brings them home with a triple. George W gets the RBI single, Bryce T singles and Bill Soule drives in a run. Tom G brings in the 5th run and Rodney is up 13 to 6.

EEC comes to bat and the speedy (speedy being a generous description) Henry Moore legs out a triple. Tim Winiesdorffer raps an RBI single, Rocky D singles and Steve W and Mike M hit RBI singles. Craig B drives

them in for the 5th run. Here comes Rodney to the plate and all they get is a single by Jay W as the EEC defense shuts them down. We have a game as we head to the buffet inning with Rodney leading 13-11.

EEC starts out with singles by Spencer F and John J. Nancy Rogus hits into a fielder's choice but gets the job done by driving in a run. Tom Doty pounds out a single but then the Rodney defense ends the buffet. The final score is 13 to 12 in favor of Rodney. It's a perfect evening for a well played game and a perfect evening for the after game social gatherings, the best part of Robson softball!!

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