

April 13, 2022, somewhere in the middle of a tornado otherwise known as a breezy day at Robson Ranch, a first-time reporter was documenting the action between ProScapes and MS2-USA. ProScapes took the field as an MS2 player entered the batter's box. The batter in a dark blue shirt hit an infield pop-up that dropped safe, and he outran the throw to first base. Then another guy in a dark blue shirt hit the ball to left field where another guy in a dark blue shirt threw the ball to second, where the runner in a dark blue shirt beat out the throw and was safe at second.

Oops, momentary pause, Dale Hill requested a little more detail even though everybody seems to be wearing dark blue shirts.

Back to the beginning, in the first inning, with all wearing dark blue shirts, Gary Wiesner, Stan Isbell, Lisa McGlaston and Ed McGlaston all got to first base, one run scored.

In the bottom of the first, Scotty Wilson, in a dark blue shirt, hits a mighty smash to left for a stand-up triple to start off the inning for ProScapes. Also in dark blue shirts, Myron McKinney singles, Randy Brewer hits a triple and John Thompson singles. After two base on balls, Lisa McGlaston fields a grounder, tags the runner going to second and throws to first for the double play. End of the 1st inning, ProScapes leads 4 to 1.

The air was electric with tension as play stopped, when on the field there was a gathering of league officials, managers, legal advisors, consultants and player union representatives, all wrestling with the most important issue of the moment. After intense negotiations and compromise, it was determined that for the rest of the game the umpire, Mark Mills would only be calling strikes.....if and when they appear. So, after the delay and a few commercials we were back to the game. Now that MS2 has finally warmed up, the power hitters came

forward with John Thompson, John Anderson, Sharon Deputy all getting on base so that Johnny Blecker could unleash a hit to the fence for a triple, clearing the bases for three more runs. Mike Conley singled and Johnny scored from third. Then Bruce Horefits hits a home run allowing Mike to score, 5 runs, the half is over.

At the bottom of the 2nd, David Dick, Henry Moore, Wayne Lussier, Bill Smiley and Scotty Wilson all get hits, but ProScapes defense stood up to the challenge with force outs at second, so alas, only one run scored with runners left on base. Score, MS2 leads 6 to 5.

At the start of the third, everyone is still wearing dark blue shirts, except Lisa McGlaston, always a standout in my mind, stood out in her red shirt. Don't they make shirts in any color other than dark blue???? I guess that is a question for another day.

OK, back to the game, Lisa in her red shirt singles, Ed (I have to keep up with Lisa) singles, as does Mick Calverly and John Anderson. One run comes in and the bases are loaded, so Johnny steps up and hits a home run to clear the bases, 5 runs, inning over.

ProScapes in the third starts with singles by Randy Brewer, John Thompson and Weldon Wallace, however, ProScapes defense gets in the way with two force outs and a double play, inning over. Score, MS2 11 to 6.

At the start of the fourth, Bob Kuhfuss steps in to pitch for ProScapes. Unafraid, Mike Conley and Stan Isbell both get stand up doubles, after which, always the showman, Bruce Horefits clobbers one to center field, but then because of a great throw, has to slide safely into second to the delight of the crowd. Lisa gets on base driving in Bruce who refrains from sliding into home. The half over, 3 runs scored.

Now that ProScapes is mad, they bring out the big bats. Bob Kuhfuss starts out with a double. You can feel the tension in the air as David Dick, Henry Moore, Wayne Lussier, Bill Smiley, Scotty Wilson and Randy Brewer all contribute base hits. John Thompson steps up to the plate, points to center field and says watch out as he crushes one for another double, bases cleared, 5 runs, inning over.

Score after 4, MS2 14 to 11.

At the top of the 5th, with MS2 looking back over their shoulder at the charging ProScapes, Mick Calverly gets to first and is then advanced by a smash in the center field gap by Sharon Deputy and Johnny gets a deep hit for a single. In the end, 2 runs scored.

ProScapes kept fighting back with their bats, Paul Vargo, Wendell Wallace and Cheryl McCally all got singles to load the bases, which set the stage for Bob Kuhfuss to come to the plate. A hush came over the crowd and the air was filled with anticipation. After a couple of no-call balls, the next pitch floated through the air as if in slow motion and then suddenly there was a loud crack of the bat as the ball rocketed through the air on its trip to the fence. The fans roared as Bob Kuhfuss rounded the bases to become the **oldest player** in Robson Ranch history to hit a homer run. Folks, you can't make this stuff up, I can only report it. With Bob's homer, the bases were cleared. Henry Moore got on base and scored on a deep smash to center by Wayne Lussier, 5 runs, end of inning.

Score at the end of 5, all tied at 16, does it get any better? What a game!

In the sixth, although Bruce Horefits, with a double and Ed McGlaston with a single tried to break the tie, defense held sway and the half

ended without anyone scoring. That was the only inning in the game without a score.

Once again, the big bats of ProScape came to the plate to face a new pitcher, Mick Calverly for MS2. Bill Smiley started it out with a single, followed up by singles from Scotty Wilson, Myron McKinney and Randy Brewer and a double by John Thompson. But ProScapes wasn't finished as Weldon Wallace pummeled a ball to left field for a home run, 5 runs in, the inning ends.

The score, ProScapes 21 to 16.

As the 7th inning starts there is a determined look on the faces of the MS2 players, knowing that it is now or never for them to make their move. And they came through to meet the challenge with singles by Mick Calverly, John Anderson and another center field smash by Sharon Deputy. Johnny Blecker with a double and Mike Conley with a single added to their RBI's for the morning. Feeling the energy of the 7th inning charge, Gary Wiesner hits a home run and adds another RBI. Bob Horefits kept the momentum going with a double, followed up by another double by Lisa McGlaston driving in Bob for the 6th run for MS2. After the last out, MS2 had clawed their way back for a total of 22 runs to take the over the lead, 22 to 21.

You could have cut the excitement in the air with a knife, the huge crowd (official numbers unavailable due to the size) were all on the edge of the seats, no one was heading for the exits. Cheryl McCally in her finest pinstripes, stepped up to the plate to lead off the bottom of the 7th with a single. David Dick came up with a hit and an error allowed him to get to 3rd, driving in Cheryl for a score and tying the game at 22 - 22. The tension continued to grow as Henry Moore came to the plate for a hit, driving in David from 3rd and breaking the tie.

Final score ProScapes 23, MS2 22, a game for the ages.

Thanks to Mark Mills and Don Andrews for officiating the game and carrying the extra load as Mike Conley, who was scheduled to officiate, was enticed away by Johnny B to round out the MS2 roster.

Rick Rubin on the scoreboard and Bob Riley as scorekeeper kept us informed and made the game official, thanks for a great job. And not to be overlooked, was Jim Reese, our own Harry Carey disk jockey and announcer.

Both teams brought their best and gave the fans unparalleled action and excitement.

Some performances of note were;

MS2-USA

Johnny Blecher, 4 hits with a home run and 7RBI's

Mike Conley, 3 hits and 6 RBI's

Bruce Horefits, 3 hits with a home run and 2 RBI's

Gary Wiesner, 2 hits with a home run and 2 RBI's

Lisa McGlaston, 3 hits and 2RBI's

ProScapes

Bob Kuhfuss, 3 hits with a home run and 5 RBI's

John Thompson, 4 hits with a home run and 3 RBI's

Myron McKinney, 3 hits with a home run and 2 RBI's

Weldon Wallace, 4 hits with a home run and 1 RBI

Randy Brewer, 4 hits and 3 RBI's

Yes, it was another great morning at the Field of Dreams.