

Opening Day in the Seniors League - FINALLY

It took us a week battling Mother Nature, but opening day of the Seniors League was played under beautiful blue skies and lots of enthusiasm on the field at the Field of Dream on Wednesday morning.

Because of last week's rainout, we had a double header day – two, five inning games were played. Corple Corral played in both games, playing Proscapes in game one and MS2 in game two. And, amazingly, each game ended up with a final score of 12-2. The good news for Proscapes was they won their ballgame, 12-2. The good news for MS2 was they one their ball game, 12-2. And the good news for Corple Corral is they got to play two games.

Game 1: Proscapes – 12, Corple Corral 2

The big blow for Proscapes came in the bottom of the second, a bases clearing, inning ending grand-slam home run by Jimmy Reese, substituting for Proscapes.

Manager Bill Smiley was quick to mention the several good defensive plays made at 1st base by 1st baseman Henry Moore. Smiley also gave credit to his defense, both infield and outfield saying it was a big factor in winning the game.

Six ProScapers had perfect days at the plate. Ken Lilley (2-2), David McKie (2-2, 2B, RBI), Ken Ford (2-2, 2B, 2 RBI's), Weldon Wallace (2-2), and Mick Calverley (2-2, RBI). For Corple Corral, George Wendt (2-2, 2B, RBI), Peter Day (2-2, 2B), and Nancy Rogus (1-1) all had perfect days at the plate.

Officiating in this first game were Coco Ondina at HP, John Bass at 1B, and Don Andrews at 3B. In the press box, Bob Riley and Paul Neal shared the PA responsibilities was behind the mike in the press box, joined by Pat Sabo operating the scoreboard and Bob Riley, assisted by Bill Maynard, keeping the scorebook. Thank you to all our volunteers today.

Game 2: MS2 – 12, Corple Corral 2

MS2 scored five runs in the first and never looked back as their bats dominated the action in the second game. Seven of their twelve players went perfect at the plate. Terry Scholze (3-3, RBI), Jim Reese (3-3, 2B, 3B, HR, 4 RBI's), Lee Figueriedo (3-3, 2RBIs), Stan Isbell (2-2, 2 RBI's), Henry Moore (2-2, 2 RBI's), Sharon Deputy (2-2), and Mick Calverley (2-2) all went perfect.

Corple Corral got their two runs in the first inning and were shut down by pitcher Sharon Deputy the rest of the way. The first six batters all singled with Mike Conley and Mark Stanton each driving in a run. Myron McKinney (2-2), Robert Cox (2-2), Becky Milby (2-2), George Wendt (2-2), Mark Stanton (2-2), Bobby Duncan (2-2, 2B), and Pete Day (1-1) all were perfect at the plate for Corple.

Umpiring behind the plate in our second game was Mike Braam, with Stu White at 1B, and John Basse and Don Andrews, pulling double duty for the day, at 2B and 3B respectively. Thank you, umps.

Bob Riley again, had the mike for this second game and assisted Bill Maynard on keeping the scorebook. Reliable Rick Rubin ran the scoreboard as he does so many times for the Seniors league. Thank you, men.

Epilogue

This reporter had a chance to catch up with Seniors League Commissioner, Kelly Petre after the game to get his reflections of opening day for the Seniors League. He was quick to point out the hitting and running of Jimmy Reese. For the day, Jimmy was 4-5, with a double, a triple, two home runs and eight RBI's. But Commissioner Petre was most impressed by the quality of play and the fun the ladies brought to the Seniors League opening day. Ladies from all three teams play great - Debbie, Kelly, Sharon, Becky, Nancy all got hits and all made the plays when the ball came to them. Becky (Milby) played three infield positions and an outfield positions today; others played multiple positions as well. Kelly Wissink got her first career double at Robson Ranch. Way to go ladies; you did great.

Come out to the Field of Dreams next Wednesday, when the two unbeatens do battle at 10:00.