

The Buffet Matters
Adams Furniture vs. State Farm
Semi-Final
Monday, 5 Jun '23

Both teams came out of the gate swinging. Five singles, an RBI triple from Randy Matthiessen and an RBI double by Mike Flatt (3/4, Dbl, RBI) put 3 runs on the board for Adams. Dianna Duncan made two of the put outs for State Farm and set State Farm up to get 4 runs of their own. Rookie Hal Wasson (3/4, Dbl, Trip, 5 RBIs) doubled in 2 RBIs and Coach John Coffman (3/3, Dbl, 2 RBIs) wrapped up the scoring getting the final RBI knocking in Mike Lorenc (3/4, RBI) with a single.

Jerry Bennett (2/3, RBI) led the barrage in the 2nd inning for Adams with a single then two doubles by Shields Jones and Spencer Folsom plus a triple off the bat of Randy Matthiessen (3/4, Dbl, 2 RBIs) pushed Adams total to 7 runs on the night after only 2 innings. State Farm's Peter Grasser put an end to the rally with a leaping Hi Lite catch of Mike Jaensch's drive to left center. Tracey Ginnings (2/3) came up for the home team and singled to give hope to State Farm, but it fizzled. No runs.

Adams continued their onslaught in the 3rd inning with 8 singles scoring all 5 with Jerry Bennett and Lois Gibson getting the last of the 5 RBIs. Except for Johnny G's double, the top of the line up for State Farm walked up to the plate and ended up back in the dugout scoring no runs for the second consecutive inning.

Adams scored another run in the fourth behind Tiffany Ramzy's 3rd hit in 3 at bats and Sean Curry getting one of his four singles on the night. John Gauthier stretched out on his belly to corral a 'Chief' Flatt ground ball, and Dianna again made the last out to end Adam's scoring. Then it happened – State Farm bats woke up in the bottom of the 4th. Frank Kaker, John Coffman and Steve Ward (2/3, Dbl, 2 RBIs) all doubled with Peter Grasser (3/4, 2 RBIs) putting the final touches on a 5-spot inning with 2 RBIs. Score after 4 innings: Adams 13 – 9 over State Farm.

Inning 5 whipped by us with no runs scored on either side. There were some defensive gems. Randy Matthiessen went full out to backhand a Texas leaguer behind 3rd base that looked to be trouble. Steve Ward caught a line drive off the bat of Bentley that had a wicked slice, yet he snagged it perfectly.

Inning 6 slipped by Adams with another goose egg. The bottom half of the inning started well for State Farm with singles by Coffman and Ward and then Tracey Ginnings (2/3) burned the defense with a line drive over the SS. None the less, the score remained 13 – 9 in favor of Adams, the same score it had been since the bottom of the 4th.

Things were fixin' to change in the Buffet 7th, at least for State Farm. Adams picked up a few hits but couldn't produce any runs. With hope in the air and bats in their hands, State Farm went to work. Sallie Wasson (3/3) opened the inning with her 3rd single of the night and ended up scoring to get State Farm off to a lightning start. Grasser and Gauthier singled before Hal Wasson blasted one to the fence for 3 RBIs and a triple. Mike Lorenc brought Wasson home and Frank Kaker sealed the deal with a blast that had Lorenc rounding 2nd base and dancing the rest of the way to home plate.

State Farm are off to the finals with a 14 – 13 hard fought victory.

Steve Pratt handled the umpire duties behind home plate with support from Kenny Kamrath at first and Gary Warrick jumping into a gap to provide the 3rd umpire. Thank you all!

One of the very best, Carl Caruso, kept the 'book' and everyone's favorite, Marty Harnly, operated the scoreboard. Johnny B was the announcer and is your game reporter.

Reminders:

Semi-Final Tuesday evening at 6 PM: Home Tint vs. Argyle Dental

Winner faces State Farm at 11:00 AM on Saturday, 10 Jun.

Be early, 0900, for the Senior/Ladies game. I almost said Exhibition Game, but I don't think any of them plan to show any extra skin.

At 1045 (you know the military has it going with time) we are going to introduce some of our sponsors.

At 1100, the FINALS.

Johnny B