

## **Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 1800 HRS Field of Dreams Action as reported by Rosemary “Killer” Myers-Neagli**

The evening is a muggy 76F, cloudy – not bad for those fielders, but of course it just wouldn't be RR softball if we didn't have a 20-mph wind gusting to 30-mph, would it? Luckily our seasoned fans bare the conditions and continue to support and enjoy our RR “never a dull moment” softball action. Featured in the home dugout was Tom Neagli's Home Tint (HT), opposing visitor Stan Isbell's Team Adam Furniture (AF). Leading up to this game HT had 2 wins - 1 loss; and AF had 1 win – 2 losses. A special “shout-out” to the sub players who helped the rosters for both Managers.

Of course, no game is possible without our dedicated group of RR volunteers. We extend appreciation to our experienced Umpires: Gary Warrick HP, Danny Thomas at 1<sup>st</sup> base, and Bob Duncan at 3<sup>rd</sup> base. The Press Box occupants were non-other than RR softball MVP's Johnny Blecher on the PA, Randy Matthiessen manning the Scoreboard, and Bob Riley recording the score. A special welcome to Linda Cawley (plays on Eagle Eye) who was training on the scoreboard. Hopefully the Press Box chaps kept their softball jokes to a minimum, for fear they were bent over in stitches? Ha, bad joke!

### **1<sup>st</sup> Inning Highlights:**

After a show of respect for our flag, the action was on! However, AF had three up, and three down. Mick Calverley started with a solid single to first, which brought Dave Riddle up to the plate. He shoots a one bounce rocket which was snagged by short stop Mike Lorenc (which I now know is pronounced Lawrence, thank you Press Box) who tosses it to 2<sup>nd</sup> base Joe Nuttal to catch Mick out, and Nuttal rifles to 1<sup>st</sup> base Mike Flatt, DOUBLE play on the first two batters. After three outs and no runs scored it's HT up to bat. Manager Tom Neagli shoots a missile over 2<sup>nd</sup> base Lisa McGlaston, but wait, she somehow leaps high in the air and snags it, even she had to look at her glove in admiration! One out, up next, HT Mike Flatt, he gets to first, he is waiting for Dale Frazier to send him to second, but that AF 2<sup>nd</sup> base Lisa McGlaston again interferes and makes a miraculous catch for the second inning out. But wait, HT starts a roll. Mike Lorenc doubles to get Mike Flatt home, and mighty Ken Ford copies with a double sending Mike Lorenc home. A fly ball caught on John McNemar shuts down the HT effort. **Score after one:**

**HT 2 – AF 0.**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Inning Highlights:**

AF pulls out big guns to start the batting order, Mike Braam slams one for a double, Peter Day drives one to get on 1st, but enough for Mike B (aka crazy legs) to score AF's first run. HT short stop Mike Lorenc again interferes with AF's plan, he snags a hard ground by Jerry Bennett, throws to 2<sup>nd</sup> base Joe Nuttal, who sends it to Mike Flatt on 1st. Another double play in the HT books. After a few more singles by AF the inning closes scoreless. In the second half HT enjoyed a few single hits, but the only run scored was a walk to Marlene McNemar with loaded bases. **Score after two: HT 3 – AF 1**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Inning Highlights:**

This inning was a quickie for both teams. AF struggled to place players on base, HT Mike Lorenc made a tricky hard hit backhanded catch that he rifled to 1<sup>st</sup> base Mike Flatt for an out. Then 1<sup>st</sup> base Mike Flatt tap danced around a player at first base to catch a pop fly by Mike Slocum, and their efforts ended when HT Dianna Duncan robbed AF Dave Riddle with a great catch deep out to LCF. HT's turn to bat, Tom Neagli started off with a sonic fly ball that Mike Braam sprinted to catch (hence crazy legs), two more caught balls and HT was done for the inning, no runs scored. **Score after three: HT 3 – AF 1**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Inning Highlights:**

This inning was a repeat of the third inning, different players, great fielding by both teams. AF were hitting the ball well, but HT was also fielding well. AF Lisa McGlaston canon ball shot was caught by HT SS Mike Lorenc, AF Peter Day launched unsuccessfully into the glove of LF Ken Ford, one more out and HT was up to bat. Excellent pitching by AF sub-Chris Walton, and superb in fielding by AF shut down HT in four batters leaving a scoreless inning. **Score after four: HT 3 – AF 1**

#### **5th Inning Highlights:**

The first AF batter Scott Lasater boomed an infield homerun, getting AF renewed inspiration and back into the game. Randy Catron may be AF's second "crazy legs" as he outran a ball thrown hard to first base. But HT LCF Dale Frazier wasn't going along with the AF plan of attack, he made a running catch on Bill Maynard's deep hit for an out. John Basse hoped to keep pushing the score board by sailing a long ball into LCF, but HT Ty Nelson arrived in time to end the AF dreams of more than one scored run. HT hit several singles, but the AF were playing too well for any funny business. AF Jerry Bennett (I call him the daddy of RRSA because he takes care of us all getting those free jerseys and hats) threw a ball all the way from CF to almost get Joe Nuttal out at base, but AF kept HT to a scoreless inning. **Score after five: HT 3 – AF 2**

#### **6th Inning Highlights:**

This inning was just not in the clouds and wind for team AF as they came up empty, resting all their hopes on the buffet inning. But with a close score, HT new that the bats had better wake up. First up for HT, Ty Nelson outraced the ball and made it to 1st base, next up, HT Tom Neagli's rocket landed in CF Mike Braam's waiting glove, one out. But a nice single from HT Mike Flatt set up HT Dale Frazier who drilled one past AF Peter Day which sent Ty home and landed Dale a stand-up double, one run scored. HT Mike Lorenc, who was already having a good game, blasted over AF LF Scott Lasater to add a triple and 2 RBIs to his evening tally. With three runs now scored, HT Ken Ford put the icing on the game blasting a fence line homerun sending Mike home, 5 runs added before the buffet.

**Score after six: HT 8 – AF 2**

#### **7th Inning Buffet:**

The pressure was on, and AF Mike Slocum responded getting a solid hit for a single to start the chase. One batter up and one batter out, before AF Mick Calverley walked up to whack that ball hard to send Mike home and land on 2<sup>nd</sup> base for a sweet stand-up double. HT SS Mike Lorenc again would rob Dave Riddle for the second out. Then on a single hit from AF Lisa McGlaston, HT threw hard to home plate sub-Louis Berthold who beat AF Mick Calverley, holding AF to one scored run and ending the game.

**Final Score: HT 8 – AF 3**

I have enjoyed a few MLB and AAA baseball games, and they are low scoring due to great pitching and fielding. Watching tonight's softball game, I could not help but reflect on so many good fielding plays on our very own Field of Dreams. Well done Home Tint and Adam's Furniture players! As the glove said to the ball, catch ya later, I'll catch you at the next assigned game report. Killer.

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