

Hey big boy, how would you like to have a good time? Well thank you ma'am, yes, I really want to have a good time, that's why I'm headed over to The Field of Dreams for the game between Wise Health Care and Home Tint. I have been told that the teams are bringing their big bats and sparks will be flying. Well, that sounds pretty exciting, mind if I come along. No ma'am, take my arm and come with along with me.

In their blue jerseys, Miguel Ondina (home plate), Bob Laderach (1st base) and Nancy Rogus (3rd base) met with the managers, Mike Jaensch for Wise and John McNemar for Home Tint at home plate. After the National Anthem, Wise took the field and it was hold on to your seat, for it was game on.

Dianna Duncan starting for Home Tint smashed the ball to left field for a base hit, Dale Frazier flew out to left, Mike Flatt got to first on a fielder's choice and Dianna was forced out at second. Mike Lorenc flied out for the third out. By the way, I'm Ken what's your name? I'm Lulu, nice to meet you. Well Lulu, it looks like maybe I exaggerated about big bats and sparks flying but let's wait and see what happens.

Mike Moss led off for Wise hitting a high short ball to right that was lost in the sun and dropped in for a hit. By the time HT got control of the ball, Mike was on third. Becky Milby followed with a base hit driving in Mike Moss for the first run of the game. As usual, Mike Braam hit a long fly ball to center field, but Dianna zeroed in on the ball, took two steps forward and snagged the ball out of the air, what a great catch. See Lulu, I told you it would get exciting. But then Spenser Folsom's grounder made a force out at second and good fielding sent the ball to first for the double play.

Score Wise 1, Tint 0

But Ken, when do we see the big bats and flying sparks?

Lulu, sometimes softball requires some patience.

Well, with the start of the second inning, patience wasn't a big problem. Ken Ford started the second for Tint with a three bagger, then John McNemar singled sending Ken across home plate. Then Greg McElyea hits another triple driving in John for the second run. After a couple outs, Jeff Duncan singles sending in Greg for the third run. Inning soon over, three runs scored, now the sparks are flying.

The second inning for Wise wasn't much to write home about, so we won't.

Score Tint 3, Wise 1.

In the third, Ty Nelson started with a walk for Tint. Hold on Lulu the sparks are about to fly. Dianna Duncan singles, Dale Frazier triples, Mike Flatt also triples with a screamer down the third base line that goes back to the corner and then Ken Ford hits a HOME RUN for the fifth run. Inning over, big bats at rest, the sky is filled with sparks. How's that Lulu!

The sparks were still flying when Wise came to bat in the third. Steve Wetenkamp flied out; Pat Lewis walked but was then forced out at second after Tom Gunther's single. Two outs, runner at first when Bruce Horeftis singles, Rod McDonald doubles, and the Mikes, Jaensch and Moss single, all getting RBIs for four runs and lots of sparks.

At the end of three, score Tint 8, Wise 5, how about them apples Lulu!

Some of the sparks were missing when Home Tint came to bat in the fourth. John McNemar singled and the scored when Greg McElyea blasted a double. After that, three quick outs, inning over. Things weren't much better for Wise in the fourth. Mike Braam started off with a single, then Spenser Folsom flied out to left and shame, shame Braam took off running and could not get back to first so out a first, double play two outs. Clyde was thrown out at first, not many sparks here either. Score still 9 – 5 Tint. Uh oh, Lulu is filling her nails and yawning, I think we need more sparks.

Just in case you were wondering why Johnny Blecher gets the big bucks, well it's because his giant personality keeps the sparks flying even when the teams aren't cooperating. He brings wit and humor to every inning. He even has historical facts, like pointing out Paul Vargo's little glove that he took to his first communion and still uses. Paul's response, why replace something that still works so well. Linda Cawley kept everything accurate on the scoreboard, while Bill Maynard kept everything accurate in the scorebook. Come on Lulu, pay attention to everything that is going on, you can't get this excitement on TV.

The fifth inning for Tint was not memorable, so we will just leave it at that. A quick three outs. Lulu is now counting how red cars drive by on Robson Rd. Things didn't go much better for Wise. Dave Riddle's single was embarrassing at best and

then he was forced out at second on Wetenkamp's fielder's choice single. Pat Lewis then died on first after her single. No big bats, no sparks score is still 9 – 5 Tint. I am now helping Lulu counting red cars, but I have faith and know that sparks will hopefully fly once again.

For those of little faith I say HA. I repeat HA! Dale Frazier opened the sixth inning with a double, the sparks are flying again. Mike Flatt singles, Dale scores but Mike is out on a fielder's choice as Mike Lorenc goes to first. One out, one runner and one run, we are playing ball now, even Lulu is back to watching the game. Then that big hitter, Ken Ford is back at bat. What a night he is having, a triple and a home run. Well darn if he doesn't do it again, Ken hits another triple bringing in another run. They should start thinking about renegotiating his contract. Ken was still sucking on the oxygen tank at third when John McNemar singled forcing Ken to run once again to score the third run of the inning. Three runs scored, now 12 – 5 for Tint, but Wise is eager to get to bat.

Wise comes out swinging, with singles by Horeftis, McDonald and Jaensch scoring two runs. Mike Moss flied out and Mike J was caught off first for the double play. Two runs and two outs when Becky Milby, Mike Braam, Spenser Folsom and Clyde Ziegler all get hits bringing in three more runs for a total of 5, inning over, score Home Tint 12 and Wise Health 10.

Due to the buffet inning, Wise continued at bat while Tint stayed in the field for the seventh inning. I'm not picking on Riddle, but he hit another weak single to get to first. Steve Wetenkamp flied out and Dave's pinch runner got caught off first for another double play. Pat Lewis was thrown out at first, game over, final score, Home Tint 12 and Wise Health 10. Well Lulu, I told it was going to be a barn burner, what a great game. What did you think? All I can say Ken is that you really know how to show a girl a good time. Thanks Lulu, it's all just part of my charm, maybe I'll see you at the next game. And we hope to also see the rest of you at the next game when the sparks will be flying.

