

April 11 – WISE HEALTH VS. ADAMS FURNITURE

FINALLY, after 2 full weeks of co-ed softball...8 games...we finally had a game played with warm temperatures and just a slight breeze!!

Let me get started by thanking our volunteers for the game. The umpiring crew was headed by Stu White behind the plate, Coco Ondina at 1st, Mike Conley coming in to oversee 2nd base and Danny Thomas at 3rd.

Also, our thanks to the Press Box team = Jimmy “The Lip” Reese behind the mic, Pat Sabo on the scoreboard and Jackie Fox keeping the scorebook.

It was undefeated Wise Health managed by Mike Jaensch vs 1-1 Adams Furniture managed by Stan Isbell.

The top of the 1st saw Wise Health lead-off batter Becky Milby get on with a single, followed by a double by Bruce Horeftis and a two-run single by Randy Mattheisson. Tom Jeske then sent Adams Furniture left fielder Scott Lasater all the way to the fence to make a catch and rob Tom of what appeared to be an over-the-fence home run!! One of the best catches this reporter has seen in years!! Good job Scott! Two quick outs followed Scott’s catch...2 runs scored in the top half of the inning.

Adam Furniture came up with Dave Riddle doubling to left-center followed by a single by Lisa McGlaston. Mike Braam then hit a shot just past Wise Health pitcher Gary Warrick for a double to center scoring Dave and Lisa. With fleet-footed Mike on second, Peter Day singled scoring Mike. A single by Jerry Bennett was erased with an inning-ending double play off the bat of Joyce Basse.

END OF 1 = Wise Health-2 Adams Furniture-3

The top of the 2nd saw Gary Warrick double to center field and then scored with a single by Tony Ross. Christa Prim’s keen eye earned her a walk. Rod McDonald was then called “out of the batter’s box” for the first out...and a double-play ended the inning.

The bottom half of the inning was pretty quick. Notable in this inning, however was Adams Furniture short stop, substitute Randy Mattheisson tying a long standing softball record by assisting in all 3 outs!! 3 up 3 down.

END OF 2 = Wise Health-3 Adams Furniture-3

Things started to get interesting in the 3rd inning. Charley Dobson got things rolling with an infield single. A walk by Mike Jaensch put runners on 1st and 2nd. After a strike-out, Charley was erased at 3rd base by a fielder's choice hit by Becky Milby but sending Mike to 2nd. Then an RBI hit by Bruce Horeftis was followed by a walk to Randy Mattheisson and a three-run single by Tom Jeske. Steve Ward tripled to right field and was credited with the 5th RBI of the inning.

It was then Adams Furniture's turn. John Basse and Mike Slocum both singled. A 6-5-3 double-play took John out at 3rd but put Mike on 2nd. Stan Isbell then singled sending speedster Mike around to score. Mick Calverley then sent a shot to right-center scoring Stan, Dave Riddle placed a hit to center, scoring Mick, Lisa McGlaston singled, Mike Braam put a shot off the glove of 1st baseman, and Peter Day sent a shot to center field scoring 2 runs. Both teams scoring 5 runs in the 3rd

END OF 3 = Wise Health-8 Adams Furniture-8

The top half of the 4th saw Spencer Folsom double to left followed by a Gary Warrick single. Tony Ross singled sending Spencer home. Christa Prim singled just over the short stop's glove and went to 2nd on an infield hit by Rod McDonald that sent Gary across the plate. A pop-out to short and two short-to-third put-outs ended the inning with 3 runs scored.

The bottom half of the inning saw Jerry Bennett get on base with a single just off out of the glove of pitcher Gary Warrick. Joyce Basse earned a walk. Scott Lasater singled sending Jerry home. Randy Catron got on base with a fielder's choice for the first out coming on a force at 3rd. Bill May then sent a line drive directly to third...a quick toss to 2nd doubled-up the runner for the final out.

END OF 4 = Wise Health-11 Adams Furniture-9

The top of the 5th inning was uneventful...4 batters = 3 outs.

The bottom half of the inning brought John Basse to the plate...earning a walk, followed by a single by Mike Slocum. After disputed double-play, Mike Slocum

was sent back to second base with only a single out at first. Stan Isbell then sent a line drive that appeared to head toward right center field, but Bill Hackley's quick reflexes snagged Stan's shot for the 2nd out. Mick Calverley then sent a 2-run double to center field that brought up Dave Riddle. A long shot to the fence in left center field brought Mick home...and Dave rounded the bases for was appeared to be an inside-the-park home run...only to be cut down by a step at home plate. A great relay team from the fence to mid-outfield to short stop to home plate...exactly the way they draw it up in the dugout!!

END OF 5 = Wise Health-11 Adams Furniture-12

The top of the 6th saw a single by Tom Jeske, a single by Steve Ward, a double by Spencer Folsom and a double by Gary Warrick scoring 3 runs...followed by 3 consecutive outs.

The bottom of the inning saw five batters come to the plate, but no runs scored.

END OF 6 = Wise Health-14 Adams Furniture-12

BUFFET INNING

After an out to start the inning, Charley Dobson singled followed by a walk to Mike Jaensch, a walk to Pat Lewis and a walk to Becky Milby, scoring Charley. Bruce Horeftis sent a long fly ball to center field for an out, but scoring Mike Jaensch. Randy Mattheisson, looking to extend the inning, sent a shallow fly ball to left center field. Playing back on the strong hitting Mattheisson, fleet-footed Mike Braam came flying in from his center field position and made a sliding catch just off the grass for the third out of the inning. Outstanding catch, Mike!!

Needing 4 runs to tie, Adams Furniture's Scott Lasater got the inning started with a single. Unfortunately, 3 consecutive force outs at 2nd base ended the game

FINAL SCORE = WISE HEALTH-16 ADAMS FURNITURE-12