

It was a beautiful night at The Field of Dreams for game number 3 of the Spring Co-Ed season. The home team House of Carts was hosting the visiting Wise Nutrition 4 You.

At the controls of the electronic scoreboard was Carol Rumberger, the official scorer was Gary Petersen and the golden voice of Peter Day was on the microphone.

The game got under way with Lee Wolder lining a single to left field. Lezlie Hedges singled to left to move Lee to 3rd. Next up David Fernedinggot the scoring started with a sacrifice fly to left, scoring Lee. Hal Wassom drew a 4 pitch walk and Ben Rossi hit a slow roller to 2nd which he beat out to load the bases with only one out. But House of carts was up to the task, turning a nifty double play finished off by a hard throw from second by Aasha Jones to first to complete the double play.

1-0 going into the bottom of the first

David Ingram started the bottom of the first with a pop fly in front of the pitcher and and legged out a single. His better half, Stacey Ingram followed with a single to put the Ingram clan on 1st and 2nd. Aasha Jones was next up and hit a single to left just out of the reach of Lee Wolber, scoring David for her first of three rbi's on the night. Patrick Jameson. Bob Riler was up next and hit a line drive to right field to drive in the first two of his 3 rbi's on the night. Marke McQuillanflied out to left field, but Bob Riley with some nice base running tagged and went to 3rd. Louis Berthold followed with a single to left driving in Riley. Bryan Bavard singled to center but was stranded on base with a fly out by Joe Wolfinger to left field.

After one inning, 4-1 House of Carts

Starting off the second inning, Rick Ketring grounded out to 2nd base, Joe Dougherty, singled to left center filed. Lisa Rossi struck out on a knuckle ball, which I thought was an illegal pitch, but "Rosie" Rosenberg singled to left to put two runners on. David Popejoy, the pitcher, helped his own cause by dring in a run to short left field, but once again Wise Nutrtrion 4 You stranded two runners when Roger Kinnersly hit a nice shot to left field but a great defensive play for the third out closed out the inning.

Middle of the second, 4-2 House of Carts.

Coy West got things rolling in the bottom of the second with a single to left center. Rhonda Ondrey followed with a walk and John Westbrook loded the bases with a solid single to left. David Ingram then hit a slow roller to the pitcher and beat out a throw to first to load the

bases. Once again his better half, Stacey came thru with a single to right to drive in two runs, leaving two runners on for Aasha Jones to hit what could have been a home run to deep left center to the fence. But with the 4th and 5th runs coming in, the scorebook shows a double, but she did round all the bases well before the throw could come in.

End of second, 9-2 House of Carts.

SO the third starts with Wise Nutrition feeling the pressure to start putting runs on the board. Lee Wolder hits a smash to the outfield, and gets thrown out as third on a very close, and may I say disputable call. But the out stands, so now there is one out and Lezlie Hedges hits a single to third. David then follows with a sharp single and Hal Wassom hits a deep fly to right field which is brought in by David Ingram for the second out. It was deep enough to allow Leslie to tag and score. Ben Rossi hits a deep double to centerfield, Diana Huron follows with an rbi single to centerfield. Rick followed up with a smash off the shortstops glove that went for a double and an rbi. Joe Dougherty, subbing for the visitors, singled to right field for another rbi. The gap is closing. Lisa Rossi grounds out to Jameson at short to end the inning, but put up a 4 spot for the visitors.

Middle of third 9-6 House of Carts

I guess that didn't sit well with Andy Bradshaw's House of Carts. They came out firing on all cylinders in the bottom of the third. Patrick Jameson singled to left center, but was out at second on a fielders choice by Bob Riley. Mark McQuillan singled to center, Louis singled to center, Bryan Bavard loaded the bases with a walk, and Joe Wolfinger doubled home all three of them with a deep drive. After a ground out to short by Coy West, consecutive walks to Rhonda and John loaded the bases, and a third consecutive walk by David Ingram brought in run number 5.

End of three 14-6 House of Carts

So we aren't even half way home and we are starting inning four. I know, you are saying, get back to the game. Enough blabber. Well before we continue, did you know that I have a beautiful granddaughter, Hayden, that is 15 months old and a grandson, Rowan, who is 6 months old. See me at the next game for pictures. And..... on to the game.

Wise Nutrition is ready to claw back in the game. Will House of Carts be a willing participant? Rosie drives a triple to the fence, followed by a ground out by David Popejoy to his counterpart on the mound. Roger Kinnersly singled sharply to centerfield, driving in the first run of the inning. Lee comes up with a burr in his saddle after being called out at third in the third inning. Did I tell you it was a close call? Well he left no doubt this time with a smash to the fence to drive in a run and jog in to third easily. Lezlie continued her hot hitting with an rbi smash to left, followed by another triple in the inning by David Ferneding. Hal

Wassom hit a screamer for a single and rbi and the 5th run of the inning. We have a game again!

Middle of 4 House of Carts 14-11

House of Carts must be good under pressure. Because they said we will see your 5 and get 5 of our own. Stacey single, Aasha doubled to right center Patrick followed with a triple to deep left field, driving in the women superstars Stacey and Aasha. Bob Riley hit smash but to Lezlie for a great catch for a fly out. Mark grounded out to third baseman Rick Ketring, but after a pop single to the pitcher by speed burner Louis, Bryan Bavard followed with another single to the pitcher. Hitting to the outfield is overrated. Getting on base on the other hand is all the rage! Joe Wolfinger singled to left, Coy West drove in a run with a hit to right, and Rhonda Ondrey finished off the 5 runs with an rbi single.

End of 4 House of Carts 19-11

OK, I need to rest a minute. This short story turned long is keeping me up late and I need to check on the Laker score. Luka had 43. Why did the Mavericks trade him. An NBA conspiracy for ratings? Who knows. But that's my take.

On to the 5th. I'll try and tighten up the play by play. Ben Rossi leads off with a single, Diana follows with another single, Rick grounds out but has an rbi on the play, scoring Rossi. Joe was robbed by a nice grab at short for the second out, but Lisa Rossi hit a nice shot to third for a single. Rosie bombed one to left, but as luck would have it, directly to Mark in left field. The gap work better Rosie. Especially with a blast like that. And that's all for the top of the 5th. On to the bottom.

Middle of 5th 19-12

A little fireworks in the 5th. After a ground out to third by John, David Ingram was a little tired of his wife showing him up with her batting prowess. So he steps to the plate and blasts a homerun deep over the center field fence. Stacey said is that all you got? And blasts one even farther over the fence! OK maybe I made that up. Maybe it was a ground out to 2nd base.

Aasha singles to left and scores on a double by Patrick. But once again, Bob steps to the plate and smashes the ball. But remember the inning before when Lezlie made a great catch to get Bob out. He didn't learn his lesson. She jumped in front of this smash to rob him again! So we end the 5th

House of Carts 19-14 going to the 6th.

Have I told you about our four kids? Two of them are favored for giving us grandchildren. The others are loved but lower in the pecking order for now.

Top of 6th Let's wrap up this game. David singles but is out on a fielders choice (Robson single) by Roger. He scores on a big double by Lee, and have I told you, Lezlie is a superstar hitter, singles to left center. David gets a Robson single as well with Lezlie out at second. Hal smokes one to right, and Ben loads the bases with a single. Diana, not giving Lezlie credit for being the only great hitter in the family, singles to center and drives in two runs. Rick follows with a fly out for the third out and to the bottom of the 6th we go.

Mark starts with a double to right, Louis grounds out to short. Bryan doubles to right with an rbi, Joe grounds out to third. Coy grounds out to ss on a throw only Lee and a couple of others can make.

See I can condense it when I know you are tired of reading and want to know who wins.

The 7th starts with a single to third by Joe, Lisa Rossi strikes out. Rosie learns his lesson and hits a scorcher where they ain't for a double to right center. David singles to third driving in a run but to put a wrap on it, House of Carts ends the game with a sweet double play. It was starting to get dark, so I knew I had to wrap it up soon.

So on Major League baseball's opening night victory by those pesky New York Yankees, 7-0 over the Giants, House of Carts wins as well over Nutrition 4 You, 22-17, in a much more enjoyable fashion.

A great shout out to all the fans who came and enjoyed the free hot dogs and beer (guess you will show up next game) , and to the press box crew and great officiating by our umpire crew. It was a beautiful night for softball.

Have I told you about my beautiful wife Susan.....

Good night!!!

Tim Williams