

Playoff Game #6
Safelifts v 407 BBQ
May 29, 1024

Before I recap the game, I would like to share a thought. Tonight's game was played with more than just bats, balls and gloves. It was played with an incalculable amount of heart! Players on both teams provided the 100+ fans in attendance with a skilled, hard-fought game that left the fans sitting on the edge of their seats and cheering loud and proud! A five minute standing "O" was earned by every player on the field tonight!

Umpiring tonight's game are; Mike Conley behind the plate, Danny Thomas over at 1st and Scott Baker down at 3rd. In the press box we have; George Wendt calling the play-by-play, Linda Cawley controlling the scoreboard and Jay Parker keeping the scorebook updated. Appreciate y'all's support!

After the managers and umpires completed their pregame meeting, it was time for our National Anthem, which was being sung by Rhonda Gunther. Once again, Rhonda crushed it with an inspiring rendition. A great way to start a game! Mike Conley bellows out, "play ball" and off we go!

Top of the 1st

Leadoff hitter Carol Rumberger gets it going for Safelifts with a single and then moves over to 3rd on a double by Dale Frazier. Tim Jeske belts single that scores Carol and Dale.

Bottom of the 1st

Leadoff hitter Greg Alexander is robbed by left fielder Ken Ford who makes a terrific running catch for out #1. Three consecutive hard hit singles by Gary Warrick, Hal Wesson and Randy Kelley deliver the first run of the game for the bbq'rs.

Safelifts 2 - 407 1

Top of the 2nd

Ken Ford starts it off with a double to right and moves to 3rd on a single by Tom Gunther. Singles by Mike Lorenc and James LaGessee drive home 2 runs for Safelifts.

Bottom of the 2nd

John Coffman doubles to start the 2nd for 407 and scores on a single by Allan Day. Steve Wetenkamp picks up an rbi single and then scores on another single by Randy Catron. The hit parade continues with a rbi single by Louis Berthold. Louis B scores after Sharice D Moore hits into a fielder's choice.

Safelifts 4 - 407 5

Top of the 3rd

Carol Rumberger uses her keen eye to draw a walk to start the inning. Dale Frazier doubles to right, which pushes Carol R over to 3rd. Tim Jeske laces a single to center that scores Carol R. Consecutive singles by Dan Shanahan and Dale Hill drive home 2 runs. Tom Gunther hits an rbi double and then scores run #5 after Ken Ford hits a "rope" to left.

Bottom of the 3rd

Gary Warrick kicks it off with a hard hit single and quickly scores on a triple by Hal Wasson. Randy Mathiessen's infield hit scores Hal W.

Safelifts 9 - 407 7

Top of the 4th

407's stellar defense, anchored by SS Greg Alexander, kept Safelifts off the board in their half of the 4th.

Bottom of the 4th

Feeling good from their play in the field, score 3 runs on singles by Jack Moores, Allan Day, Steve Wetenkamp, Louis Berthold and a double by Mr. Defense, Greg Alexander!

Safelifts 9 - 407 10

Top of the 5th

Carol Rumberger singles to start the inning. Right fielder, Sharice D. Moore makes a tremendous catch on a ball hit by Dale Frazier. The crowd showed Sharice their appreciation with a loud round of applause. Consecutive singles by Tim Jeske and Dale Hill load the bases for Sean Curry. Sean drives home 2 runs with a single to left. Mr. Defense, Greg Alexander makes another unbelievable catch off a line drive to end the inning and keep the game close!

Bottom of the 5th

Safelifts' defense keeps 407 off the board in their half of the 5th.

Safelifts 11 - 407 10

Top of the 6th

The 407 defense, led by an exceptional catch by Randy Mathiessen, kept Safelifts scoreless!

Bottom of the 6th

Again, the Safelifts' defense steps up, executes a picture-perfect double play, which prevents the 407 offense from scoring.

Safelifts 11 - 407 10

Top of the 7th (The Buffet Inning)

Not to be outdone, the 407 defense turns a clutch double play of their own, which gives them a fantastic chance to walk-it-off!

Bottom of the 7th

Safelifts' defense, led by another "delicious" catch by left fielder Ken Ford, is able to keep the 407 offense from scoring. SAFELIFTS WINS THE GAME!!!

Safelifts 11 - 407 10

Game Summary

There were no losers tonight! Yeah, Safelifts is moving on in the tourney but, everyone won tonight! The players gave the fans something to talk about until the Fall Season!

This day in baseball history

May 29, 2024 - The Field of Dreams, Robson Ranch, Denton, Tx.

History was made as the players from Safelifts and 407 BBQ left nothing on the field as they played an intense, masterful and fun-to-watch softball game in front of a sell-out crowd of 103 fans!