



Englewood Men's Senior Softball League – Gold Division



2023 ESSL Playoffs – Gold Division



So we all know the Shipwreck Pub defeated the regular season champion Englewood Moose in the opening round of the playoffs. It was a stunning upset.

Meanwhile the End Zone beat Key Agency 13-12, 1 of 3 playoff games ending in the same score. The End Zone had a 13-5 lead in the 5th inning but Key Agency would not give up. They kicked in an extra gear, picked up the offense and closed the gap. They held End Zone scoreless the last few innings and actually had the tying run on base before the final out.



Bob Moore



Frans Haumersen



Mark Johnson



Bruce Henry

New Faull beat Hitmen 22-21 in an up and down game won on the last at bat after overcoming a 7 run deficit.

Scotts/Ken&Barb's won their opening round game starting off with a barrage of 13 runs in the first three innings and during the same stretch held the Premier Tees scoreless. This was a situation from which PT could not recover although they fought mightily. Scotts prevailed 15-12. Offensive standouts for Scotts / Ken & Barb's were Mike Bahia (4 for 4), Jim Savo (3 for 3) and Hank Guilian (3 for 3).



Mike Bahia



Jim Savo



Hank Guilian

The Shipwreck Pub came out battling in the semi-finals and lost a close 13-12 game to the End Zone. It should be no surprise that this game was close as Shipwreck beat the End Zone twice in the regular season and their only loss was 11-7. Good luck next year to the Shipwreck Pub as with 2 1st round picks and the memory of beating the best team in the league, they should do very well next season.

New Faull Inn jumped out to an early lead against Scotts/ Ken & Barbs with 5 runs in the first inning. The score was tied at 8 after 4 innings and then the lead flip-flopped a couple more times. Scotts took the lead for good with 3 runs in the 5th and 5 more in the top of the 6th. Speedy NFI came back with 5 runs in the bottom of the 6th to get within 3. But then both SKB and NFI were scoreless in the 7th with a final score 16-13 in SKB's favor. Interestingly, this was the first time this season that SKB was able to beat NFI. Offensive standouts for SKB were Rudy Bakker who went 3 for 3 with a triple and Eric Nelson (4 for 4). Additional power was provided by "Barney" Barnstead with 2 doubles and Joe Baker with a triple. Burt Rood was masterful on the mound with 2 strikeouts and mixed pitches resulting in many miss-hit balls.



Rudy Baker



Eric Nelson



Barney Barnstead



Burt Rood

Dave Keefer and Walt Voll settle in to watch the finals!



ESSL Finals – another 13-12 final score!



End Zone scored 1 in the first as Stan Chviek delivered the first of his 4 hits with an RBI single to take a 1-0 lead after one half inning of play. In the bottom of the first Bob Arndt threw a runner out at first base from his position in short centerfield. It was a very strong throw! The End Zone scored 1 more in the top of the second and in the bottom SS Rob Gruba threw a SKB runner out at home to preserve a 2-1 lead. A Bob Moore double followed by a pair of walks, A Chris Lehman triple and a Frans Haumersen single put the End Zone ahead 6-1 after 2 ½. In the bottom of the 3rd there was a long single off the fence followed by a walk and a 2 run double by Frank Golad to cut the lead to 6-3 after 3. Only a great catch (see photo) in short left field prevented SKB from scoring 5 runs in the frame.



Frank Golad



Stan Chviek

The End Zone continued to score getting 4 more in the 4th for a 10-3 advantage. Bob Moore hit a double off the fence in left center and Stan Chviek hit a 2 run triple during that inning. It looked like it was going to be End Zone's day. But in the 4th Ken & Barbs hit 3 straight singles followed by a pop up behind the pitcher which resulted in a hit!!! Bill Ernst reached on an error which scored a run and that was followed by a double scoring the 5th run of the inning. Suddenly we had a ballgame!



Bob Moore

With a 10-8 score in the top of the 6th with 1 out and 1 on, Hank Guilian hit a ball down the first base line that was playable until the ball hit the bag and jumped into right field. The baseball gods were certainly helping Ken and Barbs! Bill Ernst followed with the game tying single.



Jimmy "Mac" McNicholas

Designated sub Carmen Rivera delivered a 2 run single in the top of the 7th giving the End Zone the lead heading to the bottom of the 7th.

2 straight base hits to right center followed by an RBI single to right by Frank Golad made it 12-11 but on the play the tying run scored on an error. Up came Jim Savo and he promptly drove in the winning run with a base hit to left field and Scotts/ Ken and Barbs were the playoff champions of the Gold Division!!!



Bill Ernst

Great Season - See you next Winter!!!!



Stan Chviek



Ken Elbaor



Chris Lehman



Joe Baker

