



## Englewood Men's Senior Softball League – Silver Division



### ESSL Playoffs



Pete Sargent

**Designer Tees** eked out a 13 to 12 win against Libees by scoring the winning run in the bottom of the 7th. *Al Fuller's* speed was the difference. He led off the inning with a single and advanced to 2nd on a wild throw. He then scored the winning run on a single by *Dave Ege*. Offensively *Ege* had 4 hits, *Fuller* had 2 hits and a walk and *Bob Hanson* hit a 3 run bomb for a Home Run. The defensive play of the game was in the 1st inning when 2nd baseman *Brian Hatfield* snagged a line drive and threw to 1B for a double play with *Kent Vogel* making an excellent scoop on the thrown ball. The Tees now winners of 10 of 11 take on the Caddy Carts in the semi-finals.



Brian Hatfield



John Raymond

**Caddy Carts** crushed **Riverwood Relics** 18-8. Caddy's had the sun on their side as at least 3 balls were lost by Relics outfielders leading to many of the Carts runs. We are all aware of how that Englewood Softball field sun can affect a game. The Carts played an almost flawless game on defense. *John Raymond* had a pair of hits and played great at shortstop. This was also the final game in the ESSL for *John Hagy*. Good luck in Pennsylvania John.



John Hagy



Kevin Michael

**Xpertech** got by the **Englewood Elks** 12-11. *Joe Gasparino* is peaking and that's not a good sign for Xpertech opponents. *Joe* went 4 for 4 following his 3 for 3 Tuesday. He had a 3 run dinger and a 3 run double to go along with a few singles the week before. Unless you put this guy in a cage (see photo) you won't stop Xpertech because he'll continue to crush the ball!

*Kevin Michael* is also back and feeling better with a 5 for 5 week and playing his usual outstanding play as middle infielder. *Michael* has been and continues to be the leagues' best middle infielder and his bat is second to none!



Gasparino in a cage



Dennis Smith

**Purple Panthers** beat **Arturs** 14-10 led by *Jeff Killian's* bases loaded triple. *Fedel Volpe* and *Ron Foster* both had home runs. Arturs is a very good team and a lot of fun to watch but on this day they couldn't keep up with the Purple guys. Maybe they were still tired from running all those bases against Libees the game before! Ha ha. Panthers take on Xpertech on Tuesday in the semi finals. I wish I could be in 2 places at 1 time as both semi finals will be good games!!



Ron Foster

## HOW ABOUT THE GOLD DIVISION????



Nick Kotzalas

I cannot close the newsletter without commenting on the Gold playoffs! New Faull Inn beat the Hitmen 22-21. According to *Dave Keefer* who is at the fields whenever there is a game, the New Faull – Hitmen game was one of the best softball games he's ever watched!!!! It was up and down and the Hitmen had a big lead in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> only to lose to great hitting!!!

End Zone scored 5 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and carried a 13-5 lead into the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. Walt Voll came on in relief and held the End Zones' offense scoreless over the last 3 innings while Key Agency scratched back to get within 1 run. But that was as close as they got.

Ken & Barbs defeated the Premier Tees 15-12



Walt Voll



Dan Jacin

But the biggest news came as the dominating Englewood Moose Lodge lost to the last place Shipwreck team. EVERYONE in every division was talking about that game!!! The big power hitting Moose team got blown out by Shipwreck and **Libees** DS *Dan Jacin* was part of the Shipwreck team. *Dan* was 7 for 9 subbing for Libees.

Depending on your perspective, winning the regular season is either a great feat, or just a precursor to winning the playoffs. Winning the season is nice...but in my opinion, the playoffs is where the real champions are crowned!!!

My New England Patriots went undefeated in 2007 and lost in the Superbowl. Most fans call the NY Giants the champions. I feel the same way about the ESSL softball season!



Neil Meneghini

Good luck to all remaining teams!!!