



## *Special Edition*

### Englewood Men's Senior Softball League All Stars

#### Sarasota vs Englewood over 70

The long awaited matchup between the Sarasota and the Englewood over 70 all stars took place on Saturday March 18th at field # 1 in Englewood. Our guys were well represented with players from teams in the Gold and Silver divisions.

We had fans packed from the left field line to behind home plate, and even a couple guys in the 3<sup>rd</sup> base stands.

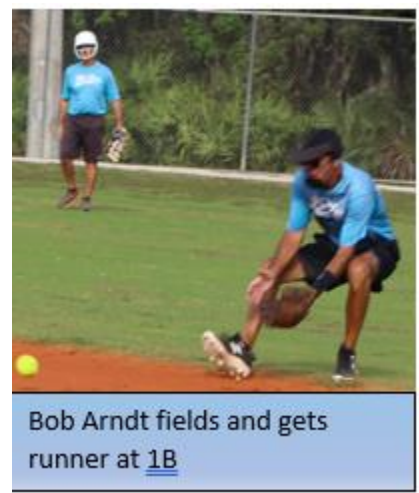


Players, managers and league officials were all there to watch what we hoped was a big win!





The first Sarasota batter tripled to start off the game. That was followed by a pair of sharp singles, a fielder's choice force at second and another single. Their 6th batter of the inning sacrificed to put the good guys in a 3-0 hole before they hit a ball! In the bottom of the first *Stan Chviek's* hard hit ball was fielded by the shortstop, bounced to his chest and up to his face. The SS left the game in what many thought was an injury to his face, Turns out the ball hurt his hand! *Nick Kotzalas* who would go 4 for 4 in the game, doubled to left and would score the 2nd run of the inning on a fielder's choice.



A single and another triple helped Sarasota get 2 runs for a 5-2 lead after 1 ½ innings. There would have been more but *Bob Arndt* made a great play and a perfect throw from middle infield to beat the batter runner to first base for the out!



Down 10-2 in the bottom of the 3rd Dave Tacey singled followed by a Mike Bahia single. Joe Siragusa hit a lazer shot to right center for what appeared another hit, but the Sarasota player made a real good catch of the sinking line drive. Burt Rood stepped up and immediately lined a 2 run double to deep right field. The rally ended soon after and our boys were down 10-4 after 3 needing a stop in the 4<sup>th</sup>.

There were 2 quick singles and then a line drive up the middle speared by Burt Rood and a quick flip to Jack Smith at first and their guy was doubled off! A ground ball to 2B ended the inning with no runs!





Bruce Henry

Nick Kotzalas Had a 1 out triple in the 4<sup>th</sup> and scored on Rich Server's double but that would be all the scoring that inning. 3 more runs for Sarasota in the 5<sup>th</sup> made it 13-5 and the All stars were still playing catchup and not making ground up. Bruce Martin and Bob Arndt hit back to back doubles and Dave Tacey delivered 2 run single with 1 out. Siragusa had another hard line drive but this one was caught by the shortstop.



Rich Server



Jack Smith

The defense picked it up and allowed only 3 runs over the next 3 innings but the closest they would get after the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning was 14-10 after 7 innings. The game was scheduled for 9 innings and that 9<sup>th</sup> inning was a train wreck! Sarasota scored 11 runs and most of the fans were walking around waiting for the end.



John Skaggs



**Outcome not as joyful as Joe makes it look here...but everyone had fun!!!**

# Englewood over 70 Senior Softball All Star Team



*Bottom row L-T-R: Mike Bahia, Bob Arndt, Stan Chviek, Nick Kotzalas, Bill Ernst, John Hardin  
Back row L-T-R: Carmen Rivera, Bruce Henry, Burt Rood, Rich Server, John Skaggs, Joe Siragusa,  
Bruce Martin, Jack Smith, Dave Tacey. (Missing from photo Mickey Musevich)*

Thanks to all that made this day so enjoyable!!!