



Englewood Men's Senior Softball League – Silver Division

Weekly Update – Week 10



A quick shoutout to **Bill Grover of the New Faull Inn** who umpired both Silver league games on diamond # 1 on Tuesday. Because I umpired for 18 years and prided myself on being the best ump I could, I have a good idea when Umpires are dogging it, don't have the skills, don't understand positioning or just don't care. In a 1 umpire system, the umpire's job is to take off toward the mound on every batted ball. That puts him in good position to make a call at any base regardless of where the ball goes. When an umpire stands behind the plate and makes all his calls from there, at the very least, he is out of position. *Bill Grover* was on top of every call in BOTH games!!! He consistently ran toward the pitcher on batted balls and ultimately was in position to make the right calls on 99% of the plays! We need more umpires like him!!!

Game 19 Matchups Tuesday Mar 14, 2023

Purple Panthers beat **Arturs 17-14** There were a fair amount of good hits and strong defensive plays. But the biggest play involved a pretty good collision between *Henry Sirignano* and his 2nd baseman (Jim McKay? Tom Gaff? I forget who it was) on a *Stan Majors* popup behind second base.

Caddy Carts put a hurtin' on the **Englewood Elks 24-14**. *Bill Rice* had 4 hits for the Carts.



Libee's topped the **Riverwood Relics 15-7** *John Raymond* had a HR and played a flawless Shortstop. *Rick Nelson* continued his hot hitting with a 1st inning triple and a double later on. *Barry Griffin* had 4 hits. Libees started 6 players with "ponytails" in the comic event of the season!!! Proof that Scott Maresh has a good sense of humor as he created the whole gig!



Xpertech got by **Designer Tees 11-6** The Tees 7 game winning streak came to an end as the Tees couldn't muster any offense against the Tech's excellent defense and were in fact held off the scoreboard over the last 3 innings. Xpertech led from the first inning to the end but with the exception of *Jamie White's* 4 for 4 and *Joe Gasparino's* 3 run HR, Xpertech struggled as usual against *John Anjos* pitching. But the mystery of the week is...who did it? The sprinkler system went off during a Designer Tees at bat. Sounds a little fishy to me! So how did that happen? I suspect it was the Xpertech team management!!!

Game 20 Matchups Thursday Mar 16, 2023



Bob Felt

Caddy Carts slipped by the **Riverwood Relics 17-16** the Carts had to come back in the bottom of the 7th inning to win this game. That is not surprising based on historically how tough the Relics play the Caddy Carts. The first 2 games this season ended in 8-4 and 8-7 victories for the Carts. Since 2014, the Carts record vs Riverwood was 9-7 entering this season with a total run differential of 40. That is just 2.5 per game. So for a team that has won 5 championships in 8 years, this should be a concern for Ray's squad. It is not out of the realm of possibility, especially with the Carts injuries at the moment, that the upset of the year could happen next Thursday!



David Dusi



Tom Jensen

Arturs lost to **Xpertech 20-13** but it was a very entertaining game. Arturs hit haymakers all over the field and Xpertech countered with uppercuts and right crosses each time. This was a battle of 2 heavyweights! *Bob Brandhuber* hit a 2 run dinger followed by a *Geno Chenault* 295 foot blast caught by *Joe Gasparino* on the warning track!! *Joe Siragusa* followed that with a home run of his own!!!! *Randy Holcomb's* 5th inning blast brought Arturs to within 1 run at 13-12. But Xpertech had a big 7 run 7th. *Gary Garcia* had a long drive to right field. *Rob Martel* had a 2 run single and 1 hit later, *Joe Gasparino* had a 2 run double to right field. *Moe Fountaine* came through with a single and *Kevin Michael* was intentionally walked. *Tom Jensen* then whacked a 2 run double to left!



Dave Presogna

Gary Garcia ended the huge inning for Xpertech with a 2 run single to right! Arturs went quietly in the bottom of the 7th.



Bob Hanson

Designer Tees got back on the winning track with a come from behind bottom of the 7th 17 to 16 win over **Englewood Elks**. The Tees blew a 10 to 4 lead after 5 to fall behind 16-11. In the bottom of the 7th, *John Anjos*, *Al Fuller*, *Dave Ege* and *Dave Tacey* all singled wrapped around an out. *Bob Hanson* then hit a 3 run homer over the left field fence to tie the score. This was only the 2nd home run over the fence in the silver division this year. *Ralph Fisher* followed *Hanson's* blast with a triple off the fence. The Elks intentionally walked the next 2 batters to load the bases for *Steve O'Connor*. I've written several times about O'Connor's season. He's been a hitting machine! And once again Steve produced with the winning hit! *Bruce Berentz* played an excellent defensive game at 3rd base. John Anjos remarked that "There were no losers in this game." He was right. Both teams played well.



Jim Moorehead



Henry Sirignano

Libees was crushed by the **Purple Panthers 27-12**. The wind was blowing the pitches all over the plate leading to Libees walking at least 14 players, depending on who was counting. The panthers made sure to drive in everyone that walked.



Ron Foster



Bob Brandhuber

Good draft pick? *Bob Brandhuber* was the # 14 overall pick in the draft this season. How did this guy drop that far down? He has been a solid outfielder and his bat has been better each week! Arturs also grabbed *Rich Minto* with pick # 5. Whoever did the evaluations for the Arturs team...did an OUTSTANDING job!!



Rich Minto

Playoffs

There are still 4 teams with positions in the standings and playoff opponents not yet decided.

*The Caddy Carts play the Riverwood Relics at 9:30 on Field 1 on Thursday

*Designer Tees plays Libees on field # 1 at 11:00 Thursday

*If the Panthers win and Xpertech loses, the Panthers take 2nd place because they beat Xpertech 2 out of 3

*If Designer Tees wins and Purple Panthers lose, Panthers win the tiebreaker and finish 3rd.

*The Elks and Arturs are tied for 6th. If they both win or both lose, Englewood Elks take 6th place.

*An Arturs win and Elks loss puts Arturs in 6th place.

Standings

	W	L	Runs Favored	Runs Against
Caddy Carts	16	4	333	221
Xpertech	13	7	299	260
Purple Panthers	12	8	344	316
Libees	11	9	294	273
Designer Tees	11	9	253	280
Englewood Elks	8	12	314	320
Arturs	8	12	287	339
Riverwood Relics	1	19	215	330

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