

Englewood Men's Senior Softball League Newsletter

Silver Division – Week 1

The first week in the Silver division was a great success... Nobody got hurt!

We had huge winds during Tuesday's games resulting in lots of run-scoring and Thursday the teams played in the rain which at times came down hard and led to lower scoring. New division players contributed early, and everyone had a good time win or lose!!

Designer Tees 20 Englewood Elks 18



Kent Vogel

Designer Tees opened the silver division winter season with a hard-fought victory over Englewood Elks 20-18. John Anjos fought off the cobwebs of semi-retirement to pitch a fine game for the Tees. Despite missing Bob "helicopter" Hanson and Ralph "crash" Fisher, the Tees overcame an early deficit to prevail at the end. Newcomers Dick Dial, Tony Delcol and newly acquired basher, Steve "big country" Greene didn't waste any time contributing to the Tees success. Veteran Charlie "tuna" Bowers proved to still have fuel in his tank and reached base safely 3 times. Emilio Pandolfi, AL Fuller, who also scored 4 runs as a pinch runner, Dave Finger and Steve O'Conner each reached base safely 2 times. Clark Kent Vogel contributed 3 solid hits as he presents his case for being the most improved player in the league.

Elks got off to two quick starts as the top of the order led the way. Too many costly errors and bats got cold in the later innings. Our new draft pick, Dan Damboise, had a big game against Designer Tees and Neil Wallace hit the ball well in both games.



Dan Damboise

Porter Contracting 17 Purple Panthers 16



Jim Johndrow

33 combined runs are a great start for the hitters of both the Panthers and the Sharks. Both teams started with crooked numbers in the first with the purple guys getting 5 helped by a 3 run Homer by Rich Burke. Porter answered with 3 in the bottom of the 1st inning. In the top of the 4th with the bases loaded and 2 outs, Dave Keefer hit a deep shot to Right Center caught on the run by Jim Johndrow. That catch ended the inning and prevented at least 3 runs from scoring. Porter scored 3 runs in the 4th and 5 more in the 5th inning to tie the score. But the Panthers strong bats scored 5 in the top of the 7th.

The new look Porter squad roared back with 5 runs and Dennis Kelley hit the walk-off single to earn a thrilling 1 run victory! Kelley went 4 for 4 including a triple and a home run. John Raymond had 3 hits and Al Laurey had a home run for the winners.

Tom Borek and newcomer Bern D'Aleo each had 3 hits for the Panthers in a tough loss.



Dave Keefer

The winning pitcher was Bob Felt who gave up just 3 walks on a very windy day.

Xpertech 17 vs Arturs 16

Coach Rick Silva was not happy with Xpertech early effort. "We made a ton of errors and fell behind 10-2 after 3 innings" Xpertech slowly crawled back and tied the score. In the 7th Xpertech scored 4 runs and Jim McMahon made a great foul ball defensive catch in deep left field to close Artur's rally giving Xpertech the win Tom Jensen; Rob Markel; Jerry Foley had multiple hits. Bill Maichle got the winning hit with a bloop single in left center field, scoring the runner from second base.

Arturs turned a 6-3-2 double play in this one. It always hurts to get a runner thrown out at the plate, but it aches a bit more when it's a shortstop to 1B to catcher!!!



Bill Maichle



Joe Siragusa

Caddy Carts 29 vs Libees 15

The game started with the Caddy Cart's whole team lining up for a handshake before the game started! I've never seen that in any sport I have played, coached, or witnessed in my life!! I was truly moved!

THEN the game began. The Caddy boys put up 5 runs in the first and Libees came back with 4 of their own. Caddy got 4 more in the top of the second and unbeknown to the green guys...the rout was on!!! It was a windy day and Libees pitcher Scott Maresh struggled with walks, and the Libees defense made errors and couldn't come up with a big play to help stop the bleeding. And the Caddy Carts never stopped hitting! The score was 17 -9 after 5 and between hitting and then running for another player, it felt like Tim Nuss and Devi scored TWICE in every inning. Libees put up a solid 15 runs on 25 hits, but the Cart's defense turned DP's and cut down runners throughout the game. Devi even threw a runner out at the plate which is never good for the offense!



Devi Rigatti



Dennis Easterday

Xpertech 14 Designer Tees 9

Joe Wyman pitched for the first time in a year. He had a shaky first inning but settled down and allowed only 5 runs the rest of the game and struck out 4... Kevin Michael and Tom Jensen both went 3 for 3 and Jerry Foley hit a home run in the 14-9 victory. Joe Gasparino and Jim McMahon both made 2 outstanding defensive catches which saved the win for Xpertech. Rick Silva managed but did not play due to illness (sinus infection).

In weather more reminiscent of a late fall day in Michigan, Designer Tees squared off with Xpertech in the 2nd game of the season. Cold windy rain fell on both teams, but Xpertech prevailed by raining 14 runs on Designer Tees 9 runs. Early season rust and jitters were the prominent characteristic of this early season tilt. John Anjos led the Tees in hitting with 3 hits. Designer Tees looks forward to fairer skies and better outcomes in their next game against Purple Panthers on Tuesday.



Joe Wyman



John Anjos



Rick Nelson

Libees 10 Arturs 6

The rain kept this one low scoring at 3-1 after 3 innings. Libees had 3 DP's in the game with Rick Nelson's stellar defense at second base contributing 4 assists and starting 2 DP's while Dennis Easterday was outstanding at shortstop. Gary Kleinhammer had 3 runs scored, Rick Nelson 3 hits and Scott Maresh was dangling his knuckleball all game, forcing the Arturs lineup to hit lots of groundballs.

Arturs Cliff Martin drove one over the Libees centerfielder Hans Picinich for a HR

Arturs Mike Johnson crushed one down the 3B line for a triple.



Cliff Martin

Panthers 12 - Caddy Carts 4



Steve Rubino

The rain in this one was constant. Players were soaking wet, and making it worse, the rain was a "cold rain". (Those who know...KNOW!)

The Panthers scored 5 runs in the first inning and continued to score in all but the fourth inning. Dave Keefer, Steve Rubino and Jim Mackay all had home Runs. Peter Salvatori added a triple

Newly acquired James Sabino had a triple for the Caddy Carts.

The game came close to being stopped by the umpire after the top of the fifth inning!!



James Sabino

Porter Contracting 10 Englewood Elks 5

Porter Contracting Sharks, after spotting Englewood Elks four runs in the first inning, played a defensive gem the rest of the game. The 10-5 win included three double plays.

Archie King and Jim Donaldson led the offence going 3 for 3 at the plate, and Dennis Kelley hit his second home run of the season.

For the Elks, Gary Fitch had a great game in the outfield and at bat including a gap HR against Porter.

The team is looking to put a complete game together this week.



Gary Fitch



Dennis Kelley

I want to thank the managers and players that provided game summaries for the newsletter. I did very little editing as some of these guys are very creative. Looking forward to your contributions for the rest of the season!

Bill