

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

### Weekly Update – Week 2



The 2023 Silver season is very different from previous years. There will not be 1 or 2 teams running away with the league and there will not be any team that can be counted on as an easy win for the opposition. When we look at this year's Silver division you see one thing very clearly. This league has achieved the elusive parity that all leagues seek!!!

We've seen several 7<sup>th</sup> inning comebacks and half the games played so far have been decided by 1 run. Three different teams lost by 8 runs and the biggest blowout of the season was dealt to last years champion. Every team has good hitting and most teams are playing solid defense!!! So far it's been a very competitive season!!!

### Standings

Team	W	L	Runs Favored	Runs Against	Differential
Libees	4	0	69	58	11
Arturs	3	1	72	59	13
Cady Carts	2	2	70	50	20
Englewood Elks	2	2	61	61	0
Purple Panthers	2	2	71	80	-9
Xpertech	2	2	67	77	-10
Designer Tees	1	3	53	63	-10
Riverwood Relics	0	4	48	63	-15

### Game 3 Matchups

8 was the magic number in 3 of the 4 games. Cady Carts, Arturs and Libbies all won by 8 runs.

**Xpertech** scored 4 runs in the bottom of the 7th to defeat the **Englewood Elks**. During that last inning, the Elks elected to walk Joe Gasparino and then pitch to Kevin Michaels. Typically a good move to walk a high average power hitter, but in this case Kevin made them pay!

**Cady Carts** blew out the **Purple Panthers** 22-14 to improve to 2-1. According to manager Bob Yarnell, the Panthers had a lot of missed plays. Ron Foster had an inside park home run. Tom Scanlon and Steve Rubino both had 3 hits. Dennis Smith and Rich Minto each went five for five and Cliff Martin hit a home run for **Artur's** in their 23-15 rout of **Riverwood**.



Rich Minto



Quote of the week heard from the stands "Hey Dan (Kett) you ran like an old insurance man". Ha ha ha!

**Libees** 5 thru 9 hitter's had 16 hits and 13 runs in the 19-11 win over **Designer Tee's**. Catcher Jim DeBoer continues his solid play with 2 more great plays at the dish. Emilio Pandofi played an outstanding game at SS for the Tee's. DS Bill Lowe led the offense with 3 hits and played a flawless 1B.

### Game 4 Matchups

**Xpertech** scored 6 in the top of the 7th to take a 3 run lead but **Libee's** roared back with 4 runs in the bottom half as Danny Crouch and Ron King both had run scoring triples, capped off by a game winning single by Fred Kirsch (his 4<sup>th</sup> hit of the game) to win 19-18 and remain undefeated. Rob Markle and Bruce MacDonald each had a HR and Joe Gasparino had a triple and 3 runs scored.

Death by paper cuts: Libee's had 23 singles and a big 2 out 3 run triple by Paul Mieszczanski. In the 4<sup>th</sup>.



Paul  
Mieszczanski



Bob  
Hansen

The wind was blowing out and the batters took advantage of it. **Designer Tees** batters, Bob Hanson, Dave Finger, Steve O'Connor, Bruce Brentz and Bill Lowe all hit home runs. The **Purple Panthers** Henry Sirignano, Jim McKay and Ron Foster also had HR's. And Tom Scanlon had a single, double and triple in that game!!!

The Tees trailed 18 to 12 after 4 and scored 5 in the top of the 6 and 1 in the top of the 7th to tie the score. But in the bottom of the 7th, the Purple guys scored the winning run on a Steve Rubino hit. With all the hits and runs, Steve O'Connor made a couple of good running catches and Bruce Berentz had a good defensive game at 3B for Designer. The Panther team highlighted a great Fedel Volpe catch! If not for those guys it could have been 25-24 final score!!!

What a finish in the **Arturs** vs **Cady Carts** match. By the 5<sup>th</sup> inning the Cady Carts had an 8-5 edge and added 1 in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 5 more in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> to take a 14-6 lead. I heard the Arturs team dugout making the customary rah-rah statements in that situation. "don't give up!", "Don't go down without a fight!" and "let's make it close". After a couple seeing eye hits and a FC Arturs had 2 outs and closed the deficit to 5 runs. Joe Siragusa then hit a 2 run single to short right field. Digger Stauch walked followed by another 2 run single. This time by Cliff Martin and the game was tied!!! It was pretty exciting to be in the area! Nobody, least of all Cady Carts, expected to be in this position. Dave Presogna stepped to the plate and drove one to right center just out of the reach of George Lambert's outstretch glove driving in the winning run from second base!

The **Englewood Elks** barely got by the **Riverwood Relics** 10-9. Runs were at a premium for both teams and in the top of the 7th with the bases loaded and two outs, the Elks' Jimmy Moorhead made a good catch in right field to save the win over the snake-bitten Relics. The time will come when facing the Relics will not be pleasant for lot of teams!! That team is far too good to be 0-4.

- Every Englewood Elks game has been decided by 1 run
- For the second week in a row, the Cady Carts lost by giving up 5 or more runs in the opposition's last at bat!!!
- Bob Hansen has 2 HR's in 2 weeks. (anyone else?)
- 4 of the 8 teams in the league have scored more than 20 runs in a game.
- 8 of the 16 games played this season have been decided by 1 run

Game # 5 matchups

	Field		Team	score	
Game 5	1	9:30	Xpertech	VS	Designer Tees
	2	9:30	Riverwood Relics	VS	Libees
	1	11:00	Cady Carts	VS	Englewood Elks
	2	11:00	Purple Panthers	VS	Arturs

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