

Englewood Men's Senior Softball League Newsletter

Silver Division – Week 2



This week's news showcases 2 new sponsors in the Silver division!!

The Purple Panthers are now sponsored by Warrior Homes. Warrior Homes is a non-profit organization whose mission is Warrior Homes provides healthy and safe living environments for Veterans in need of a Hand Up and not a Handout. They also provide mental health care and education services for Veterans.



Led U.S. Army and Vietnam Veteran Dale Mullin, they have been successfully helping Collier County Vets for over 10 years! Personally, I am proud to be affiliated with any organization that helps our vets!

The Englewood Elks sponsor has decided not to renew and in stepped Grumpy's Hot Dogs. For those attending our games you will see Grumpy's wagon selling a wide variety of hot dogs and assorted toppings. Thanks for sponsoring the recently named and now no longer known as Blues Brothers team.

It was a week of washouts in both divisions but when we did play, the games were competitive with comebacks being the main theme! Every team had 1 game rained out and only 1 of those games has been made up so far.

Designer Tees 16 Porter Contracting 13



Greg Senay

Porter Contracting Sharks fell behind early when their normally strong defense committed some costly errors. Trailing 16-8 entering the bottom of the 7th inning, they rallied, scoring 5 runs before falling short with the tying run at the plate. Greg Senay and Jim Johndrow went 3 for 3, and Dennis Kelley, Joe LaCava, Jeff Paradise, Cesare Ruscio and Bob Felt all had two hits. Pitcher Bob Felt struck out four and did not issue a walk in taking the loss.

In an important early season tilt between Designer Tees and Porter Contracting, the Tees jumped to an early lead 11-2 after 4 innings. The revamped and rejuvenated Sharks managed by long-term ESSL player Bill Rice, clawed back into the game making it a very close game ultimately won by the Tees 16-13. The Tees were led in hitting by "Clark" Kent Vogel with 4 hits and 5 R.B.Is and Dick Dial who also contributed 4 hits to the effort that handed the Sharks their 1st defeat of the year. This was truly a team victory as all 12 batters for the Red Tide collected at least 2 hits in the game.



Kent Vogel

Libees 12 Xpertech 10



Hans Picnich

This was a close game which has become the norm for these two teams. Libees scored 4 in the top of the first and Xpertech came back with five. In the top of the second inning, 4 different Xpertech players in the infield committed an error wrapped around a line drive caught by second baseman Rob Markel. Even with all that charity, Libees could only manage 1 run. In the 3rd, Libees players connected for 7 straight singles and then a walk to put up 5 runs and never looked back. Xpertech threatened in the top of the 7th scoring 3 and with the tying runs on, Scott Maresh stopped a ball up the middle and threw out Merrill Norton to end the game. Jamie White went 3 for 3 for Xpertech. Hans Picnich had 4 RBI's batting



Jamie White

Warrior Homes 18 Arturs 17



Fedele Volpe

Arturs scored 2 runs in the top of the first, and the Warriors answered back with 4 in the bottom half of the inning, with the help of a home run by Rich Burke. Arturs and the Warriors went back and forth for the next few innings. Pat Valerio had a 3-run homer in the 4th for the Warriors. Arturs went ahead in the Top of the 7th inning aided by a monstrous home run over the left field fence by Mike Simmonds.

The Warriors, down by 4 runs in the bottom of the inning, strung together three hits to get 1 run in. With the bases loaded, Fedele Volpe drove one over leftfielder Roger Martin's head to the fence and the comeback win was complete!



Mike Simmonds

Libees 11 Porter Contracting 10



Mike Albin

Porter Contracting came out swinging in the top of the first and Libees helped with errors and mishandling of the ball all over the field, leading to 5 runs for Porter. Libees went down quietly with just 1 hit in the bottom of the inning. There were 7 shutout innings (4 from Libees) between the 2 teams resulting in a 5-3 game after 4. Porter scored 3 in the top of the 7th to take a 10-6 lead. In the bottom of the 7th Libees scored 5 times with Dennis Easterday driving in the game winner with his 4th hit of the game! Scott Maresh did not walk a batter and his knuckleball is beginning to be a problem for big hitters! Scott also went 3 for 3 at the plate. Dennis Kelley continued his hot hitting with 2 singles and a double in 3 at bats. The double was hit deep but a great throw from Libees kept Kelley from getting to third. Mike Albin was also 3 for 3 including a home run.



Scott Maresh



Dev Ragatti

Caddy Carts 16 Grumpy's 13

Once again Grumpy's got off to a fast start and held a 4-3 lead going into the late innings. A 4-run 6th inning by Carts put them up by 6. Grumpy's scored 4 in the top of the 7th. Timely hitting by carts was the difference in the game. Devi Ragatti had a 3 run HR in this one.

Dave Rafalski and Rick Bielski had good day at the plate. Ken King hit a shot to right in the seventh inning but was robbed by a great catch from Bill Ernst the Gold sub for Carts.



John Craig

Finally – if you see this guy on the fields or in the neighborhoods over the next couple of weeks, wish him good luck on his next journey!!

It's been a pleasure Tim!!!

Best of luck

Bill



Tim Nuss