

Englewood Men's Senior Softball League – Silver Division

Weekly Update – Week 3



Quote of the week: *"We are all just old guys playing softball. We do our best and when one of our parts break, we just get new parts! New hips, new knees, new eyes or whatever else needs fixin'"*

Game 5 Matchups Tuesday Jan 24, 2023

This week marked the lowest total scoring of this young season. *Total scoring* is the total of all teams on the same day. After the first 2 weeks the average runs scored was 127 per gameday. But Tuesday this week the 4 games totaled just 104 runs. And then on Thursday just 70 runs were scored in the 4 games played. I wonder if that is an anomaly or is it a trend?

Libee's took out the **Riverwood Relics** on Tuesday by a 19-7 score on the strength of 19 singles and 2 doubles. The Relics played tough but Libees hit all over the field!

Xpertech defeated the **Designer Tee's** by an 8-6 score on Tuesday!!! How do you hold Xpertech to just 8 runs and lose?!! According to John Anjos it was a well played game with good pitching from Joe Wyman and John Anjos. Bob Hanson played excellent defense in left field including a great attempt at a catch 300 feet from home plate, and up against the fence that ended with 3 runs coming in. Ralph Fisher who returned to the lineup after being on a cruise, must have thought he was still on the cruise in his first at bat as he smashed the ball and cruised around the bases for a 3 run Homer!!!

Cady Carts defeated the **Englewood Elks** 16-7



The Infield Fly Rule: The rule applies only when there are fewer than two outs, and runners on 1st and 2B or 1st, 2nd and 3rd base. In these situations, if a fair fly ball is in play, and in the umpire's judgment is catchable by an infielder with ordinary effort, the umpire shall call "infield fly" (or more often, "infield fly, batter's out" or "infield fly if fair" when there is a chance of the ball drifting foul).

When the rule is in effect, the batter will be out regardless of whether the ball is actually caught. Umpires typically raise the right arm straight up, index finger pointing up and call to signal the rule is in effect.

If "infield fly" is called and the fly ball is caught, it is treated exactly as an ordinary caught fly ball; the batter is out, there is no force, and the runners must tag up. On the other hand, if "infield fly" is called and the ball lands fair without being caught, the batter is still out, there is still no force, but the runners are not required to tag up. In either case, the ball is live, and the runners may advance on the play, at their own risk. Read on for how the Infield Fly Rule affected our standings this week!



Artur's bench watching Cliff Martin rip a hit over shortstop and into left field

Arturs vs the **Purple Panthers** was a fun game to watch. Both teams hit the ball all over the field. Defense wasn't as bad as the 22-19 final score indicated, but both teams came to play!!! Artur's Dennis Smith, Randy Holcomb and Brian Stauch each had 3 hits (that I saw). Steve Greene had a pair of doubles, Peter Salvatori and Tom Borek had 3 hits each for the Panthers. With the tying run at 1B and 1 out in the top of the 7th inning, a popup to the infield with 1 out was dropped. The runner at 1B was thrown out trying to get to second. The umpire immediately came out to the infield and declared the game over! He quickly stated that the infield fly rule was invoked and the runner thrown out was the 3rd out of the inning! Panther players were stunned! Most players said they never heard the call. Tough way to end the game for the Panthers.

Game 6 Matchups Thursday Jan 26, 2023

The last undefeated team took it on the chin as **Libees** scored just 5 total runs and not more than 1 run in any inning and lost to the **Purple Panthers** 8-5. Libees hit the ball hard and all over the field. The difference was that the Panthers played the best defensive game of the year in this division. 3rd baseman Tom Gaff had 3 snares of hard hit line drives. Dave Keefer made an outstanding running catch with men on base to stop a big Libee threat. There were a lot of other good plays (including the catcher throwing out cleanup hitter Bill White at 1st base in the first inning), but the best play of the game was made by Henry Sirigano off the bat of Charley Harvey. Henry, playing Short, went to his left and completed an outstretched dive to grab the hard hit line drive for the out! A dagger to Libees!



Designer Tees took an early lead over the **Englewood Elks** but the Elks roared back with 5 in the 5th and 3 in the sixth to take a 9 to 8 lead. The Tees then had one of the best innings in the league scoring 8 runs before making an out in the top of the 7th. Final score was 16 to 9. Al Fuller played his usual good defense and had 3 hits leading off in 3 innings to ignite scoring rallies.

Cady Carts beat the **Riverwood Relics** 8-4. Cady Carts get **Designer Tees** this week and with Ralph Fisher back, Bob Hansen playing like an MVP candidate and Al Fuller getting 3 hits in a game...Cady Carts better not take the

Tee's lightly!!

Arturs got throttled by **Xpertech** on Thursday by a 15-5 score. Rick Silva was happy with the defense his team played even having to put left fielder Tom Jensen at 1B due to an injury. The **Xpertech** squad closed off the middle infield while hitters like Rick went 3 for 3. Joe Gasparino had a triple, home run and a single in 3 AB's. You can't stop great hitters!!!! Just hope they only get singles!

Standings

	W	L	Runs Favored	Runs Against
Libees	5	1	93	73
Cady Carts	4	2	94	61
Arturs	4	2	99	93
Xpertech	4	2	90	88
Purple Panthers	3	3	98	107
Designer Tees	2	4	75	80
Englewood Elks	2	4	77	93
Riverwood Relics	0	6	59	90



Dave went 7 for 7 this week for the Designer Tee's

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