

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



### Weekly Update – Week 4

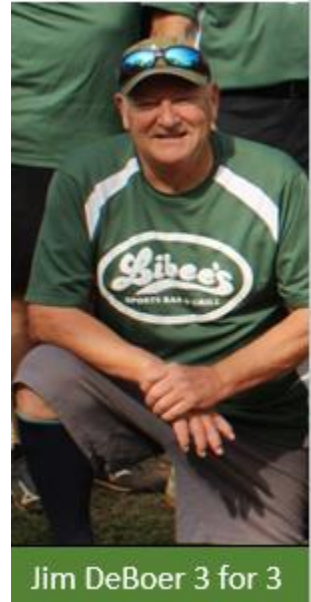
Quote of the week:

#### Game 7 Matchups Tuesday Jan 31, 2023

The day started with **Libee's** holding a 1 game lead over **Arturs**, **Xpertech** and **Cady Carts**. It ended with a 4 way tie for 1st and the **Panthers** just 1 game back. **Arturs** and **Libee's** went toe to toe with Paul Romano pitching a great game. Jim DeBoer went 3 for 3 for Libee's. Bob Brandhuber went 3 for 3 with a homer in the bottom of the 6th to give Arturs a 2 run lead. Libee's scored 1 run in the top of the 7th to make the final 13-12.

**Xpertech** dismantled the **Riverwood Relics** 22-8. Jaime White, Rob Markle and Kevin Michael led the way with multiple hits and RBI's. Bruce MacDonald made good plays at 2B.

**Purple Panthers** slipped by the **Englewood Elks** 14-13. As with any close game every out could make the difference. There were "many great plays but the best was Jeff Killian's diving catch of a foul ball". *"He got a couple bloody knees but held on to the ball for the out"*. Diving catches in old man's softball!!! Ha ha ha. The mind still says you are in your 20's!! Good job Jeff!!!



Jim DeBoer 3 for 3

**Cady Carts** defeated Designer Tees 23-7. Dave Finger and Al Fuller had 3 hits each. Al seems to be on a pretty good streak going 3 for 3 in 2 of the Tees last 3 games.

**Venice Softball** - I watched John Anjos go 3-3 with a triple and 4 RBI in Venice. And each of those hits would be a hit in Englewood. So far, our senior coordinator is a little snakebit in Englewood, but don't look past his abilities!

#### Game 8 Matchups Tuesday Jan 31, 2023

**The Battle of the Best** - Last year's top 2 teams hit the field again this week for battle # 2 of 2023. As a reminder, game #1 wasn't close as Cady Boys blasted Rick Silva's team 19-5. This one was a great game right to the end. **Xpertech** scored 5 in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning which included a double by Kevin Michael and a triple by Tom Jenson. But in what was a head scratcher for me, with a runner on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1 out and a 2-1 count, Carmen intentionally walked Bill Maichle (who would soon score the 5<sup>th</sup> run of the inning). I later learned that one time with the bases loaded some time ago, Bill hit a grand slam off Carmen. There are plays we players just never forget and never let go of! The Cart kids went down 1-2-3 in the first as Joe Gasparino made 2 good plays in the outfield. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, the Carts scored 5, highlighted by a 2 run double down the right field line by Devi Ragatti. If you want to see exactly where that ball was hit, go to the Englewood Senior Softball facebook website and look at the last Devi video...That's **EXACTLY** where he hit it! Also in that inning with runners on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and NOBODY on 1<sup>st</sup>, Tim Nuss hit a popup to SS and the umpire immediately called the infield fly rule. Hey ump...there needs to be a



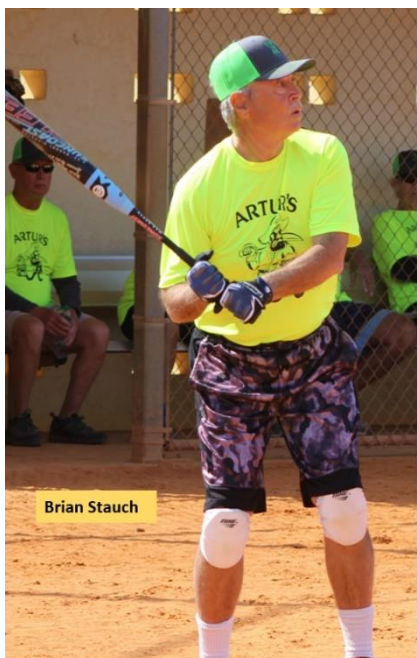
Gary Garcia - 3 for 3

runner on first base for that rule to be applied!! Maybe we need Infield Fly Rule training for umpires! Xpertech scored 3 in the 6<sup>th</sup> to take a 10-6 lead and seemingly were in control. Rob and Kevin both had doubles that inning and Bill Michael drove in a run with a single. In the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup>, the Cady Carts turned it on. Nuss led off with a deep single to left center and George Lambert followed with a deep double to left. Mickey Muzevich then drove a ball to the fence in right center good for a 2 run triple. Bill Rice had the finishing 2 run single later in the inning. Xpertech went down quietly in the 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Free-Falling Libees** - The next big game was the Englewood Elks vs Libees. Libees lost 2 straight games after a 5-0 start and faced the win-needy Elks. Libees scored 5 runs in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> innings. But the Elks got 5 in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and as Bob Dika stated..."looks like 30-30 after 6 innings...let's just play the 7<sup>th</sup>!!!" With little scoring thereafter, Libees scored 5 runs in the top of the 7<sup>th</sup> to go up 5!!! New player Brian Barnes hit a 3 run HR in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> to win the game! ...watch out for the leagues newest power hitter. He looks to be a difference maker!!!!

The **Panthers** destroyed the **Relics** 19-4. Timely hitting by Mike Albin and Jim Johndrow in the first inning got Riverwood off to a 3 run lead. However, the Relics could not maintain the lead as the Purple offense and defense (2 double plays) prevailed. John Raymond and Mike Albin continued their excellent defense at SS and Middle Fielder.



**Arturs** continues to roll. They beat the **Designer Tees** 19-10. Steve O'Connor had 3 hits and Dave Finger made 2 good running catches in RCF for the Tees. With Libees and Xpertech both losing, Arturs is now tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place tie with Cady Carts who have won 4 straight. Arturs got two more home runs, this time from Dennis Smith and Brian Strauch. Brian Strauch continues to hit well and against the Tee's he threw out a guy at first base and another at third base, **BOTH** from the outfield...

- **Cady Carts have won 4 straight games**
- **Purple Panthers have won 3 straight games**
- **Libees has lost 3 straight games...2 of them by 1 run.**
- **Purple Panthers and Arturs lead the league in runs scored with 131**
- **Cady Carts have allowed only 78 runs this season Libees is a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> with 104**
- **Xpertech has scored the most runs in one game with 25**

## **Standings**

**To all players and coaches –**

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	W	L	Runs Favored	Runs Against	Run Differential
Cady Carts	6	2	129	78	51
Arturs	6	2	131	115	16
Libees	5	3	122	104	18
Xpertech	5	3	122	108	14
Purple Panthers	5	3	131	124	7
Englewood Elks	3	5	108	124	-16
Designer Tees	2	6	92	122	-30
Riverwood Relics	0	8	71	131	-60