

Englewood Men's Senior Softball League – Silver Division

Weekly Update – Week 6



Quote of the week – “you have to expect the unexpected injuries at your age”.



Emelio Pandolfi came to the softball practice Saturday Feb 18. He made the tour and spoke to each of the 25 players that were there. He's making great progress from his triple bypass and at some point we will see him back on the fields!!! I welcomed Emelio to our special club affectionately named “the Zipper club” for those of us who have had open heart surgery!

De Ja Vu? I joined the league at the supplemental draft last year and about that time the Cady Carts were running away with the league. Their only loss was a 10-9 squeaker against the Xpertech team who went on to win the league Championship in the playoffs. Leverocks (now Arturs) defeated the Cady team in the semi finals. So this year we have the same Cady Carts playing great and leading the league again. The team is loaded with studs and seem motivated to win it all. There is still a long way to go and there are more good teams this year than there were last year, and at some point, the Carts might get injuries like the rest of the league! But during their current 8 game win streak, they look almost unbeatable.

Game 11 Matchups Tuesday Feb 14, 2023

The **Riverwood Relics** finally won a game! And what a game it was!! Back and forth it went with the **Englewood Elks** and down 5 in the bottom of the 7th, the Relics scored 5 to tie the game and stranded the winning run on 3rd. The Elks got 4 in the top of the 8th and the Relics scored 4 in the bottom! The 9th saw the Elks score 5 more and once again the Relics got the job done with John Hagy scoring the 6th and deciding run to win the game! I didn't score the game but suffice it to say there were big plays and big hits throughout the game!



Riverwood celebrates victory!

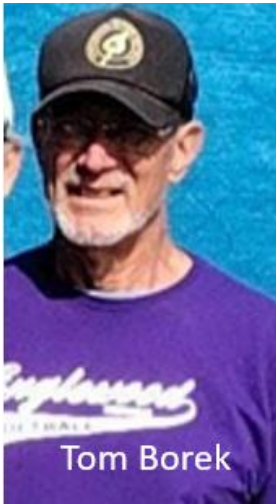
Designer Tees and **Purple Panthers** battled to a 12 to 12 tie after 6 innings. In the top of the 7th, the Panthers put on an offensive display scoring 9 runs for a 21 to 12 win. *Dave Tacey* and *Bruce Brentz* each had 3 hits for the Tees. *Al Fuller* had his 3rd 3 hit game in the last 5 games for the Tees.



Xpertech played without *Kevin Michael* and with hobbled *Joe Gasparino* and *Tom Jensen* but still put up 17 runs against the equally hobbled **Libee's** team. *Jamie White* went 4 for 4 with HR. *Rob Markle's* only out was a deep blast to left center caught on the warning track by *Steve Stanley*. *Bruce McDonald* was 3 for 3 and played LF for the first time all year. Xpertech had 29 hits in the game!

In the other game **Cady Carts** beat the **Arturs** 20-12.

Game 12 Matchups Thursday Feb 16, 2023



Purple Panthers beat Arturs 32-26! **Arturs** scored 26 runs and **LOST!!!** There were 3 other games this season where 26 or more runs have been scored and all 3 involved the Englewood Elks! The Elks beat Arturs 26-5, lost to the Relics 28-27 in 9 innings and were beat by the Cady Carts 28-3. It was not all offense though as I saw *Rich Minto* track down a ball running to his left and with an outstretched glove snare the line drive! Pretty good grab for a senior softball player!!! I also saw *Geno Chenault* smack a 3 run double to the fence in left center in the first inning. *Tom Borek* had 2 Home Runs driving in 7 for the Purple gang. Unfortunately Arturs gave up 15 runs in the last 2 innings primarily because the Panthers hit great!!!

The **Designer Tee's** topped **Xpertech** 16-15 in a hard-fought nip and tuck game. *Bruce Lima* and *Paul Clough* hit home runs for Xpertech but *Rick Silva* gave credit to the Tee's *John Anjos* who "pitched a very good game". The Tees had Home Runs by *Bob Hansen* (league leading 4th), *Dave Tacey* (grand slam) and *Bob Lynch* as well as 3 hits each from *Tacey*, *Dave Ege*, *Bruce Brentz* and *Steve O'Connor*. The Tees also threw out 2 Xpertech runners at home in the 1st inning! Those 2 runs and 2 outs set the tone for the upset!

Cady Carts beat the **Englewood Elks** 28-3 and by all accounts it was an inability to get the ball across the plate for the Elks that led to the high score as 12 Cady boys walked in the first 3 innings. Shortstop *Rich Bielski* was 1 of 3 pitchers that the Elks trotted to the mound trying to stop the bleeding. Rich struck out the first batter he faced!!! *Devi* stepped to the plate next and promptly hit a grand slam down the left field line!

Libee's beat **Riverwood** 14 – 11 in a tight battle. On the one hand teams feel bad that the Relics haven't won many games. On the other hand, you worry about losing to them because they are better than their record typically battle in the games and threatening to win every week! *Paul Mieszczanski* had 3 hits to lead Libees. *Dave Dusi* had a single and a 2 run HR while *Rene Norbert* went 2 for 2. *Jim DeBoer* made a great catch behind the plate for the 2nd out in the 7th which effectively sealed the win for Libees.



Interesting fact – The home team has won 29 of 48 games played for a 60% win percentage.

Setting the bar high!!!



The Arturs boys got together and dressed to impress the girls on Valentines day.
Sure making it difficult for the rest of us guys! Great job boys!!!

Standings

| | W | L | Runs Favored | Runs Against | Run Differential |
|------------------|----|----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Cady Carts | 10 | 2 | 218 | 128 | 90 |
| Purple Panthers | 8 | 4 | 227 | 195 | 32 |
| Libees | 7 | 5 | 181 | 155 | 26 |
| Xpertech | 7 | 5 | 176 | 168 | 8 |
| Arturs | 7 | 5 | 191 | 208 | -17 |
| Englewood Elks | 4 | 8 | 175 | 198 | -23 |
| Designer Tees | 4 | 8 | 148 | 188 | -40 |
| Riverwood Relics | 1 | 11 | 135 | 211 | -76 |

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