

Englewood Men's Senior Softball League Newsletter

Silver Division – Week 9

The only teams still in contention to win the Silver division are Xpertech, Caddy Carts and Warrior Homes. There is a reason these 3 teams are the elite of the division this year. Consistent offense and defense!

High Scoring -Caddy Carts are on a roll scoring more than 20 runs in 4 of their last 6 games for a 124-run total over that period. The Arturs team have scored 103 during that same span. On the season, the Warriors lead the league in scoring with 304 runs. Caddy Carts are runners up with 281 in 1 fewer game.

On the defensive side, the Warriors have only allowed 71 runs in their last 6 games. Xpertech is next with just 77 runs allowed. On the season, Xpertech has been the stingiest team allowing 212 runs over 18 games. Caddy Carts have allowed 221 with a game to makeup and the Warriors have given up 229.

There are only 3 games left in the season and 4 for the Caddy Carts who will make up their game with Libees on Saturday March 16. In the only remaining head-to-head games, Caddy Carts plays Xpertech on Tuesday and Warrior Homes gets Xpertech the last game of the season. Based on the most recent events, any team can beat any team so this division there will not be any easy wins over these remaining games!

Grumpy's 7 Xpertech 15

Tom Jensen went 3 for 3 with a home run and Rick Silva went 3 for 3 including a double. Rob Markel blasted a home run. Xpertech led 12-2 after 3 innings and never looked back.



Rick Silva



Dave Rafalski

The Xpertech team honored and thanked their sponsor for her long-time support at a recent event in North Port



Kathleen Callahan is the longtime owner of Xpertech in Englewood and has been sponsoring the team since 2020. Pictured with Kathleen is manager Rick Silva and assistant manager Joe Gasparino. Unable to attend were Jamie White; Bill Maichle and Tom Jensen.



Arturs 13 Caddy Carts 23



Designer Tees 14 Warrior Homes 9



Dick Dial

On Tuesday March 5th Designer Tees squared off for the final match-up of the season with the Purple Panthers. To say the Panthers had dominated the 2 previous contests would be a gross understatement. The Tees had been outscored 47-12 in the two previous games against the Panthers. The Tees were undaunted by the near past outcomes between the two teams. The Red Tide on this day were People eaters and brought home the victory by a score of 14-9. The Tees were led by destroyer Dial with 3 hits driving in 7 runs with a triple and homerun. Dave, I'm the 2nd baseman, Ege, and Steve, Mr. Irrelevant O'Connor also had 3 hits. Big Country Greene and the nearly mustachioed Dave Finger each reached base safely 3 times. Tees try to start a winning streak against Porter Contracting on Thursday. (Dave Tacey)

The Warriors entered the game looking to extend their 7-game winning streak, and the Tees were looking to avenge their previous 20-3 loss to the Warriors. The Warriors were held to 1 run in the first inning and the Tees set the tone for the game scoring 5 runs in the bottom of the first. The Warriors scored 1 run in the second inning and 4 in the 3rd inning to regain their only lead of the game. The Tees Defense held the Warriors scoreless for the next 3 innings, while scoring 5 runs in the 4th and 4 more runs in the 6th inning for a 14 to 6 lead going into the 7th inning. The Warriors scored 3 runs in the top of the 7th on a Pat Valerio 3 run home run. The Tees defense played an excellent game, especially their outfield, catching every hard-hit drive (8 total) by the Warriors. (Tom Scanlon)



Tom Scanlon

Libees 18 Porter Sharks 19

The two teams played an extra inning of a suspended game that was tied 16-16. Libees scored two runs in the top of the inning to take the lead. With two on base, Mike Albin delivered a triple to again tie the score. Libees intentionally walked the next two batters and then got two outs on a short fly ball and a pop up. Joe LaCava delivered the walk off single to win the game for the Sharks 19-18.



Joe LaCava



Jim DeBoer

Libees 12 Porter Sharks 21

Porter and Libees both scored two runs in the first inning but after that the Sharks took control with a 26 hit game resulting in a decisive 21-12 win. Jim Donaldson led the Sharks with 4 hits and 4 runs batted in. Dennis Kelley and Al Laurey had 3 hits each and every other player had at least one hit.

Gary Kleinhammer and Dennis Easterday both had 3 hits in a losing cause for Libees.



Gary Kleinhammer



Jim Donaldson

Xpertech 11 Libees 10

Libees came into this game with nothing to lose and dominated from the 1st inning scoring 5 runs on 7 hits without making an out. The defense played great allowing only 1 Xpertech run in 5 innings while putting up 10 offensively. The gray guys only had 3 runs after 6 innings.

But the 7th inning was a complete collapse as the defense couldn't field the ball cleanly and Xpertech put together some good hits to score 8 runs, 5 of them with 2 outs, to win the game 11-10. Tom Jensen made several great plays at first base stopping Libees from scoring with 2 outs each time. Dennis Easterday and Rick Nelson were both 3 for 3 and Fred Kirsch continued his hot hitting with a 2 run double in the first and a single in the 7th.



Tom Jensen



Dennis Easterday

Bill White missed the game due to an injury, so took advantage and snapped pics of teammates who seldom appear on Facebook or the Newsletter! All 14 players appear in this issue.



Steve Stanley



Scott Maresh



Bob McMahon



Joe Herring



Fred Kirsch



Hans Picinich



Ed Stevens



Caddy Carts 20 Grumpy's 19

Caddy Carts survived a scare as the Grumpy bats came alive for this game. They have been playing well lately and are a serious challenge to the Warriors who play them next!



Gary Fitch

Warrior Homes 16 Arturs 10



Ron Foster

The Warriors scored 5 runs in the top of the 1st inning, and Arturs answered back with 4 runs in the bottom of the inning. The Warriors scored 6 more runs over the next 3 innings while holding Arturs scoreless. The Warriors scored 5 runs in the top of the 6th inning to take a 16 to 6 lead. Arturs scored their final 4 runs on a towering grand slam home run by Mike Simmons.

The Highlight of the game was the "Ron Foster Show", Ron had 4 hits including a 2-run home run. In the 4th inning Ron, playing a roving outfielder scooped up, what should of been a hit into right field, and threw out the runner at first. The very next batter hit a line drive over 2nd base and Ron made a running leaping catch to take away a sure hit. Ron also caught two other would be hits, then In the 7th inning, Ron fielded a base hit in left center and fired to 2nd base to get the runner from first out. Ron Just seemed to be everywhere today!!! Bern D'Aleo also hit a blast over the outfielder's head for what would have been an easy bases clearing home run had it not been for the fact that there were already 3 runs in in that inning so only 2 runs could count. Call it a double big guy!



Mike Simmonds

Designer Tees 17 Porter Sharks 13



Ralph Fisher

In the rubber match between Porter Contracting and the Gentlemen of Designer Tees the Red Tide was able to stretch their winning streak to 2 games with a 17-13 victory. The difference was that Porter's had 4 innings of 1 run or less and the Tees, bolstered by production throughout the lineup, only had one such inning. This was the murders row lineup that was anticipated by many in the Silver League. The steal of the Winter draft, Destroyer Dial, again paced the Tees attack with 4 hits. Chipping in with 3 hits were Wreckum Ralph Fisher, Dave I can almost see his moustache, Finger, Bruce no nickname Berentz, AL the much-tattooed midfielder, Dave Tacey and Clark Kent Vogel who also had 2 triples and 4 rbi's. The Tees look to extend their streak to 3 against Libees on Tuesday.



Archie King

Designer Tees led this game 11-10 after four innings. They shut the Porter team out in the next two innings while scoring six more runs. The Sharks rallied for three runs in the seventh but fell short by 4 runs. For Porter, Archie King had 4 hits including two triples and John Raymond also had two triples in a 3-hit effort. Mike Albin and Greg Senay also had 3 hits.



Bob Guffey



Ric "the Shiek" Goodwin



Ron King

Good guy Ric Goodwin undergoing back surgery on April 1st.

Wish him luck!!!

| Team | Win | Loss | PCT |
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| XperTech Auto Repair | 13 | 5 | 0.722 |
| Caddy Carts | 12 | 5 | 0.706 |
| Warrior Homes | 12 | 6 | 0.667 |
| Porter Contracting | 9 | 9 | 0.500 |
| Libee's | 8 | 9 | 0.471 |
| Artur's | 8 | 10 | 0.444 |
| Designer Tee's | 5 | 13 | 0.278 |
| Grumpy's Hot Dogs | 4 | 14 | 0.222 |

Week 10

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| TUE Mar 12 | 🕒 9:30 AM 📍 Field 1 | XperTech Auto Repair Caddy Carts |
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Home Plate Umpire: Bill Grover

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| TUE Mar 12 | 🕒 9:30 AM 📍 Field 2 | Designer Tee's Libee's |
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Home Plate Umpire: Bob Maley

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| TUE Mar 12 | 🕒 11:00 AM 📍 Field 1 | Porter Contracting Artur's |
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Home Plate Umpire: Bill Grover

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| TUE Mar 12 | 🕒 11:00 AM 📍 Field 2 | Warrior Homes Grumpy's Hot Dogs |
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| THU Mar 14 | 🕒 9:30 AM 📍 Field 1 | Grumpy's Hot Dogs Artur's |
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Home Plate Umpire: Bob Maley

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| THU Mar 14 | 🕒 9:30 AM 📍 Field 2 | Libee's Warrior Homes |
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Home Plate Umpire: Jerry Long

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| THU Mar 14 | 🕒 11:00 AM 📍 Field 1 | Caddy Carts Designer Tee's |
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