



Englewood Men's Senior Softball League – Silver Division

Weekly Update – Week 9



Caddy Carts took out the **Purple Panthers** 14-6. Coupled with the win over Artur's on Thursday, the Carts have clinched the 2023 championship with 3 games left to play. This is the 5th time in the last 8 seasons that the Carts have won the regular season championship. Xpertech, (2021) Englewood Elks (2020) and PG Hurricanes (2014) were the other champs.

Any team with a core of George Lambert, Tim Nuss, John Skaggs, Mickey Muzevich & Carmen Rivera has a leg up on every other team. The rest of the Caddy kids starters include Bob Stiles, Bill Rice, Mark Blount, Ric (sheik) Goodwin and the league's best 1st baseman Jack Smith, and that would be a great nucleus for any team. They all hit, and they all play good defense.



But the MVP of Caddy Carts team is in my opinion, without a doubt Devi Rigatti. A leadoff hitter with power and speed and one of the best, if not THE best shortstops in the league, Devi never had a bad game. When he wasn't hitting the ball all over the field and down the lines for doubles and home runs, he was pinch running for others and scoring. When not on offense, he was making great plays and preventing runs from scoring. Devi makes that team champions!

The Caddy Carts won the season series against every team last year and Libees is the only team to win 2 games against them this year. The Designer Tees have split and play the rubber game on the last day of the season.

The only thing that stops that team from winning...is that team.

As one player told me...

"when we are not fighting amongst ourselves, we are a pretty good team!"

Congrats Caddy Carts – you deserve it!!!!

On to the games from the week...

Game 17 Matchups Tuesday Mar 7, 2023



Bruce Berentz

Designer Tees beat **Libees** 13-12 in what was a close game with some good defense and yet another come from behind one run victory for Designer Tees. Unexpectedly (at least according to Libees), *Bruce Berentz* was the power hitter for the Tees hitting 2 longballs for triples. *Al Fuller* played well as usual in the middle. The game ended with 2 outs and 2 runners on when 1B *Kent Vogel* fielded *Bill White's* ground ball and both players reached 1st base at the same time. There was a big collision, but Kurt held onto the ball for the final out. And to answer those same questions from everyone there..."YES!!!!I am all right!!!!"



Kent Vogel

Arturs blasted the **Riverwood Relics** 19-6 Didn't hear a lot about this game other than **Arturs** never stopped hitting and at one point was up 19-2. Ouch!!!

Xpertech defeated **Englewood Elks** 15-9 with the help of *Joe Gasparino* and *Joe Wyman* home runs and *Kevin Michael's* 4 for 4. "So after 63 runs in games 14/15/16, the bats went silent for game 17 on Tuesday. We only managed 20 hits to score 9 runs. Our defense wasn't stellar, but it was our lack of timely hitting that lost the game". *Eric Radcliffe*



Eric Radcliffe

Game 18 Matchups Thursday Mar 9, 2023

Designer Tees had their best offensive game of the year out hitting the **Purple Panthers** for a 26 to 17 win. This was their 7th consecutive win!!! *Bruce Brentz* hit a Home Run and *Dave Finger* and *Charlie Bowers* each had 4 hits. Shortstop *Ralph Fisher* made the defensive play of the game making a backhand catch of a line drive. *Fedele Volpe* and *Jim McVay* both hit home runs for the Panthers and *Ron Foster* made multiple great catches. Bob Yarnell joking about his pitching this week said "my era went up to about 50 runs per inning."



Fedele Volpe



Dave Finger

Xpertech beat **Libees** in a game that was nowhere near the final of 16-8. Libees had a total of 11 hits the whole game and at one point trailed 11-0. With bases loaded and no outs in the 6th, Libees failed to score. It was going so well for **Xpertech** that *Rick Silva* caught a line drive in the outfield. *Steve Stanley* did make a great catch in left field and Libees did turn a DP as the defense played relatively well. *Bill Maichle* hit a grand slam and he got all of it as it sailed over LCF Charley Harvey's head.



Bill Maichle



Charley Harvey



Caddy Carts over **Artur's** 14-3. *Brian "Digger" Stauch* hit a 2 run HR in the 4th and *Cliff Martin* made a great catch in deep left to save multiple runs from scoring. *Devi* made a great play in the hole that resulted in a force play at 2B. This game seemed closer than the score would indicate. *Bill Rice* was thrown out at the plate (see photo left) with a great throw fielded on a clean one hopper by *Dan Kett*. *Joe Siragusa* had another strong game at shortstop and *Geno Chenault* seemed to be involved in 3 plays an inning around the 2nd base bag! *Tim Russ* was missing from the Caddy lineup so *Jack Smith* was featured in the outfield.

Dan Kett pulls in throw to force Bill Rice at the plate



Mike Albin

Englewood Elks beat the **Relics** 22-21. The Relics can't catch a break this year. They hold the Caddy Carts to 8 runs twice and scored 21 against the Elks and can't win! *"The bats came alive again accounting for 22 runs. Unfortunately our defense allowed the Riverwood Relics to hang around to the point that we had to beat them in the bottom of the 7th after they tied the game in the 6th then went ahead by one in the top of the 7th. It was a fun game to say the least."* Eric Radcliffe



Tom Gaff

Standings

	W	L	Runs Favored	Runs Against	Run Differential	AVG Run Differential	Avg Runs Scored	Ave Runs Allowed
Caddy Carts	14	4	292	191	101	5.94	17.2	11.2
Xpertech	11	7	268	241	27	1.59	15.8	14.2
Libees	10	8	266	242	24	1.41	15.6	14.2
Purple Panthers	10	8	303	289	14	0.82	17.8	17.0
Designer Tees	10	8	230	253	-23	-1.35	13.5	14.9
Englewood Elks	8	10	284	279	5	0.29	16.7	16.4
Arturs	8	10	260	302	-42	-2.47	15.3	17.8
Riverwood Relics	1	17	192	298	-106	-6.24	11.3	17.5

Farewell and best of luck to our friend Mark “Sully” Sullivan.
Leaving Florida for South Carolina!!



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