Thursday February 29th, 2024

Salty Dog 13 **Speakeasy 10**

Salty Dog erased an early 9-6 deficit with a five-run fifth inning and rode the slim margin to victory over Speakeasy. The decisive fifth, where all five runs scored after two were out, was highlighted by run scoring hits by Brian Alexander, Eric Phillips, Mike Schwab, and Joe Lazzarotti. The Dog then added two big insurance runs in the ninth inning on a run scoring triple by Mike Gerace and a sacrifice fly by Dan Marinelli.
Both Lazzarotti and Gerace finished the game with three hits and two RBIs. Alexander also had three hits, and Phillips was responsible for two runs for the Dog.
Jeff Robinson slashed four hits, and Mark Whealy and Joe Rocco added three for Speakeasy. Mike Compton drove in three runs, and Robinson and manager Tom Vander Aarde had two for the game.

DaVinci's 9 **Nacho Mama's 8**

In a low scoring affair, DaVinci's grabbed an 8-2 lead in the sixth inning and made it hold up despite some late fireworks by Nacho Mama's that left the tying run on second when the final out was recorded. The big inning in this one was the three-run fourth for DaVinci's, featuring a run scoring single by John Haskins and sacrifice flies by both Jack Martin and Wayne Bombaci.
Peter Kane had three hits to lead DaVinci's, and Doug Aksimit helped the cause with two RBIs.
The Nacho's offense was led by Ken Polarek who had three hits, Jim O'Toole who knocked in three runs, and Ed Seery who doubled and tripled in the contest.

Dolphin Tiki 21 **Verdi's 19**

In a real slugfest where 40 runs and 59 hits were recorded, Island Division champ Dolphin Tiki was able to outlast tough-luck Verdi's. Despite all the hitting, the defense was tremendous in this game as there were no errors made by either team.
Scott Golan put on an offensive clinic with three doubles and a booming home run along with four RBIs for the Tiki. Not to be outdone, Bob Masulis plastered the ball for five hits, including two doubles and two RBIs, Sal Tidona had four hits, including three doubles and two RBIs, Dan Gulick had four hits and three RBIs, and Dave Johnson also had four hits. Other contributions in this 33-hit attack for the Tiki came from Tom DeAngelo with three hits and three RBIs, manager Chris Flynn with three hits and two RBIs, and Bill Novakovich and Dan Harrar with two RBIs apiece.
Outfielder Mike Reale had a huge day for Verdi's with six RBIs on a three-run triple and a two-run home run. Dave Mayo also had a big day with a three-run home run among four hits and five RBIs. Dave Koch pitched in with four hits, and John Kelly and Rob York added three. Kelly and John Stuart both drove in a pair of runs in the game.