

# ST. MATTHIAS (G) DARTBALL TIMES

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## A SO-SO NIGHT

### The team puts on a fair showing, still loses 2

St. Matthias travelled to St. Augustine to play the denizens of the blue team. The team lost the 1<sup>st</sup> game, but bounced back in a big way in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, to take a decisive win. However, they fell behind early in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and could not catch up. St. Augustine had to give up 5 runs for the handicap.

#### Game Re-caps

**Game 1:** St. Matthias lost this game 5-10 (Handicap included). St. Matthias started off the first inning, without a whimper, with the 1<sup>st</sup> three batters throwing a total of 5 darts. St. Augustine did not wait long to score, as they brought home two men in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. St. Matthias scattered 3 hits through the next 6 innings, but, St. Augustine was not having any trouble scoring. They added to their score in the 4<sup>th</sup> with a run, with 4 more in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 2 extra runs in the 6<sup>th</sup> to take a 0-9 lead. The top of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning had St. Matthias finally able to score a couple runs. Mark led off with a single, followed by Dale's single. The next 2 batters made out, bringing up Rod, who brought in Mark and Dale, with a triple. When the handicap was added, the score at the end of the was 5-9. St. Augustine closed out the in the bottom half of that inning, when they added a run. *Box score: St Matthias, 5 runs on 7 hits; St. Augustine (B); 10 runs on 19 hits.*

**Game 2:** The team won the 2nd game 12-3 (Includes handicap). St. Matthias started scoring their runs in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. Mark led off with a single and scored off of Dale's triple. Ed drove in Dale with a single. St. Matthias held a 5-0 lead (Including handicap) at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. St. Augustine chimed in with 2 runs of their own during the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, but St. Matthias came back during the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> to score 3 times. Mark led off with a single. He came home when Jim got the triple. Ken got the RBI on his single and Steve added to the score when he drove in Ken. At the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning the score was St. Matthias 10, St. Augustine 2 (Includes Handicap). Everything quieted down from that point until the 8<sup>th</sup> inning, when St. Augustine got a run. St. Matthias answered that run with 2 of their own in the bottom of the 8<sup>th</sup>. Steve led off with a single. Mark got him home with the triple, and was in turn driven in with Jim's single. St. Augustine went down in order in the 9<sup>th</sup> to insure the victory for St. Matthias. *Box Score; St. Matthias 12 runs on 13 hits (Includes handicap); St. Augustine (B); 3 runs on 10 hits.*

**Game 3:** The final game was lost by St. Matthias 5-12 (Includes handicap). As was the case in the 1<sup>st</sup> game, St. Matthias waited until the 8<sup>th</sup> inning of this game, to score any runs. By that time to game was out of hand, with St. Augustine leading 0-12. During the 1<sup>st</sup> 7 innings, St Matthias only managed to put 4 men on base. Meanwhile St. Augustine was scoring, almost at will. They ran off a 5 inning stretch when they scored all of their runs. It went like this: 2 runs in the 2<sup>nd</sup>; ,4 runs in the 3<sup>rd</sup>; 2 runs in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> innings. When St. Matthias finally got on the scoreboard, in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning they scored 5 runs, 3 of which were the handicap. Dale led off with a single, followed by Jim's single. Ken shot the three and brought both of them, home, making the score 5-12. *Box Score: St. Matthias 5 runs on 8 hits (with the handicap); St. Augustine (B); 12 runs on 22 hits.*

## Player of Night

Mark is the player of the night. He managed 6 hits in 15 at bats, with 5 singles, a triple and 2 RBI's. His average for the night was an even 0.400.

## Memorable At-Bat of the Night

Rod had 2 memorable at bats. The first came in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning of the 1<sup>st</sup> game. He kept saying he did not want to end the inning with an off the board, so he was shooting for the middle. He hit the triple, driving in the only runs for the game. His second memorable at bat was in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. Again, saying he did not want to shoot off the board, hit the 2 base single. Rod maybe you should shoot for the middle all the time.

## Statistics

Poker Hands won by: Jim, Dale and Ed

Game winning hits by: Jim

Current Active hitting streaks: There a few, so here goes Dale-2; John-3; Mark-2; Ken and Rick have 1. John's and Rick's are carry-overs

Season Record:	Won: 19	Lose: 29	0.396%
Game 1:	Won: 2	Lose: 14	0.125%
Game 2:	Won: 11	Lose: 5	0.688%
Game 3:	Won: 6	Lose: 10	0.375%

Extra-Inning Games: 4 9.29: 17 innings, MPH (G) win: 10.13, 15 innings, St. Augustine (B) Loss: 10.17, 12 innings, MPH (G) loss: 1.19, 11 innings, MPH (G), loss

Longest winning streak: 5 12-2, St. Gregory the Great, games 2 and 3: 12-15, MPH(B) all three

Longest losing streak: 6 10/13: St. Augustine (B), game 3, 10/20 MPH (B), all three, Games 1 and 2; 11/3 St. Augustine (W)

Longest hitting streak 4 9/15 Rick; 11.17 Mark; 1/12 John

Prize Money awarded: 6 10.13; Ken (Walk) \$0.50; 11.17 Mark \$1.25; 1/12 John \$1.00 and Rod \$1.00. 1.12-1.19 Ed \$1.00. Jim 1.26 \$0.50

Most Fines Tonight: 17 Jim

Fines Collected tonight: 77 Amount: \$3.85 Season's Total: 1661 Total amounts: \$83.05

## Manager's Musings

A couple of things. Once again that 1<sup>st</sup> game is a bug-a-boo for us. I just don't understand. It is tough to knock off Big Blue, but we sure it up right in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game. We hit at a .351 clip for that game. Meanwhile St. Augustine hit at a pace of .270. The first game we only hit .205, and only slightly better at .229 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game.

I have to stop thinking about things, while marking score, and keep my mind on the game at hand. After the 1<sup>st</sup> inning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> game. I wondered how many off-the-boards we had for the night. I looked, and was amazed we only had 3 over

the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 games. And Then!!! Wham!! We started getting Off-the-boards like crazy, started with your indomitable leader. After I got 1 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, we got 5 more. I need to stop thinking.

### **Team News**

To start with, we played short once again, due to the covid bug. We all hope and pray that Mike, Rick and John all get better and don't suffer many problems. We miss you guys.

Secondly, as I announced at last night's games, I am resigning as manager of the team. I've been doing this at least 12 years, and feel I need a break. I will stay on as the captain, and keep the statistics.

Lastly, we are at home next week and are playing Mother of Perpetual Help (B), the old St. Aloysius team.