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A WINNING NIGHT

Team wins the first 2 games, but by the narrowest of margins; gets walloped in the 3rd.

St. Augustine (W) stopped by for the last time that we will see them this season. St. Matthias won the 1st 2 games by a run each, and watched as St. Augustine walked away with the 3rd. St. Augustine had to give St. Matthias a run in the handicap.

Game Re-caps

Game 1: St. Matthias won this game 9-8 (includes handicap). In the top of the 1st inning, St. Augustine went down in order. The bottom of that inning had St. Matthias take the lead on a single by John and Jim's triple. When the handicap was added, the home team had a 2-0 lead. They added to that total in the very next inning as they added 2 more runs to make the game a 4-0 affair. Ed led off with a single. He was followed by Ray's triple, and Steve closed out the scoring in an unusual fashion. With Ed on 3rd, and Steve shooting for the single, he hit the sacrifice, which is across the board. The sacrifice brought in Ed. During the top of the 3rd inning, St. Augustine started their comeback, when they got a run, to make it 4-1. St. Matthias, thanks to a repeat of John and Jim's hits in the 1st inning, got that run back. The inning ended with the score at 4-1. But St. Augustine was not to be outdone. They made the score 5-3 in the top of the 4th. St. Matthias matched those runs in the bottom of the 4th. Ken led off with a single, and came home when Ray tripled and John brought home Ray with a single. The 5th inning had some matching of runs. St. Augustine got a run in the top of the inning and St. Matthias got a run in the bottom of that inning. St. Matthias' run was due to Rick's single and Ken's triple. Going into the 6th inning, with the score 8-4, St. Augustine started to close the gap when they added a run. St. Matthias' bats suddenly went quiet, and could not muster a hit until the 8th inning, when they only got a single. Meanwhile, St. Augustine added to their total with a pair of runs in the 7th and another in the 9th to tie the game up at 8 apiece. St. Matthias came up to bat in the 9th inning, hoping to avoid extra innings. John got on with a single and scored the winning run when Rick got the triple, to not only avoid extra innings, but to win for just the 3rd time, in the 1st game. *Box score: St Matthias, 9 runs on 14 hits; St. Augustine (W); 8 runs on 15 hits.*

Game 2: The team won the 2nd game 6-5. (Includes the handicap) A game that looked like an easy win for St. Matthias, turned into a hang onto your seat ride. St. Matthias scored all of their runs in the 2nd inning and then managed only 3 more hits for the rest of the game. Those 6 runs started out with Rick getting a single. The next 2 batters made out, and it looked like the team may not score. However, Ken came through with a triple, to drive in Rick. Ray's single made the score 3-0 (handicap added). Steve came up and got a 2-base single, that put runners on 1st and 3rd. Mark drove both of them in with a triple, and he came home on John's single. With the score at 6-0, going into the bottom of the 2nd inning, St. Augustine began chipping away at the lead. They scored 2 runs in the 2nd, 1 in the 4th and 2 in the 7th to bring the score to 6-5. They were able to put runners on in each of the last 2 innings, but were not able to capitalize on that. *Box Score: St. Matthias 6 runs on 9 hits; St. Augustine (W); 5 runs on 12 hits.*

Game 3: The final game was lost by St. Matthias 2-8 (includes handicap). St. Matthias took an early lead during the bottom of the 1st inning. Mark led off the inning with a single and came home with Rick's triple. That would be all of the scoring for St. Matthias as they stranded 3 runners throughout the remainder of the game. St. Augustine waited until the 4th inning before they started their scoring. They got a run in the 4th, and one more in the 5th, to tie the game up at 2-2. They took the lead in the 7th when they scored twice, and sealed the game up when they scored 4 times in the 9th. Box Score: St. Matthias 2 runs on 5 hits; St. Augustine (W); 8 runs on 15 hits.

Player of Night

John is the player of the night for the second consecutive night. He continued his hot hitting by going 6 for 13, a 0.462 average. All of his hits were singles and he drove in 2 runs. When added to last week's numbers, John is 11 for 26, a .423 average. Keep it up John.

Memorable At-Bat of the Night

Steve's sacrifice hit in the 2nd inning of the 1st game, is the memorable at bat of the night. That sacrifice, although, not the winning run of the game, was still important as it was the difference in a 1-run game.

Statistics

Poker Hands won by: John, Mark and Rick

Game winning hits by: Rick and Rick

Current Active hitting streaks: Ray and Jim are each carrying over a 1 hit hitting streak into the next game. Dale has a run hit at bat coming from last week.

Season Record:	Won: 23	Lose: 31	0.426%
Game 1:	Won: 3	Lose: 15	0.166%
Game 2:	Won: 13	Lose: 5	0.722%
Game 3:	Won: 7	Lose: 11	0.388%
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:	15	Rod	
Fines Collected tonight:	81	Amount: \$4.05	Season's Total: 1838 Total amounts: \$91.90

Manager's Musings

That was a fun night. I enjoyed the 1st game, and the back-and-forth scoring. It ended up as a nail biter, but it was still fun. And, it was the 3rd win for the team, in the first game of the night, this season. The second game was okay, I only wish we could score more runs. Boy, did we ever fall flat. After that second inning outburst, in game 2, we managed only 8 hits for the rest of the night, and only one of those was a triple.

Team News

From all I am hearing, everyone had a great time at the annual dartball dinner with the wives. I certainly had fun.

Additionally, everyone from St. Augustine (W) was very appreciative of the food we laid out. Thank you to all of you guys for bringing in the treats.

Next week is Ash Wednesday, and there is no dartball.

On March 9th we play our last home game of the season. St. Augustine (B) will be visiting us. After that there is only 1 more game and that is on March 16th at St. Gregory's.