

# ST. MATTHIAS (G) DARTBALL TIMES

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## HOLY COW, A WINNING STREAK

### Team gets shut out in first game, wins last two

After having the Thanksgiving week off, the team travelled to St. Gregory the Great to renew the season.

The night started out with the team being shut out for the 8<sup>th</sup> time this season. They came back in the second game to take an early lead, and hung on for a nail-bitter win in the third. St. Gregory had to give us 2 handicap runs.

### Game Re-caps

**Game 1:** St. Matthias lost this game 0-2, in 12 innings. The game started out in in in auspicious format, when the 95<sup>th</sup> St. nine got 3 outs on 3 darts. Not to be out done, St. Gregory the great also got their 1<sup>st</sup> 3 outs on 3 darts. St. Matthias would go on to get 7 of the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 outs on 1 dart per out. St Gregory scored their 1<sup>st</sup> run in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning. Starting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, St Matthias put a runner on 1<sup>st</sup> base each inning, but was unable to bring any of them home. In the 6<sup>th</sup> inning, St. Greg's scored their last run. *Box score: St Matthias, 0 runs on 6 hits; St. Gregory the Great (G); 2 runs on 6 hits.*

**Game 2:** The team won the 2nd game 6-2 (Includes the 2 handicap runs.) St. Greg's went down in order in the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning. The bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> had Mark leading off with a single. Jim's triple brought in Mark. Jim came in on Rick's single, and in turn was brought in with Ed's triple. With the handicap added, the score became 5-0. St. Greg's tried to make a comeback in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning, when they score their only runs of the game, making the score 5-2. St. Matthias added an insurance run in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning off of Jim's single and Rick's triple, to end all scoring. *Score; St. Matthias 4 runs (plus 2 handicap runs equals 6) on 10 hits; St. John the Evangelist; 2 runs on 8 hits.*

**Game 3:** The final game was won by St. Matthias 5-4 (incudes the handicap). For a game that ended up having everyone sitting on the edge of their seats, this one started out oh so slowly. St. Matthias got 2 hits through the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 innings, and St. Greg's got 1 hit. The top of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning saw St. Matthias came alive, after there were 2 outs. Gary started it off with a single. He took 3<sup>rd</sup> base on Steve's double. They both came home when Mark got a triple and John finished the scoring with a single. The team had a 5-0 lead, including the handicap. However, they only managed 2 more singles for the rest of the game. St Gregory's was quiet for the 1<sup>st</sup> 8 innings, scattering only 4 harmless singles. St. Greg's put a charge into the game in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> inning. They loaded the bases, and their 4<sup>th</sup> single of the inning, brought in their 1<sup>st</sup> run. They brought in a pinch hitter, who was 1 for 9 for the night. On his 1<sup>st</sup> dart, he hit the triple, almost dead center to bring them within 1 run of the good guys. Fortunately, that was all of the scoring for them, and St. Matthias walked away with its first winning streak and their first 2-win night all season. *Box Score: St. Matthias 5 runs on 8 hits; St. Gregory the Great, 4 runs on 9 hits.*

### Player of Night

Jim is tonight's player of the night. Jim hit at a .364 clip, going 4 for 11, with 3 singles, a triple and an RBI.

## Memorable At-Bat of the Night

I don't know who to give the memorable at bat to. John deserves a mention as he got the 1<sup>st</sup> hit of the 1<sup>st</sup> game, in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning. That broke a horrendous streak that include 8 of 10 1<sup>st</sup> dart outs, or Mark for his triple in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> game, that drove in 2. The triple came after Mark almost threw off the board, and almost hit both the upper and lower diaper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of the board. He revealed he had no idea where the darts were going during that at bat, and just got lucky. I guess my vote the the memorable at bat goes to John.

## Statistics

Poker Hands won by: Ed, Mark and Mark

Game winning hits by: Rick and John

Current Active hitting streaks: No one has a hitting streak that continues into the next night.

Season Record:	Won: 9	Lose: 21	0.300%
Game 1:	Won: 1	Lose: 9	0.100%
Game 2:	Won: 6	Lose: 4	0.600%
Game 3:	Won: 2	Lose: 8	0.200%

Extra-Inning Games: 3 9.29: 17 innings, MPH (G) win: 10.13, 15 innings, St. Augustine (B) Loss: 10.17, 12 innings, MPH (G) loss

Longest winning streak: 2 12-2, St. Gregory the Great, games 2 and 3

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

Prize Money awarded: 2 10.13; Ken (Walk) \$0.50; 11.17 Mark \$1.25

Most Fines Tonight: 21 Ray

Fines Collected tonight: 84 Amount: \$4.20 Season's Total: 1196 Total amounts: \$59.80

## Manager's Musings

That 3<sup>rd</sup> game was extremely interesting. I figured that once St. Greg's started knocking off the singles, that would win. They are very good at getting the clutch hits when needed. They always play their good players in the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 games, and they sit out the 3<sup>rd</sup>. When they started bring in Rich and Dave K. that they had a very good chance of winning, but the dartball gods were on our side last night. Maybe this is the start of something, Who knows.

## Team News

We are off next week. We were supposed to play the blue team from St. Augustine, but neither one of us could get the hall for next week, so we played those games back in September. The week after that, December 15<sup>th</sup>, we are at Mother of Perpetual help to play the old St. Aloysius team.