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STARTING A NEW STREAK

Team loses first game, but springs back to win the last 2.

On this last night of a long period away from home, the team travelled to St. John the Evangelist. This is the last meeting between the two teams for the season. St. John's won the first game, but St. Matthias won that last 2. There was no handicap exchanged.

Game Re-caps

Game 1: St. Matthias lost this game 1-2. It looked like St. Matthias was going to come out swinging, as they took an early lead, in the top of the first inning. John and Rick combined to bring in the teams only run for the game. After the first inning the team scattered 4 singles throughout the remainder of the game. St. John didn't do much better, but at least they managed to bring 2 runs across the plate, 1 run in the 3rd inning and another in the 6th. *Box score: St Matthias, 1 runs on 6 hits; St. John the Evangelist; 2 runs on 8 hits.*

Game 2: The team won the 2nd game 4-3. In this game, St. John's was the team to score first. They got one run in the top of the 1st inning. They scored 2 more runs in the 3rd inning to take a 0-3 lead. St. Matthias trudged along, getting a runner on in each of the 2nd through 7th inning, but went into the 9th inning down by 3. Steve got a single. He was followed by 2 additional singles from Mark and John to load the bases. Rick hit the triple, on a wire shot, to bring everyone in and tie the game. Rod stepped into the batter's box and nailed the single, dead center, driving in Rick and taking a 4-3 lead. The team went wild, but had to wait while the top of St. John's order came to bat. Fortunately, they went down in order to preserve the win for St. Matthias. *Box Score; St. Matthias 4 runs on 11 hits; St. John the Evangelist; 3 runs on 7 hits.*

Game 3: The final game was won by St. Matthias 7-5. For the 1st 4 innings, this game went back and forth, and looked like it would be a long, high scoring game. But, after the 4th inning both teams went quiet and did not score any more runs. St. John's opened up with a three-spot in the bottom of the 1st inning. During the top of the 2nd inning, St. Matthias responded with 2 of their own runs. Rod got the first hit, a single. He came home on Ed's triple and Ed was driven in with Ken's double. The bottom of the 3rd inning had St. John retake the lead, when they scored 2 more runs, making the game a 2-5 affair. In the 4th inning St. Matthias batted around to score 5 runs. Rod started it all with his 4th single of the night. Ed brought him in with a triple. Ed came in on Ken's single and he scored off of Mark's triple. John drove in Mark with a single and Rick closed out the scoring with a triple. After that both teams managed only 7 singles for the remainder of the game. *Box Score: St. Matthias 7 runs on 12 hits; St. John the Evangelist 5 runs on 11 hits.*

Player of Night

Normally the player of the night is usually the player with the high average for the night. But I decided to shake it up a bit. Rod will be the player of the game, with 2 honorable mentions.

Rod hit at a .286 average. Not bad for a player hitting .120. He got 4 singles in 14 at bats. He drove in the game winning run in the second game and managed a 3 at bat hitting streak.

Rick is being given the Honorable mentioned as he also hit at a .286 average. He got 1 single and 3 triples, driving in 5 of the teams 12 runs.

Mark is the other honorable mention. He hit at a .400 clip, getting 6 hits in 15 at bats. He did drive in 1 run, with his only triple of the night.

Memorable At-Bat of the Night

Rod gets the honors tonight. His single in the top of the 9th inning of game 2 won the game for St. Matthias. Rod has been struggling all season, and this hit helped him raise his batting average by 26 points. It was also the first hit of his 3 consecutive hits.

Statistics

Poker Hands won by: Rick, Ken and Rod

Game winning hits by: Rod and John

Current Active hitting streaks: Dale still is carrying a 2-hit streak. He was joined by Mark and Ed who each had a hit in their last at bat.

Season Record:	Won: 15	Lose: 24	0.385%
Game 1:	Won: 2	Lose: 11	0.153%
Game 2:	Won: 8	Lose: 5	0.615%
Game 3:	Won: 5	Lose: 8	0.385%
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:	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:	4	10.13; Ken (Walk) \$0.50; 11.17 Mark \$1.25; 1/12 John \$1.00 and Rod \$1.00	
Most Fines Tonight:	21	Ken	
Fines Collected tonight:	90	Amount: \$4.50	Season's Total: 1370 Total amounts: \$68.50

Manager's Musings

It is too bad we couldn't get untracked in the first game. It would have been nice to take all 3 games. But we sure had a lot of fun after that game. I think everyone was laughing and enjoying themselves, especially when Rod got the game winning hit in the 2nd game, and didn't realize he had done it.

Team News

We haven't been at home since November 10th. We had a home game scheduled for the 8th of December, but we played that game back in September. We also had a home game scheduled for December 22nd, but that was a BYE.

So, we are finally home next week. We will be playing Mother of Perpetual Help (G), the old Mary Queen of Heaven Team