

# ST. MATTHIAS (G) DARTBALL TIMES

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## A HOME JINX?

### Team scores only 4 runs, loses 2

Tonight, was the first home game played, since November 10<sup>th</sup> and everyone appeared eager to return. The team was hosting the Gold team from Mother of Perpetual Help. St. Matthias got shut out in the 1<sup>st</sup> game, which stayed tied a zero through 10 innings, and only scored 2 runs in each of the other 2 games. They won the second. There was no handicap exchanged.

### Game Re-caps

**Game 1:** St. Matthias lost this game 0-2. This was a slow game from beginning to end. St. Matthias scattered 6 singles across 11 innings. Mother of Perpetual help was only marginally better. They managed just 2 hits in the 1<sup>st</sup> 10 innings, before getting their 2 runs on 3 hits before they got an out. Those runs held up as St. Matthias was only able to put one runner on 1<sup>st</sup> base. *Box score: St Matthias, 0 runs on 6 hits; MPH; 2 runs on 5 hits.*

**Game 2:** The team won the 2nd game 2-0. Game two was an almost opposite game from the 1<sup>st</sup>. The losing team scattered 5 hits while the home team got 5 hits and 2 runs. St. Matthias went hitless for the 1<sup>st</sup> five innings, before putting a man on first in the 6<sup>th</sup>, where he was stranded. In the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning St. Matthias scored the only runs of the game. John led off the inning, with a single. Jim followed with a triple, bringing in John and Ken closed out the inning by driving in Jim with a single. They managed only 1 more hit, a single, for the remainder of the game. MH tried getting back into the game in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning, when they put 2 men on, but failed to bring them in. *Box Score; St. Matthias 2 runs on 5 hits; MPH; 0 runs on 5 hits.*

**Game 3:** The final game was lost by St. Matthias 2-5. St. Matthias scored first in this game, but they waited until the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning to do so. Steve led off with a single. The next 2 batters made out, but Jim came through and drove in Steve with a triple. Rick got Jim home with a single to make the score 2-0. MPH got their 1<sup>st</sup> run in the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, when their number 5 hitter got a home run. They tied the score at 2 apiece in the top of the next inning. During the 7<sup>th</sup> inning they scored twice, to make the game a 2-4 losing affair for St. Matthias. The home team tried to get in the game in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. They put 2 runners on, but could not bring them in. *Box Score: St. Matthias 2 runs on 8 hits; MPH 4 runs on 10 hits.*

### Player of Night

Jim is the player of the night. He was 3 for 13, a .231 batting average, but he was the only player to hit the triple all night long, and he did that twice. He also drove in 2 of the 4 runs the team scored, as well as the winning run, in game 2.

### Memorable At-Bat of the Night

The memorable at bats to go to Mike from Mother of Perpetual Help. His Home run in game 3 provided a spark that allowed them to score 3 more times. As the dart was in the air, Mike called out "There it is".

## **Statistics**

Poker Hands won by: Ed, Ray (his first) and Ed.

Game winning hits by: Jim

Current Active hitting streaks: Dale still is carrying a 2-hit streak. He was joined by Mark with 2.

Season Record:	Won: 16	Lose: 26	0.380%
Game 1:	Won: 2	Lose: 12	0.142%
Game 2:	Won: 9	Lose: 5	0.642%
Game 3:	Won: 5	Lose: 9	0.357%

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: 5 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.

Most Fines Tonight: 25 Gary. Gary is now over 200 fines. No more fines Gary

Fines Collected tonight: 121 Amount: \$6.05 Season's Total: 1491 Total amounts: \$74.55

## **Manager's Musings**

Some of the guys were kiddingly wondering if there is a home jinx, or curse on us, and we all laughed about it, and what could be done to overcome it. We talked about moving the board all over the place. Well, I went back and did some reviewing. The most off the boards come at home. Tonight, we had 11 with 6 in the 1<sup>st</sup> game. Our fines always seem to go up when we are at home. And, we have a 0.313 average at home, winning only 5 games out of 21. On the road we are above 0.500, with 11 wins out of 21. I don't know! Is there a Jinx? Are we cursed? We will have to see as the season goes on.

## **Team News**

We are at home again, next week, when St. Gregory the Great comes for a visit.