

## **Marco Island Senior Softball Results** **As of February 9<sup>th</sup> 2024**

### **ISLAND DIVISION**

**Tuesday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Dolphin Tiki     12**

**Nacho Mama's     2**

Fine pitching by John Nicholas and stellar defense was the key to Dolphin Tiki as they coasted to their ninth straight win, defeating Nacho Mama's. A five-run eighth inning highlighted by a two-run double by Nicholas provided Tiki with the cushion they needed to secure the victory.

Triples by Bob Masulis and Chris Flynn, and three RBIs by Sal Tidona also contributed to the attack by the Tiki. Jim O'Toole, with three hits including a home run and two RBIs, was the lone bright spot for the Nacho's offense.

**Speakeasy     12**

**Verdi's     11**

Speakeasy, who clung to a small lead through most of the game, entered the ninth inning ahead 10-7. But Verdi's, on the strength of a two-run triple by John Stuart, an RBI single by Rod Lashley, and an RBI triple by John Kelly, erupted for four runs in the top of the ninth inning to grab an 11-10 lead. Speakeasy though, had the final say in the bottom half as Glenn Davis tied the game and Joe Rocco won it with run scoring singles.

Tom Vander Aarde had a big day for Speakeasy with a triple and home run among three hits and four RBIs. Rocco, Mark Whealy, and Dave O'Brien pitched in with three hits, Tim Rose drove in three runs, and Craig Cunningham tripled in the decisive ninth inning for the winners.

John Kelly finished the day with two triples among his three hits, Manager Gary Grefer added three hits and two RBIs, and Stuart and Dave Koch both plated two runs for Verdi's.

**Salty Dog     26**

**DaVinci's     13**

Salty Dog's bats came to life in a big way scoring in every inning including four five-run innings to claim a convincing victory over DaVinci's.

There were plenty of hitting stars for Salty Dog as they pounded out twenty-eight hits. Eric Phillips hammered a grand-slam and finished with five RBIs to lead the assault. Other contributors included Bill Coyle with five hits, Jon Thomas (four

hits, 5 RBIs), Dave Manzello (four hits), Joe Lazzarotti (four RBIs), Mike Schwab (three hits), Matt Evangelista (three RBIs), and Carl Parker and Ed Caster (two RBIs each).

Doug Aksimit blasted a three-run triple in the third inning and finished with five runs driven in to lead DaVinci's. Wayne Bombaci added four hits, Ed Adrian had three hits and two RBIs, and Tom Polston also knocked in two runs.

### **Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

#### **Nacho Mama's    14**

#### **Speakeasy    13**

Nacho Mama's opened up an 11-7 lead after six innings but Speakeasy put together a five-run seventh highlighted by a two-run single by Mark Whealy which gave Speakeasy a 12-11 lead. After Nacho's tied the game on a run scoring hit by Ken Polarek, Dave O'Brien put Speakeasy back on top with a run scoring single in the top of the ninth inning. But Nacho's answered with two of their own on another run scoring hit by Polarek and then the game winner on an RBI single by Eric Jeanotte.

Polarek finished the game with three RBIs, Paul Nussbaum, Ed Seery, and Enrique Cuevas contributed three hits, and Brett Bartholomaeus added a triple. Nussbaum, Dean Stone, and Dick Nemmers drove in two runs each for Nacho's.

Speakeasy was led by Whealy, O'Brien, and Joe Rocco who each had three knocks. Lou Marinaccio and Tom Vander Aarde pitched in with two RBIs apiece.

#### **Dolphin Tiki    20**

#### **DaVinci's    5**

Dolphin Tiki continued their assault on the rest of the Island Division with a dominating victory over DaVinci's in a game called after seven innings due to the mercy rule. This gave the Tiki their tenth consecutive win of the season after an opening day loss.

Scott Golan with five RBIs and Sal Tidona with four hits and four RBIs led the Tiki attack. Dave Johnson chipped in with three hits and Bob Masulis blasted a triple and knocked in two to support the cause.

Bill Thompson drove in two runs and Gary Revall tripled for DaVinci's, as another defensive gem by Tiki limited DaVinci's to thirteen hits.

#### **Salty Dog    14**

#### **Verdi's    11**

Salty Dog broke an 11-all tie with three runs in the top of the ninth and then held Verdi's scoreless in the bottom half to eke out the win and send Verdi's home with another heartbreaking loss.

Brian Alexander singled home the tie-breaking run in the ninth and Manager Mike Schwab then singled in two insurance runs to provide the Dog with the final margin of victory. Alexander had a big day with a three-run home run and finished with three hits and five RBIs. He had plenty of help from Jerry Shovan (five hits), Matt Evangelista (three hits including a home run and triple and three RBIs), Bill Coyle and Jon Thomas (three hits each), and Schwab (three RBIs).

Dave Koch and Nick Jacullo led Verdi's with four hits apiece, and Mike Reale had three including a double and triple. Koch, Reale, Matt Minik, and Manager Gary Grefer all plated two runs in the loss.

### **MARCO DIVISION**

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Snook Inn 15**

**Sand Bar 9**

Snook Inn used three five run innings as it rallied from an early four run deficit to defeat Sand Bar in a back-and-forth battle of Marco Division leaders.

Snook pitcher Jim George keyed a Green and White fourth inning rally with a triple, good for three RBIs, helping Snook take a 5-4 lead. Down by three runs in the sixth inning, Sand Bar crawled back when John Gross stroked a solo HR to rightfield, part of a three RBI day for him, cutting the Bar's deficit to 10-8. But Snook answered immediately in the bottom of the inning.

Snook used seven hits, the key blow being Jim Dorey's line drive double, plating three runs, capping a four RBI day for Dorey and icing the win for Snook's. Karl Kann also contributed two RBIs to the Snook attack.

In addition to Gross' three RBIs, Gary Young belted a triple for Sand Bar while scoring two runs.

**Sami's 23**

**Brewery 10**

Sami's bats were booming, as it banged out 26 hits as a team while scoring in every inning enroute to a commanding win over Brewery.

The White and Red had plenty of hitting stars. George Giacobbi went four for four with six RBIs which included a two run HR. First baseman Ray Capella also had four hits and three RBIs while leadoff hitter Doug Stang had three hits and three

RBI's. Other Sami's contributors included Tom Whitlock and Randy Wesolowski with three hits each while Phil Holmes and Dean Leffleman each had two RBIs.

Brewery Manager Jim Vitas and Mike Sweeney led the Brew Crew attack with three hits each while shortstop Jon Wiseman had three RBIs. Murph Knapke and Randy Morrison each drove in two runs for Brewery.

### **Joey's Pizza 17**

### **Stonewalls 7**

Joey's banged out 23 hits as a team as its balanced offensive attack wore down Stonewalls, enabling the Pizza Men to claim their sixth win of the season.

Joey's third baseman Robert Stried had three hits and three RBIs; Tim McKenna, who started the game on the mound, drove in three runs, two of which rode home on his single, part of a second inning explosion that saw Joey's jump to a 9-3 lead. Other hitting stars for Joey's included Howie Reitz and Chuck Stathopoulos (two RBIs); manager Todd Whitney (three hits and an RBI) and leadoff man Paul Sullivan (three hits).

For Stonewalls, rookie outfielder Ed Boyle had two RBIs courtesy of a line drive single to left that plated two in the third inning as Stonewalls cut its deficit to 9-6. However, Joey's pulled away from the Orange and Black by scoring eight runs in the next four innings to seal the win.

### **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

### **Joey's Pizza 9**

### **Brewery 8**

Robert Stried clobbered a home run and Matt Lewis and Tim McKenna tripled to lead Joey's Pizza to the win over the Brewery. After trailing for most the game, Joey's pushed across three runs in the fifth inning on run-scoring hits by Lewis, Chuck Stathopoulos, and Gary Swink to take a 6-5 lead that they never relinquished. Howie Reitz pushed across two runs for Joey's.

Jon Wiseman slashed three hits, Mark Waks tripled and knocked in two runs, and Murph Knapke also had two RBIs for the Brewery.

### **Sandbar 14**

### **Sami's 13**

Jack Facciolo smacked a base hit that scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning as Sandbar walked off with the victory over Sami's. Earlier, Jerry Engel and John Gross both slammed three-run extra base hits to break a 5-all tie and combined to knock in nine runs for the game. Engel finished with three hits and five RBIs and Gross had three hits including a triple and four RBIs. Larry Locks also contributed a triple for the winners.

Sami's, who scored four times in the top of the seventh inning to tie the game at 13, were led by Ed Kingsbury, Tom Whitlock, and John Rysak with three hits apiece. Brian Craig, Mario Lucca, Phil Holmes, and Dick Carson all drove in two runs, and Randy Wesolowski tripled in a run for Sami's.

**Snook Inn 8**

**Stonewalls 6**

Snook Inn used a five-run third inning to take an early lead and then withstood a late rally by Stonewall's to claim their fifth consecutive victory and remain in first place. Key hits in the decisive third inning were run scoring hits by Jim Dorey, Jim George, and Geoff Bentley, and a two-run single by Karl Kann. Dorey and Kann both finished with three hits and two RBIs for Snook.

Manager George Lancaster continued his hot hitting with a three-run home run for Stonewall's.

**GULF COAST DIVISION**

**Wednesday, February 7th, 2024**

**American Legion 12**

**Oyster Society 11**

Oyster Society's Rich Klein was the spotlight hitter with two home runs (including a grand slam) and six RBI's, but American Legion's Al Bozzo stole the show with a game winning walk off single, as Legion rallied to win.

Klein's line drive to centerfield resulted in a grand slam (plating four runs) helping Oyster take a 7-3 lead in the fifth inning. But Klein wasn't finished with the big flies.

With Legion leading 10-9 in the seventh inning, Klein lined a two run HR to rightfield, giving Oyster an 11-10 lead. But American Legion stormed right back.

Legion's Mike Corless tied the game at 11 with an infield single, scoring manager Mike Arnold, who had two RBIs on the day. That brought up Bozzo, whose flyball single to left scored the winning run, igniting a Legion dugout celebration. Rick Herzog also contributed to American Legion's offense with three RBIs.

Other hitting stars for Oyster Society included John Klebauskus (three hits) and Nick Kopley (three hits) which included a triple.

**Crazy Flamingo 14**

**Doreen's 3**

Crazy Flamingo remained undefeated, steamrolling Doreen's for its ninth straight win (9-0) and furthering its grip on first place.

Crazy's Brian Bergman led the Birds attack with three hits and five RBIs which included a first inning triple that plated one run. Support came from Crazy teammates Alan Schneider who had three RBIs and Ray Niemeyer with two RBIs. Meanwhile, Crazy Birds pitcher Jim Battye helped his own cause with three hits while earning the W on the mound.

For Doreen's, Steve Risch led the offense with three hits while Frank Caso chipped in with two RBIs.

### **Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Doreen's**     17

**American Legion**   10

Doreen's opened up a commanding 9-1 lead after three innings and continued to tack on insurance runs en route to a convincing win over the American Legion.

There was no shortage of hitting stars for Doreen's including Rick Condle (four hits), Joe Barry (three hits including a three-run homer), Bruce Borden (three hits with a triple and two RBIs), Steve Risch (three hits), and Gary Badger, John Robichaud, and Jerry Lenhoff (two RBIs each).

Rick Herzog and Andy Pressler hammered home runs for the Legion, with each knocking in two runs. Mike Corless had three hits and John Barrett added a triple in the loss.

### **ISLAND DIVISION STANDINGS**

	<b><u>Wins</u></b>	<b><u>Losses</u></b>
Dolphin Tiki	10	1
Nacho Mama's	7	4
DaVinci's	5	7
Speakeasy	5	7
Salty Dog	4	7
Verdi's	3	8

### **MARCO DIVISION STANDINGS**

	<b><u>Wins</u></b>	<b><u>Losses</u></b>
Snook Inn	9	3
Sandbar	7	5
Joey's Pizza	7	5
Brewery	5	6
Sami's	5	7

Stonewall's	2	9
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Crazy Flamingo	9	0
Oyster Society	6	3
American Legion	4	8
Doreen's	2	10