# Marco Island Senior Softball Results As of February 16<sup>th</sup> 2024

# **ISLAND DIVISION**

# Tuesday February 13th 2024

### Dolphin Tiki 12

Verdi's put up an early lead and hung close as they trailed 9-8 after scoring twice in the top of the eighth inning, but Dolphin Tiki added three insurance runs in the bottom half to secure the victory and run their win streak to eleven games.

Verdi's

Mike Faria had the big blow in the eighth for the Tiki with a clutch two-out two-run single that made the score 12-8. Faria finished with a three hit, three RBI day. He had hitting support from Tom DeAngelo with three RBIs, Dan Gulick with three hits, and Scott Golan and Chris Flynn who both blasted triples.

Dave Koch and Nick Jacullo led Verdi's with three hits each, Matt Minik tripled, and John Kelly drove in a pair of runs in the well-played contest.

# Salty Dog 21 Speakeasy 15

Salty Dog finished the game strong, scoring five runs in each of the last three innings to outlast Speakeasy in this high-scoring affair. Both teams pounded the ball as they combined for forty-eight hits in the contest.

Bill Coyle, Carl Parker, Mike Gerace, Eric Phillips, and Dan Marinelli paced the attack for the Dogs with three hits apiece. Gerace, Phillips, Mike Schwab, Jon Thomas, and Brian Alexander all knocked in two runs, with Phillips and Alexander hammering triples.

Joe Rocco continued his hot hitting with four hits, and Jeff Robinson also collected four hits for Speakeasy. Craig Cunningham plated three runs, and Robinson, Mark Whealy, and Lou Marinaccio each had two. Mike Compton contributed a triple to the cause.

# Nacho Mama's 23 <u>DaVinci's</u> 19

This was another slugfest with both teams coming out of the gates swinging as Nacho's led 17-13 after four innings. DaVinci's claimed the lead for the first time after a five-run sixth, 19-18, with all runs scoring after two outs. The scoring settled down until the ninth inning when Brett Bartholomaus drove in the tying run for Nacho's with a base hit, and after holding DaVinci's scoreless in the bottom

half, the game went into extra innings. Nacho's pushed across four runs in the tenth, the big hit being a two-run single by Mike Shone, with a third run scoring on an error on the play. DaVinci's went quietly in their half and Nacho's celebrated the hard-fought victory.

Shone also homered earlier in the game as part of his three-hit, four RBI effort for Nacho's. He got plenty of support from Ken Polarek (three hits, three RBIs), Paul Nussbaum and Jim O'Toole (three RBIs each), and Ed Seery (two RBIs).

Big Doug Aksimit had a big day for DaVinci's with six runs scoring on his three doubles. Wayne Bombaci, Gary Revall, and Tom Polston all chipped in with three hits, with Bombaci and Revall driving in three runs, and Polston two. Pitcher Art Sinisi also had two RBIs for DaVinci's.

# Thursday February 15th, 2024

## Speakeasy 13

### **Dolphin Tiki** 11

Speakeasy faced a daunting task going up against first-place Dolphin Tiki who was riding an eleven-game winning streak but emerged victorious over the division leaders. The key inning was the seventh when Speakeasy put four runs on the board thanks to a pair of two-run hits by Mark Whealy and Craig Cunningham that extended their lead to 13-6. They then thwarted a late rally attempt by the Tiki to get the win.

Whealy led the offense for Speakeasy with a booming triple and five RBIs for the contest. Lou Marinaccio, Joe Rocco, and Mike Compton all contributed three hits to the cause, and Mike Garofalo drove in two runs.

Sal Tidona continued his hot hitting with a single, double, and a three-run home run for the Tiki. Dave Johnson, Tom DeAngelo, and Dave Shultz added three hits each, with Johnson plating two runs in the loss.

#### DaVinci's 18

#### Verdi's 7

DaVinci's broke loose from a 7-7 stalemate scoring eleven unanswered runs in the final four innings to claim the victory over Verdi's.

DaVinci's used a balanced attack where everyone in the lineup had at least one hit. Hitting leaders included Gary Revall, Tom Polston, and Tom Gazzillo with three hits each, along with Art Sinisi who hammered a triple. Gazzillo was responsible for three runs, and Revall, Sinisi, Doug Aksimit, Bill Thompson, and Rick DiStasio all had two.

Dave Koch led Verdi's with three hits, Matt Minik tripled and drove in two runs, and Rod Lashley also had two RBIs in the contest.

#### Salty Dog 19

## Nacho Mama's 8

Salty Dog wasted no time jumping out to an early 10-1 lead and kept piling on eventually increasing the lead to 19-5 en route to a convincing victory over Nacho Mama's. Fine pitching by Salty Dog's Ed Caster and solid defense kept the Nacho Mama's offense off-balance all day.

Hitting stars for the Dog were Brian Alexander and Eric Phillips with four hits apiece, Carl Parker with three hits and three RBIs, Dan Marinelli with three RBIs, and Mike Schwab with two RBIs.

Paul Nussbaum, Ed Seery, Ken Polarek, and Eric Jeanotte all had three hits for Nacho's, with all three of Serry's going for doubles. Dean Stone and Frank Tedesco knocked in two runs in the game.

# Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Verdi's 13

## Nacho Mama's 10

Dave Mayo and Mike Reale pounded the ball for four hits each, three of Reale's being doubles, to lead Verdi's to the win over Nacho Mama's. A five-run sixth inning featuring run scoring hits by Mayo, Reale, Dave Koch, Jeff Robinson, and Nick Jacullo gave Verdi's a commanding 12-2 lead and they withstood a late rally by Nacho's to secure the victory.

Reale, Jacullo, Robinson, and Bob Armstrong all finished with two runs batted in and Todd Rogers pitched in with three hits for Verdi's.

Eric Jeanotte slashed four hits and drove in three runs for Nacho's, Paul Nussbaum contributed three hits, and Frank Tedesco had two RBIs in the contest.

## Salty Dog 14

#### Dolphin Tiki 13

After spending most of the game trailing Dolphin Tiki, Salty Dog pulled even at 12 with a four-run seventh inning highlighted by a two-run single by Bill Coyle. Then in the final inning after the Tiki scored a go-ahead run, the Dog came back one more time with a two-run ninth to win in walk-off fashion.

The hitting stars for the game for the Dog included Dan Marinelli with four hits and two RBIs, Coyle with three hits and three RBIs, Eric Phillips and Ed Caster with three hits each, and Carl Parker with two RBIs. Jerry Shovan hammered a home run for the winners.

Bill Novakovich and Manager Chris Flynn led the Tiki with three hits apiece, and Mike Faria contributed with two runs driven in the gut-wrenching loss.

## MARCO DIVISION

## Monday, February 12th, 2024

## Sami's 21

## Snook Inn 6

Led by shortstop George Giacobbi (three hits and five RBIs) with support from leadoff batter Doug Stang (three RBIs) and first baseman Ray Capella (three RBIs), Sami's blitzed Snook Inn in a game that was ended after five innings due to the mercy rule.

Sami's hot hitting started in the first inning. Capella plated two with a double, pitcher Ed Kingsbury tripled to score another run and Giacobbi doubled in one more, good for a quick 4-0 Sami's lead. The White and Red's hot hitting continued in the second inning when Stang capped a five-run outburst with a two run double, upping Sami's lead to 9-0.

Snook's Dan Dumbault led the Inn offense with two RBIs, courtesy of a two run double in the second inning. But Sami's offensive onslaught continued thanks in part to Giacobbi, who plated four runs with singles in the third and fourth innings, sparking Sami's to a 19-6 lead. Randy Wesolowski also contributed to Sami's offense with three hits and two RBIs.

#### Brewery 17

# Stonewalls 1

Brewery's Jon Wiseman's three run home run and Mark Waks' three run triple were among a bevy of hitting highlights as the Brew Crew overwhelmed Stonewalls in a game called due to the mercy rule.

Following a five-run outburst in Brewery's first at bat, Wiseman drilled a line drive three home run to rightfield, good for a 9-0 Brewery lead in the second inning, part of Wiseman's four RBI day. Brewery continued its hitting rampage in the third inning, thanks to a run scoring double by Ray Kane (two RBIs) and an RBI single by pitcher Jim Cuevas (three hits, two RBIs). Waks added to the Brewery onslaught in the fourth inning, plating three runs by smacking a triple, upping Brewery's lead to 16-1. Brewery manager Jim Vitas added to his team's 22 hit attack with three hits and two RBIs.

#### Joey's Pizza 18

## Sand Bar 2

Led by the hitting of manager Todd Whitney (four hits and two RBIs), Robert Stried (three hits and three RBIs), Warren Uhl (three hits and two RBIs), Joey's Pizza moved into second place with the win.

Stried delivered the key hit in a five run third inning for Joey's, bashing a triple that scored two, giving the Pizza Men a 6-0 lead. Joey's stayed on the offensive in the fourth inning. Chuck Stathopoulos (three RBIs) drilled a double for one run, Uhl (three hits, two RBIs) plated two with a single and Whitney singled for another run as Joey's opened a commanding 11-0 lead. Other hitting stars for Joey's included Howie Reitz (three hits and an RBI) as well as Matt Lewis (two RBIs).

### Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

#### Sand Bar 12

## **Brewery** 5

Key hits in a five run sixth inning and error free defense throughout the game sparked Sand Bar in its win over Brewery.

Clinging to a 7-5 lead at the outset of the sixth inning, Sand Bar's John Binns (three hits, two RBIs), singled home one run; Dave Schott drove in his second run of the day with a single; Larry Locks (three hits and three RBIs) drove in one more with a single to center and one batter later, Gary Young (three hits and four RBIs) smacked a single, plating another run. The Sand Men capped the five run, eight hit uprising with an RBI single by Jack Facciolo, good for a 12-5 lead. Sand Bar's defense also was instrumental throughout the game as it turned several would be Brewery hits into outs.

For the Brew Crew, Murph Knapke led the offense with three hits and Jon Wiseman drilled a solo home run in the third inning, plating Brewery's first run of the game.

#### Sami's 10

#### Stonewalls 9

On the strength of its two five run innings, Sami's hung on to win in a game that featured several lead changes.

Trailing 2-0, Sami's erupted for its first five run inning. George Giacobbi (two RBIs) started the rally with a single, tying the game at two. The Sam added three more runs good for a 5-2 lead.

Stonewalls battled back with its own five run inning in the fifth. Jan Grossman (two RBIs) ignited the uprising by lacing a triple and Bob Traver (three hits and two RBIs) smacked a single tying the game at five. The Orange and Black added two more to take a 7-5 lead.

But Sami's answered with another five-run outburst. Keyed by Brian Craig (three hits, two RBIs) whose single scored two, the White and Red added three more runs to take a 10-7 lead. The Sam then withstood a two run seventh inning rally

by Stonewalls that ended on a bases loaded line out. Sami's second baseman Dick Carson contributed to the offense with a three-hit day.

In addition to Traver's three hit day for Stonewalls, manager George Lancaster and Ed Boyle had three knocks each, with Boyle booming a triple, good for two RBIs, in the first inning.

## Joey's Pizza 14

# **Snook Inn 13**

Surging Joey's Pizza won its fifth straight game with a two run seventh inning rally as it outlasted Snook Inn in a battle of Marco Division leaders.

Trailing 13-12 in the bottom of the seventh, Joey's tied the game on sacrifice fly and then walked it off when pitcher Steve Chasin dropped a single to rightfield, scoring Matt Lewis with the winning run, igniting a Joey's victory celebration. In addition to Chasin, there were plenty of hitting stars for Joey's.

Tim McKenna had two hits and three RBIs; substitute Dick Eddy (Stonewalls) had three knocks (including a triple) and two RBIs; Robert Stried smacked three hits while leadoff man Paul Sullivan and manager Todd Whitney each had two RBIs.

For Snook, rookie Don Palmer led their attack with four hits. He had plenty of support as Geoff Bentley, Jim Dorey, Bob Bejnerowicz, and substitute John Binns (Sand Bar) all had two RBIs. Bentley and Dorey each belted RBI triples in the fifth inning as Snook started its rally from a seven-run deficit, culminating when Bejnerowicz doubled home two runs in the top of seventh inning, giving Snook its first and only lead of the game at 13-12.

#### Friday, February 16th, 2024

#### Brewery 19

## **Stonewalls** 6

Using a balanced offensive attack, Brewery scored 12 runs in its final four at bats to pull away and defeat Stonewalls, grabbing its seventh win of the season.

Hitting stars for the Brew Crew started with leadoff man Jon Wiseman (four hits); number two hitter Tom Purtell, three hits and two RBIs, thanks to a line drive triple; and number three batter Mark Waks, who smacked three hits and drove in two, courtesy of a two-run homer. Support came from catcher Gary Menzies who had three hits and two RBIs, his batterymate, pitcher Jim Cuevas who had three hits (including a line drive triple) along with Murph Knapke (four RBIs) and Kevin Smith (three RBIs). The Brew Crew also played sterling defense with no errors, turning several would be Stonewalls hits into outs.

Faced with an early six run deficit, Stonewalls pulled within 7-5 in the third inning, sparked by sub Howie Reitz (Joey's Pizza), who drilled a two run double to start the Orange and Black rally.

# **GULF COAST DIVISION**

## Monday, February 12th, 2024

#### Doreen's 15

Oyster Society 10

Doreen's was clinging to a precarious one-run lead when they erupted for five runs in the sixth inning and hung on from there to claim the win over the Oyster Society.

Nick Lordi had the big bat for Doreen's with four RBIs, three of them scoring on a bases loaded double that gave Doreen's a 6-5 lead that they never relinquished. Lordi had help from John Robichaud who had three hits, Frank Caso who tripled, and Gary Badger who plated two runs. Doreen's also exhibited patience at the plate amassing twelve walks in the game.

Nick Kopley blasted two home runs for the Oystermen, finishing the game with three hits and four RBIs. Bobby Smith and John Klebauskus each knocked in two runs in the loss.

#### American Legion 18

Crazy Flamingo 3

American Legion jumped out of the gate with five first inning runs and never let up as they dealt Crazy Flamingo its first loss of the season.

The hitting leaders for the Legion were John Barrett with four hits and two RBIs, Andy Pressler (three hits, four RBIs), Al Bozzo (three hits), Rick Herzog (three RBIs), and Joe Kruse (two-run triple).

Joe Barry homered and Brian Bergman tripled to lead Crazy Flamingo. But it was not nearly enough as Legion pitcher Larry Anspach tamed the potent Crazy Flamingo offense, holding them to seven hits and no walks.

# Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

#### Doreen's 19

**American Legion** 16

Doreen's scored ten runs in the first two innings and opened up a 14-4 lead in the middle of the fifth inning before American Legion scored ten unanswered runs to tie the game at 14 after six innings. Doreen's was not done though, pushing across five runs in the seventh inning which was more than enough to claim the hard-earned win over the Legion.

Cleanup hitter Frank Caso wielded the big stick for Doreen's with two singles, a double, a home run and five RBIs in the contest. Gary Badger assisted with four hits and three RBIs, while John Robichaud had three hits and three RBIs, Bruce Borden added three hits, Rich Larkin plated three runs, and Jerry Kratz two.

The Legion wasted a strong effort from John Barrett who pounded out four hits, including a double and a pair of triples along with five RBIs. Dick Folsom also had four hits including a triple and three RBIs and Joe Kruse added three hits to the cause. Rick Herzog and Andy Pressler both plated a pair of runs and pitcher Larry Anspach tripled for the Legion.

#### Oyster Society 14

# Crazy Flamingo 13

It was a nip-and-tuck affair throughout with Crazy Flamingo's taking an 11-10 lead in the sixth inning on a three-run home run by Joe Barry. Oyster Society reclaimed the lead in the seventh when four runs crossed the plate highlighted by a two-run double by Manager Roger Fleming. Trailing by three runs in the bottom of the seventh, Crazy Flamingo mounted a final comeback attempt scoring twice but falling short by one run.

The Oystermen were led by John Klebauskus, Rich Klein, Nick Kopley, and Bobby Smith all with three hits, Paul Glynn with three RBIs, and Klein, Fleming, and Paul Womack with two runs driven in each.

Brian Maguire, Nick Brooks, and Brian Bergman led Crazy's with three hits apiece, and Bergman drove home three runs in the defeat.

# Friday, February 16th, 2024

#### Oyster Society 13

#### Crazy Flamingo 10

In the completion of a suspended game where Crazy Flamingo led the Oyster Society 10-9 in the middle of the sixth inning, the Oystermen scored four times in the bottom of the inning to prevail over the Crazy Birds. The big blow in the decisive sixth was a two-run triple by Manager Roger Fleming that gave the Oystermen the lead 12-10.

Fleming and Rich Klein knocked in three runs for the game and Nick Kopley added three hits to lead the Oyster Society.

Brian Maguire blasted a two-run home run and finished the game with three RBIs. Ray Niemeyer contributed two RBIs for Crazy's.

In another completion of a suspended game where Crazy Flamingo and the Oyster Society were knotted at 12 at the end of the seventh inning, the Oystermen pushed across three runs in the top of the eighth inning and then hung on as Crazy Flamingo left the tying and winning runs on base.

Don Mandetta crushed a clutch two-run home run in the eighth inning for the Oystermen and finished the game with three hits and three RBIs. Nick Kopley also had a big day with four hits including a triple and four RBIs. Paul Glynn and Paul Womack chipped in with two RBIs each for the winners.

Crazy Flamingo hitting leaders included Barry Neale and Brian Maguire with four hits each, Brian Bergman with a booming home run among three hits and two RBIs, Nick Brooks with three hits, and Ray Niemeyer with three RBIs.

### **Crazy Flamingo** 21

Verdi's

Oyster Society 20

In the third game of the day between the division leaders, Crazy Flamingo came out on top this time thanks to a four-run seventh inning that was enough to secure the hard-fought win over the Oyster Society.

Speedster Joe Barry had a big day for Crazy's with a triple, home run, and three RBIs. Barry was supported by Manager Mick Keller who had three hits and three RBIs, Barry Neale with three hits, Nick Brooks with two RBIs, and Gary Badger with a triple and two RBIs.

Bobby Smith blasted a two-run home run among his three hits and five runs knocked in to lead the Oystermen. John Klebauskus pounded out four hits including two doubles and a triple and drove in two runs in the game. Bill Kayhart also had four hits, Paul Glynn added three hits and three RBIs, Don Mandetta tripled and had two RBIs, Roger Fleming had three hits, and Nick Kopley plated two runs.

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| ISLAND DIVISION STANDINGS | <u>Wins</u> | Losses |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Dolphin Tiki              | 11          | 3      |
| Nacho Mama's              | 8           | 6      |
| Salty Dog                 | 7           | 7      |
| Speakeasy                 | 6           | 8      |
| DaVinci's                 | 6           | 8      |

| MARCO DIVISION STANDINGS   | <u>Wins</u>                | Losses                 |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Joey's Pizza<br>Snook Inn<br>Sandbar<br>Sami's<br>Brewery<br>Stonewall's | 9<br>9<br>8<br>7<br>7<br>2 | 5<br>6<br>7<br>7<br>12 |
| GULF COAST DIVISION STANDINGS  | <u>Wins</u>                | Losses                 |
| Crazy Flamingo<br>Oyster Society<br>American Legion<br>Doreen's          | 10<br>9<br>5<br>4          | 4<br>5<br>9<br>10      |