

Marco Island Senior Softball Results
As of February 23rd 2024

ISLAND DIVISION

Tuesday February 20th, 2024

DaVinci's 20

Speakeasy 16

In a game of momentum swings, DaVinci's held the upper hand most of the way and came out on top to defeat Speakeasy. After two early runs by Speakeasy, DaVinci's scored eleven unanswered runs to seemingly take control of the contest. Speakeasy fought back, scoring seven straight runs to cut the lead to 11-9. But DaVinci's took control again, pushing across nine of the next ten runs to increase the lead to 20-10. Speakeasy tried to rally once again but a six run ninth was not enough to overcome the large deficit.

DaVinci's hitters pounded the ball throughout the game, finishing with 31 hits. The hitting stars included Doug Aksimit (four hits, four RBIs), Gary Revall and Bill Thompson (four hits, three RBIs each), John Haskins (three hits, three RBIs), and Wayne Bombaci, Rick DiStasio, and Tom Gazzillo (three hits apiece).

Speakeasy had plenty of hitting stars as well, including Jeff Robinson and Mark Whealy with three hits and three RBIs each, Joe Rocco who crushed a triple among his three hits, and Craig Cunningham and Mike Compton who also had three knocks. Lou Marinaccio, Mike Garofalo, and Tom Vander Aarde all contributed two RBIs in the game.

Dolphin Tiki 16

Salty Dog 8

Dolphin Tiki spotted the Salty Dog a 7-3 lead after five innings before coming to life in the sixth. Once they did, the Tiki never let up as they pulled away and handily defeated the Salty Dog.

Scott Golan was the catalyst in both of Tiki's five-run innings as he finished with four hits, three of them doubles. Bob Masulis doubled, tripled, and knocked in three runs, and Sal Tidona also had three RBIs on a pair of doubles. Dan Gulick contributed three hits to the cause for the winners.

Jon Thomas slashed three hits and Manager Mike Schwab tripled in two runs for the Dog who saw their five-game win streak snapped.

Nacho Mama's 18**Verdi's 12**

Ed Seery and Jim O'Toole had big days at the plate leading Nacho Mama's to the victory over Verdi's. Seery blasted a home run, added two doubles, and plated three runs, and O'Toole pounded out four hits including two doubles and drove in three runs. Support was provided by Paul Nussbaum, Dean Stone, and Bill Coyle who each had three hits, Mike Shone and Frank Tedesco who each had three RBIs, and Eric Jeanotte who contributed two.

Verdi's was led by Dave Mayo with four hits and Matt Minik and Rod Lashley who each had three. Lashley knocked in three runs, and Dave Koch, Nick Jacullo, and John Kelly two each. Kelly hammered a pair of triples in the contest.

Thursday February 22nd, 2024**Dolphin Tiki 15****Nacho Mama's 1**

Dolphin Tiki used a combination of fine pitching, stellar defense, and explosive hitting to convincingly defeat Nacho Mama's, thereby clinching the Island Division Regular Season Championship. The game was close until the fourth inning, when the Tiki offense came to life and scored fifteen unanswered runs to turn it into a blowout.

Tiki Shortstop Dave Johnson hammered a bases-loaded triple in the eighth inning to end any hopes of Nacho's mounting a comeback. Johnson finished the game with four RBIs, Sal Tidona contributed three, and Scott Golan and Bob Masulis each had two. Tidona, Dan Harrar, and Manager Chris Flynn all had three hits, and Golan smashed a triple for the champs.

Paul Nussbaum stroked three hits to lead Nacho's, as they were limited by pitcher John Nicholas and nearly flawless defense by the Tiki to ten hits.

Verdi's 19**Speakeasy 11**

Verdi's Dave Koch accomplished a rare feat, hitting for the cycle to lead an impressive offensive attack that included 28 hits, 10 for extra bases, as they soundly defeated Speakeasy.

Ed Seery and Nick Jacullo also homered for Verdi's and Todd Rogers added a triple. Seery drove in five runs, Koch and Jacullo three each, and Rogers and Eric Jeanotte two apiece. Jacullo, Dave Mayo, John Kelly, and Rod Lashley all contributed to the hit parade with three base knocks each.

Mike Compton plated a pair of runs on two hits and finished the game with three hits, and Mike Garofalo and Glenn Davis also had three hits each for Speakeasy.

Salty Dog 21

DaVinci's 4

Salty Dog put it all together in this one, as they scored 20 unanswered runs at one point, on their way to a dominant victory over shell-shocked DaVinci's in a game ended after seven innings due to the mercy rule.

Brian Alexander, Jon Thomas, and Matt Evangelista all clobbered two-run home runs for the Dog. Alexander finished the game with four hits and four RBIs, Thomas had three hits and four RBIs, Carl Parker, and Ed Caster both had three hits and two RBIs, Eric Phillips added three hits, and Mike Schwab plated three runs for the winners.

The usually potent DaVinci's offense was limited to eleven hits by Salty Dog pitcher Ed Caster and solid defense throughout the contest.

MARCO DIVISION

Wednesday, February 21st, 2024

Sand Bar 8

Sami's 7

Sparked by Jon Krebs two run home run in the first inning, Sand Bar rolled to an eventual six run lead after five innings and then withstood a late Sami's rally to earn its ninth win and a tie for second place.

Krebs had support from teammates John Gross (three hits including a triple) and Mitch Eil (two RBIs on a single that upped the Sand Men's lead to 5-2 in the fourth inning) as well as leftfielder Dave Schott who smacked a triple.

Sami's pitcher Ed Kingsbury led the offense with three hits. Trailing 8-2 in the bottom of the seventh inning, Sami's offense ignited for five runs. Tom Whitlock (two RBIs) lined a single, scoring two, cutting Sami's deficit to 8-5. Dean Leffleman (two RBIs) scored two more with another single, getting Sami's within one at 8-7. However, Sand Bar got the final out to seal the win in the low scoring affair.

Joey's Pizza 15

Brewery 11

Red hot Joey's Pizza won its sixth straight game and moved into first place, thanks in part to a seven-run surge in the game's first two innings.

Joey's Howie Reitz (three hits, four RBIs) sparked the two-inning uprising with a two-run single in the first inning and then capped the outburst in the second inning with a run scoring single, giving Joey's a 7-0 lead. Other hitting stars for Joey's included Chuck Stathopoulos (three hits) as well as Steve Levesque, Tim

McKenna, Gary Swank, and pitcher Steve Chasin, who each had two RBIs. Chasin's day at the plate included a run scoring triple.

For Brewery, Gary Menzies led the attack with three hits and two RBIs. Support came from Mark Waks, who had two RBIs courtesy of a sixth inning triple as well as Joe Logisz and Paul Shelton, who each drove in two runs.

Stonewalls 23

Snook Inn 9

Stonewalls dormant offense erupted as the Orange and Black pounded out 32 hits while scoring 17 runs in the final four innings to put away Snook Inn.

The hitting stars for Stonewalls were in abundance, led by outfielder Tom Breslin (five hits- including a triple- and four RBIs); shortstop Jim Baumann (four hits, three RBIs); Pete Oellrich (three hits and three RBIs including a triple); Jan Grossman (three hits, two RBIs); Dave Korte (three hits, two RBIs); manager George Lancaster (three hits and two RBIs); Ed Boyle (three hits, two RBIs); Dick Eddy (three hits); John Sherwin (two RBIs one of which came on a triple) and sub Larry Locks (Sand Bar) who belted a two run home run.

Snook Inn was led by shortstop Jim Dorey, who had three hits (including a triple) and five RBIs and Karl Kann who boomed a two-run home run, good for the Snook's first two runs of the game.

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Snook Inn 19

Brewery 12

Sparked by a 14-run explosion early in the game, Snook Inn stayed in the hunt for first place with a much-needed win.

With the game tied at 5-5 in the second inning, Karl Kann blasted a triple, plating three runs, part of a four RBI day for Kann, giving Snook an 8-5 lead. In the third inning, Snook's Steve Friend sparked the next surge when he smacked a triple and scored on a throwing error, good for a 9-5 lead that eventually ballooned to 12-5. It was more of the same in the fourth inning for Snook.

Kann doubled in one run, Jim George, who had three RBIs, singled in two more and Friend lined a two-run home run, capping the three inning 14 run outburst and giving Snook a 17-5 advantage. Snook's other hitting stars included Jim Dorey, Dan Dumbault and Bob Bejnerowicz, who had three knocks each while Chuck McAlpine chipped in with two RBIs.

Brewery's Tom Purtell paced the offense by driving in three runs. Support came from Kevin Smith (three hits and two RBI); Mike Sweeney (two RBIs); Jon

Wiseman and Ray Kane (three hits apiece with each belting a triple) while Mark Waks and Joe Logisz each contributed three hits.

Sand Bar 22

Stonewalls 7

Scoring in every inning and amassing 28 hits, Sand Bar blitzed Stonewalls in a game ended by the mercy rule.

Jon Krebs and Larry Locks led the Sand Men with four hits and three RBIs each. Contributors included Mitch Eil (three hits and four RBIs); Bobby Williams (three hits which included a leadoff home run in the first inning and three RBIs); John Binns (three hits, two RBIs) and John Gross (three hits). The win enabled Sand Bar to stay in the thick of the race for first place with a 10-6 record.

Dick Eddy and Ed Boyle led the Stonewalls offense with two RBIs each, with Eddy belting an RBI triple in the third inning.

GULF COAST DIVISION

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American Legion 14

Crazy Flamingo 13

After several lead changes early in the game, the American Legion and Crazy Flamingo were deadlocked at 11 going into the sixth inning. Both teams went scoreless in the sixth, then Crazy's pushed two runs across in the top of the seventh on run-scoring singles by Nick Brooks and Alan Schneider. The Legion was not done as they answered with three in the bottom of the seventh, two on a booming home run by Rick Herzog, with the game winner crossing the plate on a grounder by Mike Corless.

Corless had a big day for the Legion, knocking in five runs in the contest. Herzog finished with three hits and three RBIs, Manager Mike Arnold contributed four hits, and pitcher Larry Anspach plated two runs for the winners.

Barry Neale had a perfect four-for-four day to lead the Crazy Flamingo attack. Schneider had three hits and four RBIs, Brooks had three hits and two RBIs, Brian Maguire drove in a couple of runs, and Brian Bergman hammered a triple in a losing cause.

Oyster Society 15

Doreen's 11

Manager Roger Fleming clobbered a two-run home run as part of a three hit, three RBI day to lead the Oyster Society to the win over Doreen's. A four-run seventh inning provided the Oyster Society with the cushion they needed to withstand a late rally attempt by Doreen's in the bottom half of the inning.

Fleming had plenty of help from Paul Glynn with four hits and two RBIs, Rich Klein, and Nick Kopley who both had three hits and two RBIs, and Don Mandetta who knocked in three runs for the Oystermen.

Frank Caso singled, doubled, tripled, and drove in five runs, and Steve Risch added two RBIs to lead the Doreen's offense.

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Crazy Flamingo 14

Doreen's 10

Joe Barry and Brian Maguire blasted home runs to lead Crazy Flamingo's to the win over Doreen's in a well-played contest for both teams. Crazy's scored four insurance runs in the sixth inning which provided the margin of victory.

Barry and Nick Brooks each finished the game with three hits and two RBIs, and Jim O'Meara also had three hits for the Crazy Birds. Maguire and Alan Schneider added two RBIs apiece to help the cause.

Doreen's was led by Frank Caso, Gregg (Mombo) Graycarek, Bruce Borden, and Dick Folsom who all smacked the ball for three hits. Jerry Kratz drove in three runs, and Caso and Nick Lordi each plated a pair.

American Legion 7

Oyster Society 1

American Legion pitcher Larry Anspach together with air-tight defense, completely stymied the Oyster Society hitters as they were limited to nine hits for the game, all singles. The Legion did most of their scoring in one inning – a four-run fourth. Run scoring singles by Andy Pressler, Rick Herzog, and Manager Mike Arnold highlighted the outburst which proved to be more than enough to defeat the Oyster Society.

Herzog and Arnold finished the game with two runs driven in each for the Legion. Don Mandetta was the lone bright spot for the Oyster Society with three hits for the game.

ISLAND DIVISION STANDINGS

	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Dolphin Tiki (*)	13	3
Nacho Mama's	9	7
Salty Dog	8	8
DaVinci's	7	9
Speakeasy	6	10
Verdi's	5	11

* - clinched division title

<u>MARCO DIVISION STANDINGS</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Joey's Pizza	10	5
Snook Inn	10	6
Sandbar	10	6
Sami's	7	8
Brewery	7	9
Stonewall's	3	13

<u>GULF COAST DIVISION STANDINGS</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
Crazy Flamingo	11	5
Oyster Society	10	6
American Legion	7	9
Doreen's	4	12