

GOLDEN SENIORS NIGHT LEAGUES OPEN 2011 PLAYOFFS

Congratulations to REMAX, NorCal Jackets and East Lawn for capturing top-seed playoff positions with first-place finishes in their respective night leagues. In the case of East Lawn Inc. in L-4 (Wednesday nights) a second tie-breaker of runs scored was used as 9th & X Self Storage also finished the season 11-7 and the teams split four games during the season.

Scores of the four games were 9th & X winning 13-6 on April 6 and 16-10 on June 22; East Lawn winning 19-5 on May 11 and 17-16 on Aug. 3. East Lawn was ahead by only two runs! In the regular season final night on Aug. 24, East Lawn edged Executive Limousine 16-15, while 9th&X breezed by Bertolucci's 17-6.

Golden Seniors playoffs were set to begin for the night leagues on Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1, with seedings set from final regular season standings through games of the week of Aug. 23-24-25. The top two seeds in each league earned first-round byes and home-team advantages over lower seeds in each six-team league.

League championship games are scheduled for Saturday morning, Sept. 24, at Howe Park (not the Complex) in conjunction with the club's annual picnic. As announced by Club Commissioner Bruce Gilmore, 8 a.m. games will be L-4 (South Field) and L-2 (North Field); 9:30 games L-3 (South Field) and L-1 (North Field) and 11 a.m. L-5 (South Field) and L-6 (North Field). Gilmore said this schedule takes into account the greatest number of multiple-league player conflicts and puts the night leagues on the field with the longest distance to the fence.

The L-4 bracket: Game 1 on Aug. 31 at 6:30, third-place Bertolucci's (9-9) vs. sixth-place C&C Plumbing (6-11-1), followed by fifth-place Cottonwood Estates (8-10) vs. fourth-place Executive Limousine (8-9-1). The two losers of these games play an elimination game at 9 p.m. On Sept. 7, the winner of Game 1 plays 9th&X with the winner of Game 2 playing East Lawn, followed by the loser of the 6:30 game vs. the winner of the late game on Aug. 31.

L-3 (Tuesday night) final standings: RE/MAX 12-4-1; Silver Cats 10-7; Old Hornets 9-7-1; Fuddruckers 7-9-1; Geremia Pools 7-10; Livingston Concrete 4-12-1. RE/MAX and Silver Cats drew first-round byes; Old Hornets and Livingston were to meet in the first round, along with Fuddruckers vs. Geremia.

L-5 (Thursday night) final standings: NorCal Jackets (15-4) and Cal Energy (13-6) drew first-round byes. Espanol Italian Restaurant (8-9-2) finished third and was scheduled against sixth-place Overhead Door (4-15) in the first round while fourth-place Reinwald Health and Dental Insurance (8-10-1) was pitted against fifth-place Miller's Munchies (7-11-1). (Note: In possibly unprecedented scoring, Cal Energy edged Espanol 25-24 in their final season game, which was a maxed-out 20-20 tie through four innings. Miller's Munchies took a 19-18 decision over Reinwald. It was a long night for umpire (Tom Bussey) and scorekeeper (Sandy Begg).

While final regular season play had not been concluded at this writing for day leagues 2 and 6 (Tuesdays), Richard H. Will, Attorney had wrapped up first place in L-2 at 12-5 while Harper Properties and Sports Leisure Vacations were tied for second at 10-7.

L-6 was close through Games of Aug. 23, with Better Softball Equipment (11-6) up one game on GSSA and Mark E. White DDS, both at 10-7. Arnold Properties and Auburn Oaks Senior Living were 7-10 and Denny's was 6-11.

(Thanks to scorekeepers Colette Barnes and Sandy Begg for the L-2 thru L-6 information.)

L-1 UPDATE: TWO PLAYOFF SPOTS STILL UP IN THE AIR
From George Hodsdon, L-1 commissioner

With four weeks of regular season (round three) to go, it was too early to predict which team will win Round 3 and which team will get the fourth playoff spot.

In games through Aug. 22, one team was undefeated and two teams had only one loss. In L-1, the winners of each round qualify for the playoffs along with the non-round-winner with the most wins for the season. So far, the winner of Round One is George Langan's Dumont Pest Control and the winner of Round Two is Norm Blackwell's Nielsen Real Estate.

For the playoffs, the winner of Round One will play the team with the most season wins without winning a round. The winner of Round Two will play the winner of Round Three. The two winners go to the League Championship game at the Picnic on Sept. 24.

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