

UCSSL 2023 PLAYOFF RESULTS

50's Divisions

Playoff Rounds for Week Ending August 20, 2023

Quarterfinal Game #1 Douglas VW 17, Rocky's Bar & Grill 2

Quarterfinal Game #2 Douglas VW 11, Rocky's Bar & Grill 8

The Douglas Boys swept Rocky's in this playoff doubleheader winning the first game in 5 innings and then barely holding on to a 7-run lead in the 7th inning in game #2 as the game ended with bases loaded and the winning run at the plate. The Barmen, who hadn't played a game in 3 ½ weeks started off stale in game #1, taking 5 innings to record a pair of runs in the loss as the VW crew maximized their bats and gloves in the win. On the night, the Douglas offense was led by a red-hot Lou Rivera who went 8 for 8, other big contributors with four hits were Chris Yee (2 doubles and a HR), Steve Steransak (2 doubles), Justin Doyle (2 doubles), Farlan Alusik, Hector Munoz and John Tropeano. The defense was solid most of the night as the VW boys turned 6 double plays. Rich Gaul pitched both games and picked up the wins on the hill. Rocky's offense was led by Bob Howlett (5 for 7), Mike Valicky (5 for 7, 2B), Larry Pacifico (3 for 6, 2-2B), Dave Grandmaison (3 for 6), Jerry Isolda (3 for 5), Lou Mastropasqua (3 for 6) and Frank Mastrocola (3 for 3, 2B).

Suspenders 18, AJ Jersey 2

Suspenders moved one step closer to a 3peat as they advanced to the semi-finals with an 18 to 2 win over AJ Jersey at Memorial 2, sweeping the opening round series. Carl Herman pitched another gem as Nick Meltzer went 3 for 5 (3B, HR) to lead off the game. Tony Taddeo went 4 for 4, Ricky Gregorio went 3 for 4, while six others had 2 hits apiece and everyone contributed hits in the team total of 27 hits for the game.

Semifinal Game #1 Core Fusion Solar 14, Linda's Driftwood Bar & Grill 13

In the opening game of this playoff doubleheader, Linda's jumped out to a 7-0 lead while the Core Fusion

Semifinal Game #2 Core Fusion Solar 20, Linda's Driftwood Bar & Grill 12

In game #2 of this playoff semifinal series, Core Fusion kept the momentum going and jumped out to take an unsurmountable 18-0 lead after 4 ½ innings, as the hitting machine was firing on all cylinders. Linda's valiantly mounted a huge comeback as their bats woke up in the bottom of 5th inning sending 15 batters to plate 11 runs but that turned out not to be enough. For Core Fusion, Jaime "Peloquin" kept up his hot hitting and added an insurance run on a solo blast over the fence at Tremley Field. Raymond "Mayor" hit for the cycle and the rest of the team had multi-hit games including Jaime "Peloquin" with 4 more hits and more stellar defensive play in the outfield. CP, Diego, Nelson (Pacha), Vesina, Jory, El Gringo, El Gato, El Dodger and Osvaldo added clutch hits. Diego had a great game at second base and recorded the final out with a perfect throw to first base. Vesina had another solid game at SS completing a few more double plays showcasing his rocket right arm with some electrifying throws to first. El Mayor and Peloquin had a combined 16 hits in 17 at-bats in the 2 games of the series and both played excellently in the outfield recording catch after catch. CP and El Toro pitched well and played good defense from the mound. Leading the offense for Linda's were Joe Sheridan, a perfect 4 for 4, Lloyd Haymes, Cruz Moctezuma, and Eddie Engram all 3 for 4.

Thirsty Turtle 21, Suspenders 6

Thirsty Turtle 18, Suspenders 11

Suspenders season ended abruptly as they were swept in both games by Thirsty Turtle in this 50's B Division semifinal. In game #1 for Suspenders, Carl Herman went 2 for 3 with two doubles. Bob Dlugusz, Joe Micheal, Greg Herzfeld and Frank Verducci went 2 for 3 in the loss. Game #2 saw Tony Taddeo, Ricky Gregorio, Bob Dlugusz all having a 3 for 4 night in the series final game for Suspenders.

Linwood Tap House/EIS 20, Angry Joe's Apparel/Tad Pools 4

In the first game of this 50's A Division best of three series Linwood convincingly defeated Tad Pools. At the plate for the Tap Men, Mark Grossman and Vinnie Cordaro had 4 hits apiece. Ray Luciano, Al Dente, and Matt Hoynowski had 3 hits each, while Ron Patterson, Erik Dunn, Tim Mulhall, pitcher Mario Fastiggi, Chris Jones and Sammy Infante had two hits in the win.

Angry Joe's Apparel/Tad Pools 11, Linwood Tap House/EIS 9

Linwood Tap House/EIS started the double header on the night hoping to win the series in game #1 on the night but fell short 11 to 9 in the loss. At the plate for the Tap Men Chris Morrison and Tim Mulhall had 3 hits each while Mark Grossman and Vinny Rappa had two hits apiece. Tad Pools knots this playoff series at 1-1.

Linwood Tap House/EIS 11, Angry Joe's Apparel/Tad Pools 10

In the final game #3 of the series, Tap House headed to the bottom of the 7th, down 10 to 6, when the bats came alive to tie the game at 10 to 10 to push the game to extra innings. In the 8th inning, Tap House defense held the Tap Pools scoreless. In the bottom of the frame the Tap Men struck hard and quick, scoring the winning run on three hits to take the game and series victory. At the plate for the Tap Men Ron Patterson and Eric Dunn had 3 hits while Vinny Rappa, Mark Grossman and Chris Morrison had 2 hits apiece.

Douglas VW 10, Phenomenal Boyz 3

Defense, defense and more defense was the story of the night in the opening game of this 50's A Division semifinal series. Douglas led 9-2 after two innings when all bats went silent, but the defense came alive. Stand outs on defense were Mike Hoffmann, Lou Rivera, Pete Abene and Hector Munoz. The offensive star of the night was Justin Doyle who recorded 4 hits and drove in 4 runs. Lou Rivera also reached base safely 3 times in the win.

Playoff Rounds for Week Ending August 27, 2023

Deegan Roofing 18, Linwood Tap House/EIS 14

In game one of the 50's A semi-finals, Linwood jumped out to an early lead, only to see Deegan come back by scoring in every inning to hold on for an 18-14 victory. Damon Roth led the attack with two long home runs and 7 RBI's, Nelson Santiago was a perfect 4-4, while Charlie Collins, Nick Martini and Scott Mugele added 3 hits each. The story of the game was the outfield defense for Deegan who had numerous spectacular plays from Tom Ulichny, Roth, Collins and Santiago to shut down multiple Linwood rallies. At the plate for Linwood Tap House/EIS, Vinny Cordaro (HR), Tim Mulhall and Chris Jones had 3 hits apiece, Vinny Rappa, Matt Hoynowski, Sammy Infante and Erik Dunn had 2 hits apiece while Ron Patterson hit a home run.

Deegan Roofing 28, Linwood Tap House/EIS 11

The Roofers completed the semi-final sweep in a big way by pounding out 38 hits and playing outstanding defense to put an end to Linwood's season. John Deitch pitched a strong game and was a perfect 5 for 5 at the plate. Damon Roth, John Segledi, Mike Juchnik and Scott Mugele (HR) all added 4 hits each. Roc Sarna added 3 doubles and Tom Ulichny added 3 hits and multiple outstanding plays in left field. Linwood Tap House/EIS bats were sparked by Tim Mulhall with 3 hits. Vinny Rappa, Vinny Cordaro and Erik Dunn each contributed 2 hits apiece. Deegan Roofing returns to the finals to renew their rivalry with Douglas VW.

Douglas VW 20, Phenomenal Boyz 17

It was a slug fest between the two teams battling back and forth all night. Leading the offensive attack for Douglas VW, with 3 hits apiece, were Dan Righetti and Justin Doyle. Other big contributors were Lou Rivera who reached base 4 times, Steve Steransak and Chris Yee, while the power was supplied by John Tropeano who hit 2 HR's. Rich Gaul picked up the win on the mound.

Core Fusion Solar 11, Thirsty Turtle - 9

In a hard-fought battle, Core Fusion Solar held on for an 11-9 victory in the opening game of the UCSSL Championship 50's B Division Series. Core Fusion never trailed in the game and jumped out to a 7-2 lead in the 3rd inning when the bats exploded for back-to-back-to-back home runs by Raymond "El Mayor" El Dodger and El Peloquin. In the bottom half of the 7th Thirsty Turtle rallied for 2 runs to get within striking distance. Now trailing by two with 2 runners on base and 2 outs, a routine ground ball to second became an adventure as the throw missed the first baseman, allowing the first runner to score. Thanks to the heads up play by Jory, the Core Fusion Catcher who ran up the first base line to retrieve the overthrow and fire it back to home plate with the pitcher El toro now covering, the final out of the game was recorded. El Mayor led the team with 4 RBI's, while Ozvaldo had 2 triples, an RBI, and 2 runs scored. El Dodger was 3 for 4 with a double, triple and homer. Diego, Jaime Peloquin, Jory, Nelson (Pacha), Ramon, Sean, and Sammi Bulto all had big hits for Core Fusion. The outfield plays of El Dodger, El Mayor, Ozvaldo and Gato kept Core Fusion in front for the entire game.

Core Fusion Solar 11, Thirsty Turtle 10

Core Fusion Solar held off the scrappy hard-hitting Thirsty Turtles 11-10 to sweep the series and capture the UCSSL 50's Division B Championship. The Turtles jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first that would have been more if not for Core Fusion's Right Fielder, Osvaldo's perfect throw to home plate to complete a double play on an attempted score on a sacrifice fly. Core Fusion erupted in the 2nd inning with 6 runs, capped by a deep Raymond "El Mayor" home run. The 7th inning started with Core Fusion leading 11-9. Thirsty Turtle led off with a triple followed by a sac fly to left field where El Dodger who made a diving catch for the out and the gap was narrowed to one run, 11-10. Turtle batters got on base but were left stranded as Core fusion recorded the final two outs for the championship. The stars of the game were Diego (3 for 3, 2RBI's), El Mayor (3 for 4, HR, 3 RBI's), Ramon (3 RBI's) and Nelson who added 3 hits. El Dodger (1 hit, 1 RS) was key on the base paths as a pinch runner, scoring multiple times with aggressive base-running. Congratulations to all the teams for a great season and to Thirsty Turtle for their gritty effort and great sportsmanship throughout the series.

Douglas VW 18, Deegan Roofing 6

In a finals rematch from 2022, Douglas VW took the opening game of this best of three 50's A Championship series over Deegan Roofing 18-6. Clutch hitting and solid defense was the tone of the night for the Douglas VW crew. Steve Steransak, Justin Doyle and Luke Nacca led the offense with 3 hits each while Lou Rivera, Al Genova, Dan Righetti and Pete Abene locked down the defensive efforts. For Deegan, Nick Martini, Damon Roth and Charlie Collins (HR) had two hits each.

Playoff Rounds for Week Ending September 3, 2023

Deegan Roofing 12, Douglas VW 6

In game two of the 50's A division finals, Deegan Roofing bounced back with a strong defensive performance and enough offense to secure the victory in a must win situation. John Deitch pitched an outstanding game and delivered 2 key RBI hits to lead the Roofers. Charlie Collins was a perfect 3-3, and Scott Mugele was 2-2 with an intentional walk and a long home run. Damon Roth, Nelson Santiago and Bone McMahon each added 2 hits apiece. Deegan's defense was critical to the victory as they limited the potent Douglas VW lineup to one run over the final 5 innings. Leading the way for Douglas was Chris Yee with 3 hits, others collecting 2 hits apiece each were Lou Rivera, Al Genova, Luke Nacca and Hector Munoz. John Tropeano hit a home run. This series is tied at 1-1

Deegan Roofing 19, Douglas VW 13

The winner takes all game 3 of the 50A division finals was once again a highly competitive battle between the league's two top teams. Deegan jumped out to an 11-3 lead after three innings behind the strength of numerous clutch 2-out hits. The lead swelled to 17-5 after four when Deegan plated 6 runs in the bottom of the inning. The critical point in the game came in the top of the fifth inning when Douglas had 6 runs in and was mounting a furious comeback with a big opportunity to plate more runs. However, the Deegan defense responded with a critical double play to end the rally. From there, the teams traded a couple of runs each, with Deegan closing it out for the championship victory. Deegan had 28 hits on the night and were led by John Segledi, Scott Mugele (HR) and Nick Martini who were all perfect on the night. Nellie Santiago, Charlie Collins, Roc Sarna, Damon Roth, Nick Mennona, Tom Ulichny and John Deitch all had multiple hits on the night. As was the case throughout their playoff run, the Roofers defense was excellent with numerous clutch plays coming from their infielders and outfielders. The Douglas offense was sparked by Steve Steransak with 4 hits, including 2 home runs, and Al Genova, who also had 4 hits. Other big contributors were Justin Doyle and John Tropeano each with 3 hits, while Chris Yee had a home run in the loss. Congratulations to Deegan Roofing, the UCSSL 50's A Division League and Playoff Champions

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