

Catino League Headlines – Week 10

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The Catino League race ended emphatically as league champions Jeff LeFave Edward Jones Investments swept the second place Insurance Center of Green Valley. LeFave managers Jim Hill and Robert Ruble skillfully led their team in the eventual runaway to the title.

Monday, March 9

Morning Games – Insurance Center of GV and Jeff LeFave Edward Jones

- Game 1 – Jeff LeFave 15, Insurance Center 7
- Game 2 – Jeff LeFave 21, Insurance Center 11

Afternoon Games – Twist & Shout Diner and Animal Care Center of Green Valley

- Game 1 – Twist & Shout 11, Animal Care Ctr 9
- Game 2 – Twist & Shout 23, Animal Care Ctr 18

Wednesday, March 11

Morning Games – Twist & Shout Diner and Quail Creek Country Club

- Game 1 – Quail Creek CC 18, Twist & Shout 16
- Game 2 – Quail Creek CC 16, Twist & Shout 10

Afternoon Games – Insurance Center of GV & Animal Care Center of GV

- Game 1 – Animal Care Ctr 13, Insurance Ctr 12
- Game 2 – Insurance Ctr 10, Animal Care Ctr 7

Catino League – Final Standings

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Team	W	L	RF	RA	PCT	GB	
LeFave Edward Jones	22	6	436	288	.786	-	
Insurance Center of GV	18	12	484	441	.600	5	
Twist & Shout Diner	11	17	391	445	.393	11	
Quail Creek Country Club	11	17	366	449	.393	11	
Animal Care Center of GV	10	20	388	442	.333	13	

The final week of the regular season began with the potential for melodrama in all the games. Monday morning saw league-leading Jeff LeFave Edward Jones perched atop the standings. Their opponents on the day, second place Insurance Center of Green Valley, needed to sweep LeFave and sweep again on Wednesday to tie the Investors. The Agents responded in their own mellow dramatic style by bringing Euros to the table to face the big \$ of Jeff LeFave Edward Jones Investments. Speaking like a Wall Street banker, LeFave manager Jim Hill described the carnage as follows:

Game 1: Today the market opened with the Bull determined to advance to a positive result. The Investors were ready to capitalize in this game by placing run claims on the Insurance Agents. The first Investors to register their claims with perfect hitting were John Houghton, Fred Moultrie, and Robert Ruble. Their claims, added to the total team defense, were quickly settled with the final payout of a 15 to 7 win.



John Houghton was perfect at the plate in the Jeff LeFave Edward Jones Investments win in game one of the doubleheader.

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Game 2: The Bulls were relentless in the day's trading. The Investors continued to pour \$ into players that paid big dividends. They were rewarded with great hitting by Dave Erickson, Alan Mitro, Jack Naughton who hit a triple, and Vic Albertini who contributed a home run. The Insurance Agents were no match for the Investors who strolled to the 21-11 win.



Insurance Center of Green Valley's Norm Brooks smacks a double in the losing effort in today's second contest.

The afternoon games featured another high stakes game with the Twist & Shout Diner facing the Animal Care Center of Green Valley for third place. Things went smoothly for the Shouters. Bobbie the Bard described it with his one-of-a-kind poetry in motion.

*Twisties take two and look real snazzy,
behind the bats of Mark and Chazzy.
That's not all. Want more knowledge?
There were homers by Barry and another by
College.
7 hits for Jerry, two triples by Allard,
combined today to have the Animals
collared.*



Twist & Shout's Donna Harrison keeps the books and Connie Schultz smiles as their team plays very well delivering two wins on the day.

On Wednesday third place was still up for grabs. Quail Creek Country Club needed to win both to tie their opponents Twist & Shout Diner for third. The Flock rose to the occasion by banging out 34 runs on the day to earn the wins 18-16 and 16-10. The Brains-Behind-the-Birds, Jim Reedy, credited a season's best defense along with 6 hits apiece from Terry Emmett and Glenn Yaune and 5 apiece from Bob Udell, Bob Thorne, and Dave Thomas. The surging Birds seem to be peeking just in time for playoffs.



Dave Hyslop of Quail Creek Country Club tees up for a single during game one of the sweep of the Twist & Shout Diner.

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The regular season finale was not without its own importance. The Animal Care Center of Green Valley needed to sweep the Insurance Center of Green Valley to earn their share of the potential 3 way tie for third. The Animals came out clawing by hitting a veritable Conga line of singles the first two innings yielding the maximum ten runs with only a rare out.



Dorie Carroll delivers one of the many hit for the Animal Care Center of Green Valley team as they racked up the maximum of 10 runs in the first two innings.

The Insurance Center battled back behind the bat and shiny new knee of George Hetherington. George slammed a liner into the gap that rolled to the fence. He cleared the bases but was himself nipped at the plate. In the bottom of the 7th, with his Agents trailing 13-10, George again rose to the occasion. He launched another rocket into what is known as Hetherington's Alley. This time he was not to be denied. The homer closed the gap to one but that's where it ended. Animal Care Center 13, Insurance Center 12.

In the second game, the Agents moved Gil Massey to the mound. His quicker pitching

cadence and an unusually tight Agent defense limited the Animals to only 7 runs. The Agents got 10 runs of their own in the game to end their season on a winning note.



Dick Sievers does his part to help the Insurance Center secure the victory In game 2 of the doubleheader.

The big blow was a homer by Mike Sommer that brought his team to their feet and out onto the field and carried 'Big Mike' on their shoulders back into the jubilant dugout.

Wrap-up

The Catino League regular season ended with the Jeff LeFave Edward Jones Investment team comfortably atop the standings. This should come as no surprise if you do the math. LeFave mangers Jim Hill and Robert Ruble drafted a team of stingy defenders. LeFave gave up an astounding 153 fewer runs than their closest opponent. Over the season that's like starting every game with a 5-0 lead! Amongst the also-rans in the league, mid-season whispers have grown into shouts to "Break up the Jeff's"!

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