

Allison League Headlines – Week 3

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Allison League Softball

The third week of the Allison League ended with Hickey Automotive in first place with a three game lead in front of Two Girls Pizza. But as the long time BAJA players know, "It's a long season." Playing four games every week, the ebb and flow of the rankings can look like an Alaskan tidal chart.

Monday, January 19

Morning Games – Hickey Automotive & Premier Properties

Monday morning Premier Property and Hickey Auto each won a game. The property crew continues to ride their young stallion, Tom Trecker, who consistently denies base hits with his defense and sends softball over the fence and deep into the desert when standing in the batter's box. Softball's version of Babe Ruth (minus the booze) Jack Davis and John (don't call me Johnny) Cook have been key components to the team.



Hickey Auto's Jim Larson tees one up as Property catcher Jim Cassidy and head umpire Marty Camacho look on.

So far, Premier's managers Steve Aiken and Jim Welsch's unusual team philosophy of drafting as many players with the name Jim (Jim Brewer, Jim Cassidy, Jim Crowley, Jim

Welsch) and anyone else with a first name starting with the letter J (John Cook, Jack Davis Jeff Hansen) is working. Plus it's an easy answer to the question, "Who's up to bat?"



Property slugger John Cook sizing up the competition with head umpire Marty Camacho behind the plate.

Afternoon Games – 3 ½ Happy Barbers & Two Girls Pizzeria

The afternoon games also split with 3 ½ Happy Barbers doubling their win record with a 10-9 first game score. Gary Anderson and Brian Kelley led the hair cutters, both batting 3-for-3. Tim Weldon and Norm Friedman added two each as well for the Barbers. The pizza crew had perfect hitting from Rick Hoen, Gary Peelman, Dave Ahner, and Art Kuan.



Barber outfielder Gary Anderson at the plate with Brian Kelley on deck.

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In the 2nd contest Two Girls Pizza came from behind in the 7th inning with 6 runs sparked by a Dave Ahner triple to tie the game. The unlucky Barbers, with multiple opportunities, were unable to stop the pizza delivery in the extra inning in a 15-13 Two Girls win. Craig Burgess led the Barbers with 3-for-4 hitting.



Pizza Girl's outfielder Art Kaun was perfect on the day.

Wednesday, January 21 - Hickey Automotive Continues To Lead Allison League

Morning Games – Hickey Automotive & Two Girls Pizzeria

Hickey extended their first place position on Wednesday morning with 41 runs taking both games from the cardinal-clad Two Girls Pizza.



The Auto crew looks on as runs pile up.

In the second contest the pizza boys had a six run lead in the seventh inning and it looked like a full topping combo. But Hickey ran over the delivery truck in the bottom of the 7th inning with seven straight hits as John Cole hits a walk-off home run to steal the game 20-19.



The Pizza boys look on as runs pile up.

Afternoon Games – 3 ½ Happy Barbers & Premier Properties

Premier Property and 3 ½ Happy Barbers played two exciting games in the afternoon, both coming away with a victory. The Barbers were looking strong in game one with 4-for-4 batting by Dennis Dion, who also launched a two run homer in the 5th inning. Stacy Michaels and Wally Rhodes were perfect at the plate also hitting 4-for-4. Russ Henegar made some fine catches at second base and was good for four hits as well.



Premier's Jim Brewer snags back end of double play.

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But the boys from Premier got serious in the 7th inning spearheaded by Jim Brewer's 2 out double and scored seven runs to come from behind and take away a 16-15 win over the unlucky Barbers.

The Barbers rallied in game two and out lasted Premier in 8 innings to get their 3rd win 22-19. The Barber's Wally Rhodes placed hits for two doubles, Tim Weldon, Dennis Dion, and Russ Henegar all had four hits in the win.



Barber's Russ Henegar went 4 for 4 in the 2nd game victory

Allison League Standings

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Team	W	L	RF	RA	PCT	GB
Hickey Automotive	8	2	149	101	.800	0
Two Girls Pizzeria	5	5	109	124	.500	3
Premier Properties	4	6	122	127	.400	4
3 & 1/2 Happy Barbers	3	7	108	136	.300	5

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