

Update: Test
Results Indicate
Good News!
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In a week filled with bad news and tragedy, some good news is happily welcome anytime. Shane Varga, who was diagnosed with cancer last week, reported that the test results that all of us were anxiously awaiting came back with some very good news for the former batting champion.

"When we first met with the oncologist, we were looking at this being a possible stage three of four," said the 31 year old athlete on Tuesday. "After the bone marrow sample test came back normal and my spleen that they deemed enlarged a week ago came back normal, we now have a confirmed stage two diagnosis."

What does that mean?

"I basically means I went from a 60-70% cure rate to a 96% cure rate," Varga added.

Which means VERY, VERY good news for not only Shane and Amy Varga, but for the many friends and family members that have been worried and praying for him for the past week! I was at lunch with my wife today when I got the call from Shane, telling me he got his results back. I dropped my fork, awaiting more.

"Well?" I said.

"Looks like I am going to be going through some chemotherapy for the next six months," he replied.

"And?"

"And I have a 96% chance of being cured," he said very calmly.

"ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!" I yelled. "That is the best news I have heard in the last week!"

With the recent passing of softball player Alberto Naranjo from a softball accident on Saturday, this news could not have come at a better time for the Street Kids/Suburban organization. Shane will go through six months of chemo, with him receiving treatment every 15 days. He will not have to go with radiation at this time. The doctor said he suspects it has been working in me for at least the last six to nine months.

"Its not genetic and more than likely it could have stemmed from as far back as 10-15 years ago," he added.

On Wednesday, Shane will have to get his heart and lungs tested to make sure they can handle the drugs. He also has to get a "port" inserted into his chest so he will not have to have the chemo through an IV. They just insert the port and when he goes through chemo they just use it to pump Shane full of the treatment.

Hundreds of people have commented on the message board, or emailed me, or contacted Shane telling him how much they will be praying for him. Well, this just goes to show you the power of prayer. Thank you to everyone for your support of the SKS organization and more importantly, to Shane Varga. Please do not stop your prayers and support, as he still has a long road ahead of him.

We love you, Shane-o!