

# SOUTH SHORE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

## Results for August 31, 2025

Grasso 17, Thorne 13	WP Fegreus	HR McLeish
Spooner 14, Byrne 8	WP Spooner	HR Lemieux, Sylvester, Pasini
Hockman 11, Orange 5	WP Hockman	

<u>Standings</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>RF/Ave.</u>	<u>RA/Ave.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Spooner	18	1	0	300/15.8	162/8.5	.947
Byrne	14	5	0	278/14.6	210/11.1	.737
Hockman	11	8	0	263/13.8	272/14.3	.579
Grasso	7	12	0	216/11.4	313/16.5	.368
Thorne	5	13	1	255/13.4	293/15.4	.278
Goose	1	17	1	201/10.6	292/15.4	.056

**Home Runs** Sylvester 11. LeMieux 10. Brenton 9 McLeish 8. Dunphy, Pasini 6. Higgins, Ackerman Rinaldi 5. Thorne, Higgins, Olivieri, Brosnan 3. G.Fallon, LoBosco, Pollard, Tobin, Schneider 2. Belval, O'Donnell, White, Morris, Gilman, Cusick, Murray, Collotta, Sweeney, Marino, Rix, Martinelli, Cobin, Keeley, Kevin Stone: 1 each.

**Pitching Wins** Spooner 18. Maher 14. Hockman 11. Meade, Introne 4. Fegreus 3. K.Robbins, Chisholm 1 . One tie game, no winner.

**Oops!** On June 6 **Rich McLeish** hit three home runs, which appeared in the "Results" and "Good Day at the Plate," but did not receive the fanfare such a rare event deserves, especially since Warren Ackerman's three on August 17 was noted. So, Rich was #4 to accomplish three in a game, followed by Warren, and joining Bob Clifford the Younger, Ron Bagnulo, and Rob Grant as one of only five players ever to hit three in game. And we found out just Sunday that Bagnulo's three were hit in his *first game* in the league! True to his self-deprecating style, Ron quipped "And it's been downhill ever since."

## Good Day at the Plate

**Five Hits**      **Nobody! Two weeks in a row.**

**Four Hits**      **Ackerman, McLeish (HR, =), Dunphy (4=), M.Smith, Pasini (HR), Lemieux (HR), Martinelli (=), Mazzone.**

**Three Hits**     **Sylvester (HR), Bruskin, Morris, Rust, Byrne, Swiman, Brosnan (=), Marino (triple, =), Chisholm (2=), Hassett, Arbonies, Introne, O'Donnell, Guiducci, Fegreus, Mann, Gibson, Marston.**

**Two Hits**     **Cobin, Delnickas, Anderson, Grossman, Duke (=), Tobin, Cusick (triple), Olivieri, Paré, K. Robbins, Heffernan, Clifford the Far Younger, Ravelson (=), Kiely, Thorne (=), Burt, Spooner, Wood.**

**Good day in the field**   **Russ Anderson** for two catches of sinking liners up the middle at SF. **Len Perrault** “for turning a hot shot @3<sup>rd</sup> into a 5-4-3 DP, and **Paul Murray** at SS for a 6-4-3 DP, all going through **Hollywood Kelly** at 2B. **Duke** for “Baskin Robbins” scoops at 1B. **Mike Byrne** for a slick fielding play followed by a BB throw from RF to 1B to nab the runner. **Don Young** at the plate for catching a loooong throw from the outfield that, in Goose’s words, “looked like it was gonna knock him on his butt.” But it didn’t. **Craig Chisholm** for the catch and throw and **Jim Dunphy** for completing the play at 3B, and *almost* bagging the runner at home. **Joe Guiducci** for grabbing six liners at SS. **Bruce Wood** for a putout at home on a throw from SF by **Pete Belval**. **Mark Lemieux** in LCF for a charging shoestring catch for the out and then throwing out the runner at 1B. **Mike Martinelli** for an unassisted DP at 2B to first for the second out. **Tony Monaco** for a slick play in foul territory at 1B. **Bruce Sylvester** for two outfield assists from RCF to 2B.

**Coach Comments**     **Coach Hockman** wants to thank Sean Papich for subbing today. **Coach Thorne** wants to thank **Bruce Ravelson** and **Neil Feinberg** for subbing, and **Ron Bagnulo, Jack Meade,** and **Barnet Sherman,** all on the PUP list, for showing up to support their teammates. He also praised his crew for rallying for seven runs late in the game, all to no avail. **Coach Grasso** thanks “Super Sub” **Ed Fegreus** and **Glenn Marston** for filling in, and his team and Thorne’s for “battling it out for nine innings.” **Assistant Coach Sylvester** reported that Honest Dan Brosnan reversed a close safe call on himself at 2B, “showing true sportsmanship once again.” Next thing you know Dan will be called “Reverend Dan” and will be hearing confessions after every game.

**On This Date in 2008**     August 31, 2008 was the last day of the regular season. The Gold team took third place over the Tans, despite both being 10-10; Gold won on head-to-head. **John Mann** and **Mike Giannangelo** hit home runs. Blue, after seven consecutive losses, won the doubleheader on the 31<sup>st</sup> to take second place with an 11-9 record and a playoff bye. Tan didn’t win its first game until June 22, then went 10-3 to end up 10-10, only to lose 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the tiebreaker. For the second year in a row, *every* team except first place could have tied or surpassed the team that finished ahead of them by winning just one more of its head-to-head contests against that team.