

**SOUTH SHORE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
NEWSLETTER**

Results for July 20, 2025

Byrne 12, Goose 10

WP Maher

Hockman 23, Grasso 22*

WP Hockman

Spooner 18, Thorne 7

WP Spooner HR Sylvester (GSlam)

***Eleven inning game.**

<u>Standings</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>RF/Ave.</u>	<u>RA/Ave.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Spooner	13	0	0	203/15.6	123/9.5	1.000
Byrne	9	4	0	183/14.1	151/11.6	.692
Hockman	7	6	0	18/14	173/13.3	.539
Grasso	4	9	0	147/11.3	196/15.1	.308
Thorne	4	8	1	179/13.8	173/13.3	.308
Goose	1	11	1	156/12	203/15.6	.077

Home Runs Brenton 7. Sylvester 6. LeMieux, Higgins 5. Dunphy, Thorne, 4. Rinaldi, Higgins, Pasini, McLeish 3. G.Fallon, LoBosco, Pollard, Ackerman 2. Brosnan, Belval, O'Donnell, Dunphy, Tobin, White, Morris.Gilman, Cusick, Murray, Olivieri, Collotta, Sweeney, Marino, Cobin: 1 each.

Pitching Wins Spooner 13. Maher 9. Hockman 7. Meade 4. Introne 3. Fegreus, Robbins 1. One tie game, no winner.

Good day at the plate **Five hits:** Morris. **Four hits:** _Cobin, Jordan , Rust, Anderson, Grossman, Gibson, Belval (-), Lemieux (=). **Three hits:** Keeley, J.Johnson, Hockman (=, 4BW), Brosnan (3=), **George the First**, Paré, Guiducci (=), Cusick (=), DJ, Meade, McLeish (2=), Parks, Nielsen, O'Donnell, **Grasso**, Sylvester (GSHR), Spooner, Wood. **Two hits:** DiCristofaro, Kelly (+BB), Maher (+BB), Pasini (=), Doherty (=), Sullivan (=), Martinelli (=), Marino (+sac fly), Heffernan (=), Goose, LoBosco (triple), Giannangelo (=), Olivieri, Robbins, Dunphy, Thorne. **One hit—but it was a goodie: Bob Clifford the Prehistoric** with his patented line drive single right down the first base line, with five fielders waiting for it! But failing.

Good day in the field **Bruce Wood** for twisting his body into the shape of a pretzel in an effort to make a putout at home on a wide throw, keeping his foot on the plate. But, alas! Hard contact with the ground jarred the ball loose, despite Bruce's exceptional effort. **Andy Cobin** at catcher pounced on a squibbler in front of the plate, fired to first to nab the batter, and managed to get back to the plate in time to put out the runner trying to sneak home from third. **Paul Murray** for some unequaled fielding. See **Gary Marino** in the coach comment section for

the gory details. **Mike Byrne** for ranging deep into SF for an excellent basket catch. **Neil Feinberg** for a catch on a blindingly fast liner. **Mike Giannangelo** for a slick pickup to start a DP. **Joe Guiducci** for outstanding all-around play at SS; what else is new? **Barnet Sherman** for a nice running catch in short LF. **Rich McLeish** for a diving catch at SS. **Craig Chisolm** for several excellent plays at 3B. **Bill Spooner** for three plays at pitcher and the throws to first for outs. **Mark Lemieux** for a diving grab of a one-hop liner in CF to prevent a home run. **Mike Pasini** for a couple of nice catches in LF, one a basket catch running in full speed. **Paul Rix** for several*** plays at 3B.

Coach Comments **Coach Hockman** thanks **John Jordan** and **Sam McMullin** for subbing in a game Dave characterized as “the most entertaining game we’ve played all year” and continued “nobody deserved to lose, back and forth all day.” **Assistant Coach Marino** must have had some *vino* after the game to wax so eloquent: “They are going to have to replace the dirt @Gates/Recreation field because it’s all in ‘**Paul “Dirt Dog Murray’s” Pants.**” Paul made four flat-out dives to snuff out a number of runs and managed to *spring* (yes, he actually sprang) to put out the runners. After another glass of chianti, Gary continued that Paul’s play was “one of the best defensive SS efforts I have seen at any level of men’s softball.” **Coach Goose** thanks **Neil Feinberg, Angelo LoBosco, Ron Cologna, and Mike Giannangelo** for filling in. And Goose is NOT the fugitive Webster police are looking for; that would be a five-foot monitor lizard also named Goose. **Everyone** wishes **Darryl Richters** a full and speedy recovery from surgery. **Coach Grasso** thanks **Brad Robbins and Mike O’Neil** for subbing.

Noted Sports Historian **Tom Heffernan** finally put to rest any debate about the fairness of allowing a runner from home. The American Association was one of the two premier leagues in the early days and participated in several precursors to the World Series. Tom discovered that in the Association back in the 1880s, when Don Young, George Mallett, and Clifford the Elder were mere lads, the league allowed injured players to take a runner from home. After all, people weren’t going to spend good money (25 cents per game!) to watch second-stringers and scrubs.

One American Association player whose name a lot of us will recognize was Charles “Old Hoss” Radbourn, a pitcher. Oddly enough, the SSSSL once had a player who had similar nickname: “Ol’ Hoss’s Ass.”

Those of us who can read can check out Tom’s source in the book *Summers of Beer and Whiskey*, by Edward P. Achorn, page 128.

On This Date in 2008 A hot, humid, sweaty day led to some sloppy play and wild scoring. Four teams scored 20+ runs, and the three *losing* teams combined scored 55 total runs; 151 runs crossed the plate. That’s 39,260 feet, or 7.4 miles covered on the bases. This was also

the day when, forced to run hard when a speedy batter hit a ball over an outfielder's head, old-timer Wes Hahn almost ran out of his shorts, which slipped down to his boney knees exposing his chic black underwear. Nobody dared to get close enough to see if they were silk.

Next Week will feature the names of the home run leader for every season from 2006 to 2024. In the meantime, we've had one *currently-active* player lead four times, another current player lead three times, a third (now subbing) lead twice, and a fourth current player lead twice, but with one season sharing the lead with Dave Gilman. Can you guess the identities of these studs? Free hot dogs at the cookout to anyone who comes up with all four names.