

# SOUTH SHORE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

## Results for August 3, 2025

Byrne 13, Spooner 10	WP Maher    HRS Duke (2)
Thorne 20, Grasso 19	WP Chisholm
Hockman 14, Goose 11	WP Hockman   HR Brenton, Olivieri

<u>Standings</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>RF/Ave.</u>	<u>RA/Ave.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Spooner	14	1	0	231/15.4	141/9.4	.933
Byrne	11	4	0	216/14.4	170/11.3	.733
Hockman	8	7	0	196/13.1	202/13.5	.533
Thorne	5	9	1	208/13.9	212/14.1	.357
Grasso	5	10	0	178/11.9	221/14.7	.333
Goose	1	13	1	172/11.5	229/15.3	.077

**Home Runs**    Brenton 8. Sylvester 6. LeMieux, Dunphy, Higgins, McLeish 5. Thorne, Pasini 4; Rinaldi, Higgins, Pasini 3. G.Fallon, LoBosco, Pollard, Ackerman, Tobin, Schneider, Olivieri 2. Brosnan, Belval, O'Donnell, White, Morris, Gilman, Cusick, Murray, Collotta, Sweeney, Marino, Rix, Martinelli, Cobin: 1 each.

**Pitching Wins** Spooner 14.    Maher 11.    Hockman 8. Meade, Introne 4. Fegreus, Robbins, Chisholm 1 . One tie game, no winner.

<b><u>Good day at the plate</u></b> (HR), Cusick (=, triple), Olivieri (HR, =), Hildreth, Martinelli, Fegreus	<b>Five Hits:</b> Morris, O'Donnell, Nielsen (HR, =), Hildreth, Martinelli, Fegreus	<b>Four Hits:</b> Brenton <b>Three Hits:</b> Brosnan (2=), Murray, Gilman (BB), White, K.Robbins, Dunphy (3 =), DJ (triple), Chishom (=), Gautreau, Belval (triple), Pasini, Sylvester (2=), Bryer, Introne, Grasso
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**Good day in the field**    **Mike Pasini** for a charging-in catch on a hard liner. **Dick Mazzone** for a back-pedaling catch up against the fence in RF at the high school. **Johnny Greco** for diving around like a madman, with his assistant coach emphasizing "oh, yeah, he's a madman." **Dean Hildreth** for several crisp catches of liners at MI. **Alexi Maravel** for several excellent plays while "patrolling right field like Dewey Evans." **Paul Murray** for his "silky smooth" play at SS, and for not getting "as dirty this week"; but he was playing on astroturf. **Jim Rinaldi** who "almost broke Goose's hand on a perfect throw home for the out; Goose also added the "swelling has gone down considerably."

**Coach Comments** Bill Spooner's assistant coach is **Bruce Sylvester**, who sends in Bill's game report each week. Bruce had a very good day in the field on the 27<sup>th</sup>, but you'd never know it because he did not report on his own plays. But opposing assistant **Steve Morris** emailed the newsletter *after* it had gone out to the players and reported on Bruce's two plays in the 9<sup>th</sup>: A diving "'sno-cone" catch that followed immediately after Billy's notable play on a liner, and an over-the shoulder, "Willy Mays catch" in CF on a "smoked" drive off the bat of Jeff Delnickas. Steve wrote that the three consecutive outstanding plays provided "A truly great, yet demoralizing, way to end our game."

**Coach Hockman** reported that for the first time in three months he had no subs on the field, and one last-minute cancellation left him with just eleven players. Jim Johnson turned an ankle, yet continued playing. Those who used to play in the Hingham League years ago can remember when Jim could hop on one foot and still beat out infield hits. And Dave added that he, his team (and the entire league) wish **Dave Andrews** a speedy from his triple bypass surgery, and added "for the first time in his (Dave's) career, going three for four was not a good thing." **Coach Thorne** praised **Craig Chisholm** for his first pitching appearance and keeping his team in the game despite some fielding flubs. Bill also thanks **Johnny Greco, John McCarthy, Neil Feinberg, and Dean Hildreth** for subbing.

**Coach Grasso** commented that **Ken Longo** "didn't have any hits but he was hit by the ball multiple times." Ouch! **Assistant Coach Sylvester** praised **San Brosnan's** sportsmanship. After hitting a "bomb" into RCF for an apparent HR, Dan himself called it a double. Good eyes, and "Great sportsmanship" in Bruce's words.

**On This Date in 2008** **Kenny Longo** at third was written up for "two spectacular snags of balls that could have been shot out of a bazooka." **Brian Sullivan** at catcher made a "fully extended (if you can just imagine) diving catch of a 10' pop-up" and held on despite a thunderous crash to the ground. The Blue team, 9-2 on July 6, lost their next five games despite yielding only eight runs per game, a full run better than this year's Spooner Juggernaut. However, they averaged only 3.8 runs scored during that stretch. Twelve different pitchers won games, with **Kevin Maher** second in wins with 6.