

**SOUTH SHORE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE
PLAYOFF NEWSLETTER
2025**

Championship Game Results

Spooner 15 Grasso 8

October 5, 2025

WP Spooner

HR O'Donnell, Rix, Pasini

Championship Game Hitting

Three Hits O'Donnell (HR), Introne, Nielsen, Guiducci, Mann, Bryer, Mike Smith, Martinelli, Rix (2=, HR), B.Robbins

Two Hits Belval (=), Pasini (HR), Sylvester (2=), Lemieux (2=), Spooner, Bruskin, Burt (triple), Wood

Good day in the field **Leo O'Donnell** for a bang-bang catch of a positively scorched liner/one-hopper, drawing the loudest applause from the bleachers and from the miscreants watching from the berm in right center. And Leo had more tape and wrappings on his body than King Tut's mummy. **Bill Spooner** for flashing of the mound (yes, he flashed) to catch a pop-up. **Tony Monaco** for the usual several smooth plays, including ranging into RF for a catch. **Larry Bruskin and Peter Belval** for assists from SF. **Brad Robbins** for a near shoulder dislocating high arm stretch to make a putout. **Paul Rix** at 3B for several outstanding plays, including a dive-catch-throw to cut down a runner at 2B. **Mike Martinelli** for his numerous putouts at 2B. **Mark Lemieux** for decoying to keep a runner on first, then making the one-hop scoop, topped off by nailing the runner at 2B thanks to his decoy. He's so devious. **Mike Pasini** in that HUGE left field for racing into foul territory for a putout. **John Burt and Bruce Wood** whose solid presence at catcher prevented runners from challenging from third. John and Bruce are a couple of intimidating guys.

Coach Comments Coach **Grasso** thanked all his players for their season-long "camaraderie, sportsmanship, and weekly participation." He specifically thanked subs **Joe Guiducci, Mike Smith, Tim McAlarney, Ed Fegreus, John Jordan, Tom Heffernan, and Jim Keeley**—and any others who slipped his aging mind! **Assistant Bruce Sylvester** thanks **John White** for subbing and contributing, and **Dick Mazzone** for coaching third, keeping the score book, and "helping keep us focused." During one play when a teammate got a little hot after a call, Dick was heard to yell "Hey, I'm the only one allowed to yell!" Bruce also added a sentiment probably held by every player in the league: "It was a fun season with everyone. I can't wait to play with others next year, and hang out at the 'tree' after the game." He added thanks to our three hawk-eyed umpires, unafraid to gather to straighten out any questionable calls: **Bill Cusick, Mike Grossman, and Frank "Hollywood" Kelly**. And, gentleman that he is, Bruce apologized for getting angry "no matter the call."

Home Runs Sylvester 13. LeMieux 10. Brenton 9 **(10)**. McLeish 8 **(9)**. Dunphy 7 **(8)**. Pasini 6 **(7)**. Higgins, Ackerman, Rinaldi 5. Brosnan 4 **(5)**. Thorne, Higgins, Olivieri 3 **(4)**. G.Fallon, LoBosco, Pollard, Tobin, Schneider 2. Morris 1 **(2)**, O'Donnell 1 **(2)**, Belval, White, Gilman, Cusick, Murray, Collotta, Sweeney, Marino, Rix 1 **(2)**, Martinelli, Cobin, Keeley, Kevin Stone: 1 each. Payne 0 **(1)**. *Regular season in plain font; total for the year including playoffs in **BOLD**. So Brenton had 9 regular season HRs, and added one in the playoffs—10 in **Bold***

Pitching Wins Spooner 19 **(21)**. Maher 15. Hockman 11. Meade, Introne 4 **(6)**. Fegreus 3. K.Robbins 2 **(3)**. Chisholm 1. One regular-season tie game, no winner. *Same for pitching wins as for HR. Spooner won 19 regular season, added 2 in playoffs, for **21**.*

Thank you to Goose, Billy Thorne, Bob Gautreau, Bruce Sylvester, Gary Marino, Pat Grasso, and Dave Hockman for collating their teams' results and sending them in for the newsletter; and to anyone else who contributed.

Art LeMay

Some league members, both Friday and Sunday players, and former players, may not have heard that Arthur's wife, Joyce, who had been in nursing care, died on Friday, October 3, less than two weeks after Arthur.

Art, Joyce and family had a communication code: 1-4-3, the light flashing cycle of Minot Light, located a mile off Cohasset and Scituate, and commonly remembered by romantic locals as representing "I love you." Brian Sullivan said when Art was first in the "initial comeback from his fall and brain bleed," family members would squeeze his hand, 1-4-3, to tell him they loved him.

Brian was driving home Friday from the 65+ Division games when he got a call from Art's daughter telling him of Joyce's death, which occurred at . . . 1:43 p.m.

Safe, Happy, and Healthy off-season to all.