

# SOUTH SHORE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

## Results for August 24, 2025

Byrne 18, Thorne 11	WP Maher	HRS Brosnan, McLeish, Dunphy
Spooner 16, Hockman 6	WP Spooner	HR Brenton, Sylvester (2), LeMieux
Grasso 17, Orange 11	WP Fegreus	HR K.Stone, Rinaldi

<u>Standings</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>RF/Ave.</u>	<u>RA/Ave.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Spooner	17	1	0	286/15.9	154/8.6	.944
Byrne	14	4	0	270/15	196/10.9	.777
Hockman	10	8	0	252/13.9	267/14.8	.556
Thorne	5	12	1	242/13.4	276/15.3	.416
Grasso	6	12	0	199/11.1	300/16.7	.333
Goose	1	16	1	196/10.9	281/15.6	.059

**Congratulations to Bill Spooner and his team** for clinching first place and home advantage in the playoffs.

**Home Runs** Sylvester 10, Brenton, LeMieux 9. McLeish 7. Dunphy 6. Higgins, Pasini, Ackerman Rinaldi 5. Thorne, Rinaldi, 4; 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 17. Maher 14. Hockman 10. Meade, Introne 4. Fegreus 2. K.Robbins, Chisholm 1 . One tie game, no winner.

## **Good Day at the Plate      Five Hits      Nobody!**

**Four Hits** Anderson (sub for Hockman), K. Stone (=, HR), McLeish (2=, HR), Thorne (triple), O'Donnell, Introne, Pasini (2 triples), Sylvester (2 HR), LeMieux (=, HR), Brad Robbins.

**Three Hits** Delnickas, Keeley, Hockman, Brosnan (2=, HR), Duke (=), Byrne, George Mallet #2 (3=, 2 off the scoreboard at the HS), Rinaldi (triple, HR), Paré (=), Giannangelo, Gautreau, Dunphy (HR), Chisholm (= BB), M.Smith (triple), Frongello, Bryer, Nielsen, Sweeney, Marston.

**Two Hits** Ackerman, Brenton (HR), Rust, Swiman, Maravel, Marshall, Gilman (=), Ron Payne (=), Heffernan, Kiely, Hassett, Spooner.

**Good day in the field** Alan Swiman for a "nice running catch" at SF. Frank (Hollywood) Kelly and Paul Murray for their vacuum cleaning demonstration around 2B. AJ Hassett for a "hang in

there” concentration catch on a deep drive to RCF forcing him perilously close to the fence—with no warning track; and for an assist to **Rich McLeish**. **Rich McLeish** for, in the words of his coach, “another (yawn) tremendous diving catch.” **Bob Gautreau** for running down a ball in deep LF, firing to **Rich McLeish** who threw to **Craig Chisholm** at home for the out. **John Nielsen**, **Ed Fegreus**, and **Bob Gibson** for all-around outstanding fielding. **Bruce Wood** for springing to catch a pop-up at C. **Tony Monaco** for snagging “rocket 1-hopper” and making the throw to 1B for the out. **Jim Doherty** for “picking a ball out of the dirt,” and then completing the 6-3 DP. **Mike Pasini** for several excellent plays in LF, including several charging grabs. **Pete Belval** at SF for “ranging to his right and throwing across the body back to 2<sup>nd</sup> for the out.”

**Coach Comments** **Coach Hockman** wrote “It was a day like all days, except we weren’t there.” And added “Nuff said.” Those of us who go back two decades with Dave already sensed he’s not always there. **Assistant Gary Marino** had a laugh at one of his own teammates! **Himself**. He got thrown out twice in the same inning by **Rich McLeish**. Gary added that Rich also threw him out in the parking lot when leaving the game. **Coach Thorne** says he has “baserunning videos” if Gary wants to borrow them. **Coach Goose**: “close game for 7 innings, then we got a little sloppy.” Neatness counts. **Hollywood** wrote in to praise **Bruce Arbonies** for some excellent catches on late-in-the-game throws at 1B. **Assistant Bruce Sylvester** noted that **Dick Mazzone** said Bill Spooner had a “great pitching performance,” to which Bruce responded “Bill walked 3 batters?” Dick replied “he didn’t allpw 1 ball hit to me in right field the entire game.”

**On This Date in 2008** The team run by Mass. National Guard officer **Coach Dan Kelly**, a.k.a. “Major Dan,” got a nod for clinching first place on August 17, but *three* teams were contending for third place on the 24th. Earlier in the year, Dan corroborated that a CT NG unit had dropped a 105mm shell onto the westbound lane of Rte. 6 in 1986! Like it wasn’t already hard enough to get off the Cape. We had seen two shutouts in the previous five weeks. Sixty percent of league players were going to play in the Cape Cod Classic, hopefully free from artillery fire. Players were reminded that in 2007, **Art LeMay** had prepared a large tray with sliced onions, tomatoes, and pickles as toppings for burgers at the cookout, but the food was largely devoured by a roving pack of wild and hungry league players before Art even got a chance to grill a burger.

**Harbor Hoops**, a basketball program for Geezers age 65+ and started by Art LeMay, is looking for several new players. We play Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00 to noon starting in late September and running until the SSSSL starts practicing in April. Eight of the current group of fourteen play in the SSSSL, and the average age is about 73.

The cost is \$20 per month for one day, \$40 if you play both days. The gym is at Hingham Town Hall and is only 54’ long, so about 30’ shorter than a high school gym, which allows a few of us semi-

invalids to get up and down the court without much fuss. It's a lot of fun and keeps some older guys in reasonable shape over the winter, although you wouldn't know it to look at them.

Requirements: Two legs, at least one arm, and a pulse.

Email Kevin at [dotmariemc@yahoo](mailto:dotmariemc@yahoo) if you're interested.