

# SOUTH SHORE SENIOR SOFTBALL LEAGUE NEWSLETTER

## Results for August 17, 2025

Byrne 17, Grasso 5	WP Maher	HR Brosnan
Spooner 16, Goose 3	WP Spooner	HRS Pasini, Lemieux
Hockman 23, Thorne 19	WP Hockman	HRS Ackerman 3, McLeish

<u>Standings</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>RF/Ave.</u>	<u>RA/Ave.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Spooner	16	1	0	270/15.9	148/8.7	.941
Byrne	13	4	0	252/14.8	185/10.9	.765
Hockman	10	7	0	246/14.5	251/14.8	.588
Thorne	5	11	1	231/13.6	258/15.2	.313
Grasso	5	12	0	188/11	289/17	.294
Goose	1	15	1	185/10.9	264/15.5	.062

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

**Pitching Wins** Spooner 16. Maher 13. Hockman 10. Meade, Introne 4. Fegreus, B.Robbins, Chisholm 1 . One tie game, no winner.

**Good Day at the Plate** **Warren Ackerman** smacked three home runs in Sunday's game, only the fourth time in league history that feat has been done. The other three? Robbie Grant, Ron Bagnulo, and Bob Clifford the Younger; Clifford's were to left, right, and center fields at Gates.

**Five Hits:** Ackerman (3 HR), Morris, Delnickas, DJ, Kiely, McLeish (HR, 2 triples).

**Four Hits:** Rust, J. Johnson, Byrne (=), Brosnan (HR, =), Duke(=), Marino, Sylvester (=, triple), Swiman, Lemieux (HR, 3=)..

**Three Hits:** Cobin, Dunphy, Thorne (2=, triple), Chisholm (=), Martinelli, Rix (=), Bruskin, Wood (and 3 RBI: Go Geezers!)

**Two Hits:** DiCristofaro, Anderson, Hockman, Keeley, Rinaldi, Cusick, Giannangelo (=), Frongello, Bonner, Arbonies, Nielsen, O'Donnell, Bryer, Wintrone, Maher (hit, BB), B.Robbins, Belval, Pasini (HR).

**Good day in the field** **Belated from last week: Jim Paré's** two sliding catches to take away sure extra bases. **Hollywood** hasn't been getting enough attention lately, so, playing 2B

on a pop-up toward first, he froze the first baseman in his tracks by shouting “I got it!” followed immediately by “No I don’t,” then picked up the ball and ran ten feet to 1B to force the runner. **Warren Ackerman** made a slick all-out running play on a sinking liner. **Jeff Delnickas** made an over-the-shoulder catch, and then a diving catch on a hard grounder over 2B. “**Dirt Dog**” **Murray** for a diving grab up the middle to start a DP. **Alan Swiman** at SF for two sparkling catches of liners. **Duke** for a couple of scoops on low throws to first. **John White** at umpire, for cat-like reflexes in ducking a head-hunting foul tip that still managed to hit him in the shoulder. **Rich McLeish** for a diving catch going into short LF at SS. **Barnet Sherman**, after finally meandering onto the correct field (See “Coach Comments”) made a putout at home, and sprang to catch a foul pop. **Paul Rix** for a number of starry plays at B. Ditto for **Mike Martinelli** at SS. **Dick Mazzone** was “a vacuum” at 2B, making numerous outs, including all three in the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Coach Comments**     **Coach Hockman** thanks Russ Anderson for filling in. **Assistant Gary Marino** reported that **Barnet Sherman** should be praised for his efforts to groom the field prior to the game; unfortunately, Barnet was at the wrong field! So, welcome, Barnet, to the Geezer Club. **Coach Goose** noted a “super throw” from **Jim Rinaldi** in RF to **Bill Cusick**, who alertly slapped a tag on the baserunner, who overran 3B. Goose also reacted instantly to a foul tip, making the play; not dramatic, but it’s still an out. And the garrulous coach rambled on, thanking **Angelo Lobosco** and **Joe Frongello** for subbing, **Deb Richters** for supplying a supportive crowd and keeping score, and wrapped it all up with noting that **Daryl Richters**, **Jim Pollard**, and **Tom Harman**, all on the “PUP” list showed up to support their team. **Coach Thorne** demonstrated his razor-sharp understanding of the game when he observed “Not much defense, obviously,” in his 19-23 loss to Hockman. **Coach Grasso** thanks **Tim McAlarney** and **Sam MacMillan** for subbing, and described a catch by **Leo O’Donnell** as “one of the most outstanding catches I have seen,” with Leo running in LF, back to the plate, and making a Willy Mays. **Coach Thorne: Craig Chisholm** “kept us in the game” while filling in for Jack Meade.

**On This Date in 2008**     We posted results from a survey we had run: Playing at either Hingham High or at Beechwood Field in Cohasset was preferred over playing at Gates, which got a surprising percentage of the vote—about 40%. A survey of players who planned to attend the cookout at the Air Force Facility in Humarock showed 94 would attend, and that included guests. In the survey about wanting to play in a less competitive league, 23% chose “Yes” for less competitive. Joe Dominico answered for both less competitive and more competitive. You had to know Joe. On August 10 Brian Sullivan found a blue sweatshirt that belonged to Bob DiBona. Brian returned it to Bob on the 17<sup>th</sup>. It wasn’t Brian’s size.