



Sun Division tourney champs: Kneeling, l-r, Craig Porchardt, Mark Kuechler, Don Long, Brian Brockman and Doug Freisen. Standing, l-r, Dennis Henderson, Mgr. Ron Carmichael, Brad Wendt, Tom Chilton, and Kim Whitney. Missing: Brian Hiltz and Greg Lemmon.

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## Wolves Win Sun Division Tourney

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In the opening game of the Sun Division Spring softball tournament, the Wolfe & Associate-sponsored team, managed by Ron Carmichael, drubbed the Spooner PT-sponsored club, managed by Joe Commisto, by a 22-10 score. Lead-off hitter Mark Kuechler led a 36-hit attack with five safeties. Five teammates had four hits each with Frank Scarpelli blasting two homers. Mike Lebet went 4 for 4 with a homer for the Therapists.

In game two, the top-seeded Redeemed Team, managed by Marty Hobby, bested Camp Hilby, managed by Mike Gloyd, 18-12. Dave Platt, Dennis Henderson. and Rick Oien led the way to victory with four hits each. Henderson and Thom Stephens homered. Brian Denham went deep for the losing squad.

On the second day of the tourney, the Redeemed team edged the Wolves 16-15. The Wolves trailed 14-7 entering the final frame but scored eight times to take a 15-14 lead; however, the Redeemers scored two in the bottom of the inning, with Super Joe Dilabio driving in the winning run with two outs. Phil Gutterman had five hits for the winners while Dilabio and Ernie Flores added four each. Don Long went 5 for 5 for the Wolves, including a homer. Mark Kuechler and Brad Wendt each had four hits.

Spooner PT eliminated Camp Hilby in the second contest of the day, walloping the Campers 19-7. Mike Lebet had four hits for the winners while George Siegele hit a long ball for the losers.

On Championship Friday, the Wolfe Pack climbed out of the losers' bracket with a victory over Spooner PT, eliminating the Therapists. Mark Kuechler was the hero of the game, clubbing a grand slam homer and ending the game with a defensive gem, making a diving catch of a line drive, and doubling the potential winning run off second base. Don Long's four hits included a "Long" homer off the palm trees beyond the left-center field fence. Dave Platt had five hits for the losing team while Bob Wicks, Mickey Gregg and Ernie Flores homered.

In the Championship game, the Wolfe Pack kept up their momentum by blasting the Redeemed Team 27-14. Mark Kuechler again led the way with five hits. Teammates Dennis Henderson, Don Long (2) and Brian Brockman smashed homers. Thom Stephens and Joe Dilabio had two homers each in the losing cause.

Kudos to Manager Ron Carmichael and the entire Wolfe Pack, especially Mark Kuechler, who turned in an MVP-type performance, going 17 for 20 at the plate with several outstanding defensive plays.