



Waiting for the action are base runner Stan Coutu, first base coach Ron Carmichael and first basemen Sam Giordano.
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FALL SOFTBALL SEASON UPDATE By Larry Wolfe

At press time there were two weeks of play remaining in the Fall Softball Seasons. In the Sun Division the Brenden Financial Planning team, managed by Mike Gloyd, had a four game lead over the second place Real Estate Rustlers, managed by Ron Carmichael and sponsored by the Jim Leckner Agency. The Planners sported a 10-2 record while the Rustlers were at 6-4. The Spooner Physical Therapy squad was at 4-6 while the Farmers Insurance team languished at 2-10. The Wolfe & Associates team, managed by Bill McCoy, led the Lakes Division with an 8-2 record. Both the Young Realty Team and the A-1 Golf Carts squad were at 5-5. The Core Photography crew was at 2-8.

Big Bob Wicks was tearing up the Sun Division, leading in both batting average and homeruns. Bob was hitting a robust .896 with 15 homers. Other Top Ten hitters were Mike Lebet (.860), Dave Platt (.808), Larry Kaufmann (.791), Tom Chilton (.781), Reyes Gonzales (.759), Jerry Hester (.759), Dean Messier (.733), Bobby Farmer (.727) and Dan Melosi (.721). Tom Stephens was second in long balls with ten; Reyes Gonzales and Dean Messier had nine taters while Tom Chilton and Mark McKinnon had eight each.

In the Lakes Division Dennis LePore was the leading hitter at .881. The remaining Top Ten hitters were Tom Lorgan (.868), Doug Warwick (.857), Vern Rogers (.744), Jerry Smith (.739), Dennis Bernaiche (.718), Ernie Flores (.708), Jesse Washington and Dave Martin (both at .703) and Gary Hillabolt (.700).

The Fall Season ended on December 20th. Check out the Stats Page on our website (www.sunlakessoftball.com) for up-to-date standings and statistics.

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