



The Lakes Division Tourney Champs: Back, l-r: Reggie Reese, Mgr. Chris Jensen, Chuck Swanson, Dennis McCarthy & Bob Zawidski. Kneeling, l-r: Frank Rouse, Tom Erpelding, Bill Cheney and Tom Vitolo
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FARMERS INSURANCE CAPTURES LAKES DIVISION TOURNEY By Larry Wolfe

A three-day double elimination tournament was held at the end of our Winter League season. In the opening game of the Lakes Division Tournament, Core Photography, managed by John Seigla, edged A-1 Golf Carts, managed by Gary Hillabolt, by a 13-11 score. Tom Erpelding led the winners with four hits while both Dan Bradfield and Bob Hutchins tallied four hits for the Golfers. In game two, the Wolfe & Associates team, managed by Randy Rothenbuehler, eked out a 16-15 victory over Farmers Insurance, managed by Chris Jensen and sponsored by the Frank Margiotta Agency. Six of the Wolfe & Associates' Accountants had three safeties in a well-balanced attack, while Manager Jensen led his team with four hits.

On the second day of the tournament, Core Photography bested Wolfe & Associates 16-9. Bill Stanick and Hoot Gibson paced the winners with four hits each while Hal Kime had four safeties for the Accountants. In the second game of the day, Farmers Insurance eliminated A-1 Golf Carts by a 26-15 score. The Farmers bashed out a tournament-high thirty-eight hits including five by Bob Zawidski and four each by Tom Erpelding, Frank Rouse, Chuck Swanson, Bill Cheney and Larry Maggard. Doug Warwick and Big Al Grefsheim had four hits each for the Golfers.

On Championship Day, the Farmers ousted Wolfe & Associates 20-17 with Tom Erpelding, Bill Cheney and Tom Vitolo leading the way for the Farmers with four hits apiece. Jeff Jay paced the Accountants with a perfect five for five with Steve Kay lashing out four hits in support. That victory allowed the Farmers to fight their way back from an opening day loss to the Championship Game. They faced a well-rested Core Photography squad in that game. The Farmers continued their hot streak by scoring 23 runs in the first five innings, coasting to a 24-14 triumph. Tom Erpelding and Bill Stanick had five for five games to lead the Farmers while Dennis McCarthy and Larry Maggard supported the cause with four hits each. Bill Stanick had four safeties for the Photographers.

Congratulations to rookie manager Chris Jensen and his Farmers Insurance team, Winter League Tourney Champs!