



Members of the Core Photography team: Kneeling, l-r: Jesse Washington, Ron Pennington, Frank Rouse, Tom Lorgan, Rick Thompson and Bill Maxwell. Standing, l-r: Manager Gary Hillabolt, Jerry Smith, Team Sponsor Mike Core, Dave Boone and Wayne Newman.

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## WINTER SOFTBALL WRAPUP

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Both the Lakes and Sun Divisions ended with two teams tying for first place with identical won-lost records during the 16-game Winter Season. The Core Photography team, managed by Gary Hillabolt, and the Young Realty Team, managed by Tom Erpelding, tied for first place in the Lakes Division with 9-7 records. In the Sun Division the Farmers Insurance squad, sponsored by the Frank Margiotta Agency and managed by Ron Carmichael, and the Brenden Financial Planning team, managed by Mike Gloyd, both finished with 10-6 marks, just one game better than Randy Neumann's Spooner Physical Therapy crew.

Core Photography and Farmers Insurance were declared pennant winners and number one seeds in the season-ending tourney based upon tie-breakers. See separate articles in this edition of the *Splash* for tourney recaps.

The Top Ten hitters at the end of the Winter Session in the Lakes Division were Tom Lorgan (.836), Doug Warwick (.761), Dennis LePore (.744), Vern Rogers (.735), Dave Martin (.729), Jim Entwistle (.723), Gary Hillabolt (.716), Jerry Smith (.704), Dennis Bernaiche (.684) and Brian Jette (.667). Tom Lorgan led in total homers with six while Vern Rogers led in “out of the park” homers with three. Leaders in other key stats were Tom Erpelding with 76 singles, Jerry Smith with 22 doubles and Dave Martin with ten three-baggers.

In the Sun Division, Mike Lebet and Reyes Gonzales were atop the leader board with .808 averages. The remainder of the Top Ten were: Bobby Farmer (.771), Dan Melosi (.764), Bob Wicks (.760), Tom Stephens (.751), Larry Kaufmann (.731), Dave Platt (.727), Tom Chilton (.727) and Dean Messier (.714). Bob Wicks slugged 33 round trippers to lead the Division, two more than second place Tom Chilton. Randy Neumann led in singles with 88 while Dave Platt’s 32 doubles and Kelly Anderson’s six triples paced the Division.

At press time our Spring Season was well underway. Go to our website, [www.sunlakessoftball.com](http://www.sunlakessoftball.com), for up-to-date standings and stats.

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