

The Redeemed Team members, left to right: Rick Oien, Kelly Anderson, Bob Wicks, Dave Platt, Mgr. Hobby, Richard Lamoree, Dennis Henderson, Tom Chilton, Ernie Flores and Jon Hendrikse (Photo by Larry Wolfe)

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Redeemed Team Continues Its Dominance By Larry Wolfe

After winning the regular Winter Season Sun Division pennant, the Redeemed Team, managed by Marty Hobby, continued their winning ways in the end-of-season tournament. Here's a recap of the games:

The third-seeded Camp Hilby club, managed by Joe Commisto, edged Manager Mike Gloyd's second-seeded Spooner PT team 14-11 in the tourney opener. George Siegele, Don Long and Craig Porchardt led the Campers' 28-hit attack with four hits each, with Long blasting two long homers. Craig Lemmon and Bill Jacobson had four hits each for the Therapists. Mike Lebet and Lemmon both hit homeruns.

In a real thriller, the top-seeded Redeemers scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh to edge Manager Brian Brockman's fourth-seeded Wolfe & Associate team 20-19. Rick Oien's clutch two-out hit plated the winning tally. Oien also went 5 for 5, while Jon Hendrikse, Marty Hobby and Dennis Henderson had four safeties each for the winners. Both Dan Melosi and Bob Hubbard had five hits each for the Wolves, with Melosi and Brian Denham going yard.

The second day of the tournament opened with another thriller as the Redeemers bested Camp Hilby 22-21. This time it was Joe Dilabio who played the role of hero, knocking in the winning run in the bottom of the seventh. Four members of the Redeemed Team had five hits each to lead their 35-hit barrage: Dave Platt, Dennis Henderson, Rick Oien and Dilabio. Manager Hobby hit one out. Bobby Reed and Randy Neumann led the Campers attack with five hits each. George Siegele and Don Long homered.

The Wolves upset Spooner PT in the nightcap 18-14, eliminating the Therapists. Joe Dilabio and Craig Porchardt both had four hits for the winners. Dilabio and Mike Lebet homered. Chris Baker went four for four with a homer for the losing squad.

In the penultimate contest, the Campers eliminated the upstart Wolves 13-11. Dick Bleich and Billy Kee both went four for four for the winners, while Don Long homered. Dan Melosi and Ron Carmichael had four hits each for the Wolves.

In the championship contest, Player-Manager Marty Hobby led his Redeemed Team to victory with four hits. The Redeemers jumped out to a 14-5 lead after five innings and coasted to the title. Bobby Reed and Randy Neumann each had four hits for the scrappy Camp Hilby Campers.

Congratulations to Manager Hobby and his Redeemed Team for securing both the regular season and tournament championships.