

2025 SENIOR SOFTBALL SEASON IN HOME STRETCH AT HIGHLANDS SPORTS COMPLEX

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Team Standings	Win	Loss
Lake Placid Marine	12	2
Schooni's Restaurant	6	7
Conley Insurance	6	7
Miller's Central Air	4	8
Lakeside Dermatology	4	8

On Monday, Lakeside Dermatology upset league leading Lake Placid Marine 18-17. This proved that any team can win on any given day. Many players led the Lakeside hitting parade. Richard Rucker was 5 for 5 with a double. Lou Carman and Jim Polatty

were 4 for 4 with a double. Lee Sonnenberg was 4 for 5 with a double. Dean Clark was 3 for 3. Ken Elston, Mark Roth and Gary Tankersley were 3 for 4. Frank Menendez hit the cycle for LP Marine. Denny Mathew was 4 for 4 with a triple. Joe Shea and Richard Roush were 3 for 4.

On the other field, Conley Insurance scored 8 runs in the last inning to down Schooni's Restaurant 24-18. Ron Kilburn and Eddie Tei were the big guns for Conley going 4 for 5 with a double and a home run. Cisco Hernandez and Kelly McMillen were 4 for 5 with a triple. Schooni's Pat Duguay was 5 for 5 with a double. Paul Marcellus was 4 for 5 with a home run. Bill Gallagher was 4 for 5 with a triple.

In Wednesday's play, Conley Insurance outscored Miller's Central Air 19-17. Mike Beaver was 3 for 4 with a home run for Conley. Eddie Tei continued his batting excellence going 5 for 5. Bill Scrase was 4 for 4. John McCallum and Terry Scott were 4 for 4 for Miller's. Jeff Myers was 3 for 4 with a double and 2 triples. Tom Waters was 3 for 4 with a double.

In the other game, Lake Placid Marine eked out a win 10-9 over Schooni's Restaurant. At the start of the bottom of the last inning, Coach Gene Welbaum told his players he wanted to see Cliff Bluml bat, as they were trailing 9-5. Eight batters were in front of Cliff. Sure enough, Cliff got up to bat with 2 outs and knocked in the winning run. Denny Mathew was 3 for 4 with a big 2 run homer in the last inning. Frank Menendez was 3 for 4 with two doubles and a triple. Bob Baker, Jim Thomson and Tim Underwood were 3 for 4. Schooni's Wild Bill DeStefano was 4 for 4 and teammate Patrick Duguay, Jerry Kidd, Frank King and Paul Marcellus were 3 for 4.

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