

Week of Monday, August 18, 2025

First, I must report that John Musser has filed a formal written protest regarding the summary for the week of August 18, 2025. Specifically, he wants it known that Mother Nature is not his best friend (He has no friends unless you count Kristy, who is sort of legally bound to be his friend). As he verbalizes at every opportunity, he is Mother Nature's MOST FAVORED CHILD. If I may quote him from his protest:

My relationship with Mother Nature is like friends with benefits, and she always comes through for ME. You may take that for what it is worth, but I have now fulfilled my journalistic obligations by alerting the public to his protest. Now, on with the games.

On Wednesday, August 27th, the mixed 70+ Sluggers coached by Andy Hinds and sponsored by **Kiefer Family Chiropractic** traveled to the Maples Sports Complex in Marion, NC to battle the High Country 70+ team from Boone. In the first game, the mixed 70+ Sluggers had a robust team batting average of 0.758 as they rolled to a 21-13 victory over High Country. Seven Sluggers reached perfection at the plate: Andy Hinds (1-1 with two walks), Bob Drew (2-2 with a walk), Cliff Coggins (3-3 with a double), David Keith (4-4 with a double), Don Chambers (2-2), Jim Ready (1-1 with three walks), and Stan Steinberg (1-1 with a triple and three walks). Four other Sluggers were nearly perfect: Gene Reiser (3-4), Jim Wicker (3-4 with two doubles), Gary Smith (1-2 with a walk), and Mike Elmaleh (1-2 with a walk). Game two saw Henderson County escape with a narrow 16-15 win over High Country. The team batting average plummeted to 0.500 in the second game but four Sluggers still managed to bat 1.000 for the game: (Don Chambers (1-1 with a walk), Gene Reiser (2-2 with a sacrifice fly), Jim Wicker (1-1 with a double and a walk), and Mike Elmaleh (1-1 with two walks). The offense was also aided by contributions from: Bud Bonnema (2-3), Cliff Coggins (1-2 with a walk), David Keith (1-2 with a walk), and Stan Steinberg (2-3 with a triple). In addition, Bob Drew had two walks and a sacrifice fly, although he had no official at-bats.

Next week, the league will have two teams in action. On Tuesday, September 2nd, the mixed 70+ Sluggers are scheduled to host the Tri-Cities 70+ squad at Jackson Park on field #8. On Wednesday, September 3rd, Mother Nature's MOST FAVORED CHILD will lead the mixed 60+ Sluggers to the Maples Sports Complex in Marion, NC to battle the High Country 60+ team.

The Henderson County Senior Softball Association is always looking for new players age 50 and older (35 and older for ladies). Regular league games are normally played on Monday and Friday mornings at 9:30 on fields 8 and 9 at Jackson Park in Hendersonville. For additional information, call 828-606-8556 or go to Henderson County Senior Softball at <https://hcsssoftball.com>.