

DAILY NEWS



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Scorebook.com To Provide Continuous, Up-To-Date Tournament Results
By Tom Prendergast

Good communication, which has always been a key factor in the long running success of the MSBL / MABL World Series, takes a giant leap forward this year. The creative and ingenious folks at **Scorebook.com** have come up with a way to get World Series scores out to the players as soon as they are reported.

In the past, when a score was reported, the WS staff would first write it down on paper and then type it into a spreadsheet. Another staff member would copy the data and change the standings based on the new results. The next step would be to update the WS Powerpoint file with the new scores and current standings.

Every couple of hours, a staff member would update the WS Powerpoint file running continuously in the World Series Information office in the novelty room on the mezzanine level at Tempe Diablo Stadium. By the time that information was out, it was already two hours old! That was then, this is now.

This year, as soon as the WS office gets the score it will be entered into the WS Scorebook.com database. Current divisional standings will automatically be calculated based on these new results. In fact, not only will these results be available at Tempe Diablo Stadium, but they will be accessible to anyone online anywhere in the world.

With this new technology and state-of-the-art equipment, players and spectators will always get the most current information.

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MSBL World Series Reaches 15 Year Milestone In Arizona



*Austin Texans' base runner **Dustin Ridner** hustles back to the bag as Atlanta Astros' first baseman **Glen Davis** (#35) waits for the baseball. The Astros won the opening game 6 - 4.*

MSBL/MABL World Series Celebrates Anniversary With Record Turnout
By Tom Prendergast

Back in 1988, Steve Sigler invited 38 teams to participate in the first national MSBL World Series. Going strong since then, the number of participants continues to grow each year. A record 329 teams have made the 2002 MSBL/MABL World Series the largest amateur baseball event ever held. Yesterday the 28+ / 38+ National and American teams started the tournament with most teams playing double headers. Each team will play six games in four days, with the playoffs starting on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the MABL tournament starts and each of those teams will play five games in three days. The MABL playoffs begin on Saturday and the championship games will be played on Sunday. All four of the 28+ / 38+ National and American championship division games will be played on Friday. The World Series office and the information desk will be open all week long Monday through Saturday.

Next week, the remainder of the 28+ division teams (Continental / Federal / Central) will arrive, along with the Father and Son division teams.



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**Diary of an Aging Baseball Player**

By Max Utsler

Phoenix Forecast—Sunny and 80 (Part I)

Skies Partly Cloudy with Baseballs

Yes, the time has arrived for old guys with young hearts to trek to the Valley of the Sun in search of baseball fame for the mere cost of a small fortune. Tens of fans will leave impressed with the old guys' baseball accomplishments. Thousands of players will leave impressed with Phoenix—particularly the weather.

The fields sport the look of your retired neighbor's yard. The competition helps you find muscle and hustle you never knew you had. The Trade Show affords you the opportunity to secure a couple of hundred dollars of new equipment that will force you to play five more years to amortize the expense. And the Galleria and the Flea Market offer just enough shopping opportunities to keep the wife and/or girlfriend in a jovial mood.

But many of you, particularly those who grew up in Arizona or Southern California, will fail to appreciate just what Phoenix really brings to the baseball buffet. It's Mid-October. It's 80 degrees. Perfect baseball weather.

Of course you left-coasters don't know it any other way. It's always 80 degrees out here, except of course when it's 120 degrees.

"It's a dry heat," they say. "Yeah, like a blowtorch." You *can* play baseball in 120-degree weather. But most of our bodies work better at 80. And that's what we'll have here in Phoenix for the next three weeks, unless of course it hits 120. But hey, that's why we have air-conditioned cars. So we can stay cool while parked on the Red Mountain Expressway and not become dehydrated before the game even starts.

Oh sure, in the 14 years of the MSBL World Series, we've gone a couple of rounds with El Nino (and lost). But for the most part, October in Phoenix promises sunshine and 80 (or 120). But I can live with the extra heat. I've spent a few days in the 120 degrees of Arizona. Let me tell you, Busch Stadium on the 4th of July when the temperature is 100 and the humidity drifting in from the Mississippi, ties that score. St. Louis is hotter. You can always play baseball when it's hotter.

I doubt if the Arizonians, the Southern Californians, and for that matter, the Texans and the Floridians really appreciate the baseball weather Phoenix delivers us on a consistent basis. But if you grew up in Central Illinois like I did, you know the meaning of "good baseball weather." That's because, if you played any baseball at all, you played in "weather you wouldn't want to turn your dog out into."

In tomorrow's edition, I will explain what it's like to grow up in a climate where baseball must begin long before summer.

MSBL / MABL WS Home Run Hitting Contest

This year, two separate Home Run Derbys will be held on Friday night at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Players in the 28+ / 38+ divisions will get their opportunity to hit from 8:00p to 9:00p. The MABL HR Derby will start around 9:00p.

The entry fee will be \$25 (per player) and the first place prize will include a picture in HardBall magazine, an Easton aluminum bat, and a cash prize.

Home run contest rules are: Each player must provide his own bat and pitcher. During the first round, each player gets ten (10) swings. Only balls that clear the fence in fair territory will be counted. If players are tied after the first round, the players who have hit the most HRs will repeat the process in round two. The contest will continue until one player has hit more HRs than anyone else.

Players may enter the contest anytime until Friday night. The hitting order will be determined by when a player signs up. Each entry will receive a number when he turns in his entry fee and will bat in that order. For more information, stop by the WS Info Desk at Tempe Diablo Stadium or call 438-0242. This contest will be officiated by MSBL WS umpires and the tournament staff.

38+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Long Island Mets	2	0	0	4	4
So California Blue Jays	2	0	0	4	10
Dallas Blue Stars	2	0	0	4	10
Sacramento Rivercats	1	1	0	2	5
Oakland Expos	0	2	0	0	6
San Jose	0	2	0	0	22

38+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Austin Legends	2	0	0	4	9
Puget Sound Scorpions	1	1	0	2	12
Tri-Valley 40's	0	2	0	0	8
Arizona All-Stars	0	2	0	0	28

38+ Nat-Am Sunday Results

<i>Austin Legends</i>	8
<i>Puget Sound Scorpions</i>	7
<i>So California Blue Jays</i>	16
<i>San Jose</i>	5
<i>Oakland Expos</i>	0
<i>Sacramento Rivercats</i>	2
<i>Tri-Valley 40's</i>	0
<i>Long Island Mets</i>	1
<i>Sacramento Rivercats</i>	4
<i>Puget Sound Scorpions</i>	5
<i>Arizona All-Stars</i>	4
<i>Long Island Mets</i>	5
<i>Dallas Blue Stars</i>	6
<i>San Jose</i>	5
<i>So California Blue Jays</i>	7
<i>Tri-Valley 40's</i>	5
<i>Oakland Expos</i>	2
<i>Austin Legends</i>	4
<i>Arizona All-Stars</i>	5
<i>Dallas Blue Stars</i>	23

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and more available in all
sizes and colors.
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chains with both logos.

28+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Sonoma County Cubs	2	0	0	4	12
Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers	2	0	0	4	14
Austin Texans	1	1	0	2	9
Scottsdale Mudcats	1	1	0	2	12
SW Missouri-Pepsi	1	1	0	2	12
Atlanta Astros	1	1	0	2	16
South Dakota	0	2	0	0	13
Oklahoma City Braves	0	2	0	0	15

28+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Dan Smith Condors	2	0	0	4	0
Dallas CA Orioles	2	0	0	4	8
EHOB Giants	2	0	0	4	15
Sacramento Giants	1	0	0	2	3
Nor Cal Stars	1	1	0	2	25
Grand Rapids- Kosters	1	1	0	2	26
Whidby Merchants	0	1	0	0	8
Valley Mets	0	2	0	0	23
La Grange Cardinals	0	2	0	0	26
Wilson/DeMarini Giants	0	2	0	0	32

28+ National Sunday Results

<i>SW Missouri-Pepsi</i>	4
<i>Sonoma County Cubs</i>	10
<i>Austin Texans</i>	4
<i>Atlanta Astros</i>	6
<i>South Dakota</i>	2
<i>Scottsdale Mudcats</i>	5
<i>Oklahoma City Braves</i>	3
<i>Austin Texans</i>	4
<i>Atlanta Astros</i>	11
<i>Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers</i>	12
<i>Sonoma County Cubs</i>	10
<i>Scottsdale Mudcats</i>	8
<i>SW Missouri-Pepsi</i>	8
<i>South Dakota</i>	2
<i>Oklahoma City Braves</i>	3
<i>Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers</i>	11

28+ American Sunday Results

<i>La Grange Cardinals</i>	6
<i>Dallas CA Orioles</i>	8
<i>Grand Rapids- Kosters</i>	0
<i>Dan Smith Condors</i>	12
<i>Sacramento Giants</i>	13
<i>Nor Cal Stars</i>	3
<i>Wilson/DeMarini Giants</i>	12
<i>EHOB Giants</i>	16
<i>La Grange Cardinals</i>	14
<i>Grand Rapids- Kosters</i>	18
<i>Dan Smith Condors</i>	14
<i>Valley Mets</i>	0
<i>Nor Cal Stars</i>	16
<i>Wilson/DeMarini Giants</i>	12
<i>EHOB Giants</i>	8
<i>Whidby Merchants</i>	3
<i>Dallas CA Orioles</i>	9
<i>Valley Mets</i>	2

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to-date standings along with game scores and individual
highlights from yesterday's on-field action. The WS Daily
News is also available on-line.

2002 MSBL / MABL WORLD SERIES INFORMATION DESK
(Located on the mezzanine level at Tempe Diablo Stadium)

The WS Information Desk is open from 9:00a 'till 8:00p
Sunday through Saturday and will serve as the nerve center for the
tournament. Current standings, up-to-date game scores and schedule
information are always available. Additional copies of the WS Daily
News, WS souvenirs, Denevi and Jones Photography booth, and the
tournament's Lost and Found department are also located there.
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the next New national
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March 20th - 23rd**



Austin Texans batter **Darrin Glen** swings and misses this pitch during the sixth inning of his team's game against Atlanta.



Atlanta Astros starting pitcher **Robert Gaddy** picked up the complete game 6 - 4 win against the Austin Texans Sunday.



Tri Valley 40's catcher **Dan Strafas** (left) gets ready to catch ball three during Blue Jays' **Vince Woods**' at bat in the sixth inning.



So California Blue Jays' pitcher **Darren Flemming** shows the high leg kick against the Tri Valley 40's at Tempe Diablo Stadium.



Wildcard Promotions set up shop in the Novelty Store at Tempe Diablo Stadium (located behind the first base dugout) Sunday.



MSBL World Series administrative staff members **Tina Triemert** and **Randy Evans** input scores into the Scorebook.com database.