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MSBL National Adds New Spring Training Tournament To Schedule

By Joel Becker

Beginning in 2003, the MSBL will host a second national tournament in Arizona during Spring Training. The tournament will be held the weekend of March 20-23 in Chandler and Mesa.

WS Tournament Director Tom Prendergast will serve as the tournament director. And since the tournament will be held during MLB Spring Training, every player will receive a ticket to a Major League Spring Training Game.

Three age divisions will be included in next year's inaugural event (28+ / 38+ / 48+) and every team will be guaranteed at least three games. The tournament has room for 24 teams - 8 per age division. Baseballs, umpires, and field rental is included in the \$1400 team registration fee. A \$100 deposit is required to reserve a spot.

Currently, 9 major league teams use Arizona for their Spring Training camps, including the Anaheim Angels, San Diego Padres, Chicago Cubs, Seattle Mariners, Oakland Athletics, Milwaukee Brewers, San Francisco Giants and starting next season the Kansas City Royals and the Texas Rangers. Each player will get a commemorative cap.

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American Teams Keep The Heat on National Teams



*Dallas Blue Star batter **Glynn Solomon** #4 rips this pitch through the left side of the infield for an rbi in their 11 - 6 victory over the Austin Legends at Tempe Diablo Stadium.*

Cross Over Division Games Add Element Of Excitement To Pool Play Round

By Tom Prendergast

When the World Series schedules were sent out last month, several American division teams were notified that they would be playing some National division teams in a series of cross over games. Initially this raised a few eyebrows, but overall the news was received pretty well, especially after the MSBL National office explained that in some divisions only four teams signed up. Rather than require a team to move into another division, the cross over game solution was implemented.

So after two days, these National / American games have been very competitive. Once the pool play round ends, so do the cross over games. At that point, National and American teams will only play opponents that are actually in their divisions. If nothing else, these games certainly have a "David vs. Goliath" kind of atmosphere. While neither team uses the term "underdog", it goes without saying that the higher ranked team should have the advantage. And as you would expect, some things just never go according to the plan.



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**Diary of an Aging Baseball Player**

By Max Utsler

Phoenix Forecast—Sunny and 80 (Part II)
Skies Partly Cloudy with Baseballs

The year is 1967, and I'm a freshman at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. I had only played summer baseball up to this point. My high school didn't have a team.

"Spring baseball" starts in January in Illinois, during a time when most clear-thinking college students (and even the drug-wired hippies of the 60's) would agree there is nothing remotely spring about January. Single digit temperatures and below zero wind chills make an afternoon in the chem lab more appealing than batting practice on the diamond.

But Coach Swise was no sadist. We didn't have to go outside in the sub-zero cold. We worked out indoors---on the gym floor. We didn't have nets so we couldn't hit. We could only do two things—work on rundowns, pickoffs and leadoffs, and take groundballs. Have you ever spent an hour and a half a day working on rundowns, pickoffs, and leadoffs? If you have, you'll know the sorry ending to my story. We worked on them several hours a week for several weeks. Then when we played our first game, we promptly nailed our first picked-off runner in the back of the helmet with the second throw.

The groundballs. They provided another adventure. We took those groundballs off the hardwood. If you haven't had the pleasure let me tell you, the ball doesn't bounce the same as it does on dirt and grass or even artificial turf. So because you couldn't really learn to play a hop off the hardwood, about all you could do was learn to get in front of the ball. So Coach Swise would line us up in front of the folded up bleachers and fire us ground balls from about 30 feet, where you didn't have the time to *not* get in front of the ball. I think the only thing this did was test our manhood. However, we took enough of those shots off of various below-the-waist body parts, we began to wonder if we would have any of our manhood left.

Yet that gymnasium version of facing a firing squad was actually an improvement over the alternative—going outside. Like I said Coach Swise was no sadist. He applied a very generous rule. If the temperature was below 32 degrees (freezing for those of you who have gone metric), we stayed indoors. Above 32, we went outside.

I'm sure we looked very spiffy in our baseball regalia—sweats and a stocking cap (and no place to put the flip-down shades). For those of you playing in the 48 and older divisions, you might also recall batting gloves hadn't been invented yet. However, one enterprising freshman did show up for batting practice one day sporting leather dress gloves with rabbit fur lining. We macho upperclassmen mocked him until he took them off. To show I have grown wiser in my old age, I think now I should have asked to borrow them. I think that incident also explains why, to this day, I refuse to put on a pair of batting gloves.

Metal bats with squishy rubber grips hadn't been invented either. Who could ever forget the joy of getting jammed with an 85 mile-per-hour fastball and having your hands sting into the next day's English Comp exam. That #2 pencil looked way too much like a baseball bat in my hand. I took out my Bic.

I soon realized the reason we practiced in 32-degree weather was because we often had to play in 32-degree weather. Actually *playing* in that temperature wasn't the problem. *Not playing* was. No one at Knox ever carried the moniker of "benchwarmer." You couldn't have warmed those metal, open-air benches even if the college ran ductwork from the nearby pottery kiln. But this experience did help me in the next stage of my career.

In tomorrow's edition I will explain how Knox and Galesburg just were not cold enough for me. I headed north.

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38+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Dallas Blue Stars	4	0	0	8	28
Long Island Mets	3	0	0	6	6
So California Blue Jays	3	1	0	6	35
Sacramento Rivercats	1	3	0	2	32
San Jose	1	2	0	2	32
Oakland Expos	0	3	0	0	20

38+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Austin Legends	2	1	0	4	20
Tri-Valley 40's	1	2	1	3	22
Puget Sound Scorpions	1	2	0	2	17
Arizona All-Stars	0	2	1	1	38

28+ National Monday Scores

Sonoma County Cubs	13
South Dakota	12
Atlanta Astros	6
Oklahoma City Braves	9
Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers	11
Austin Texans	7

Scottsdale Mudcats	6
SW Missouri-Pepsi	10

28+ American Monday Scores

Wilson/DeMarini Giants	14
Dallas CA Orioles	10
EHOB Giants	9
Sacramento Giants	0
Valley Mets	2
Nor Cal Stars	14
Sacramento Giants	3
La Grange Cardinals	1

EHOB Giants	16
Grand Rapids- Koters	4
Whidby Merchants	9
Wilson/DeMarini Giants	13
Dallas CA Orioles	3
Dan Smith Condors	11

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Sacramento Rivercats	4
Dallas Blue Stars	11
Austin Legends	6

Tri Valley 40's	5
Puget Sound Scorpions	4

Tri Valley 40's	10
Arizona All Stars	10

Dallas Blue Stars	21
So California Blue Jays	12

Arizona Republic Covers This Year's Tourney

By Joel Becker

Don't be surprised to look up into the stands at this year's MSBL / MABL World Series and see a few curious onlookers not related to either team. Now that professional baseball is down to just two cities still alive, the *Arizona Republic's* editorial staff decided to encourage nearby baseball fans to check out our current competition.

In an article in Sunday's *Republic*, staff writer Jim Gintonio tells about this year's tournament, highlighting Arizona MSBL Vice-President (and current Long Island Yankee) John Silingo. The article goes on to describe the Series' format and number of participants, in the process introducing and quoting league founder and President Steve Sigler and his son, Brian.

The MSBL website is also mentioned, along with information regarding where and when games will take place.

So if an unfamiliar face shows up in the stands at a game, it could just be a local baseball fan trying to extend his own season just one more game.

Scorebook.com Sweetens The HR Derby Pot

By Tom Prendergast

Mitch Miles with Scorebook.com has decided to add an extra incentive for players competing in this year's WS Home Run Derby. Scorebook.com will be issuing a "Pro Package" (team statistics and box scores) to all HR Derby winners. This will apply to the Home Run Derby winners 2003 regular season team.

28+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers	3	0	0	6	21
Sonoma County Cubs	3	0	0	6	24
SW Missouri-Pepsi	2	1	0	4	18
Austin Texans	1	2	0	2	20
Oklahoma City Braves	1	2	0	2	21
Scottsdale Mudcats	1	2	0	2	22
Atlanta Astros	1	2	0	2	25
South Dakota	0	3	0	0	26

28+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Dan Smith Condors	3	0	0	6	3
Sacramento Giants	3	0	0	6	7
EHOB Giants	3	1	0	6	28
Nor Cal Stars	2	1	0	4	27
Dallas CA Orioles	2	2	0	4	33
Wilson/DeMarini Giants	2	2	0	4	51
Grand Rapids- Koters	1	2	0	2	42
Whidby Merchants	0	2	0	0	21
La Grange Cardinals	0	3	0	0	29
Valley Mets	0	3	0	0	37

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MSBL WS News You Can Use

This year, every player participating in the 2002 MSBL / MABL World Series will get a Gorilla Gold Grip Enhancer. This new product, approved by both Major League Baseball and the PGA, can be used on your hands, gloves, bat handle and grips.

The sample packet that each player gets contains one cloth, which will last between three and six weeks. For players who are always seeking to get an edge, this product will do the job. It's advertised as non-toxic, won't leave stains, repels moisture, dissipates quickly, and doesn't leave a lingering sticky feel. After you've had a chance to use this, you will never go back to pine tar.

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Dallas - CA Orioles' batter **Chris Cee** (13) pulls this ball foul in his at bat against the Wilson / DeMarini Giants on Monday.



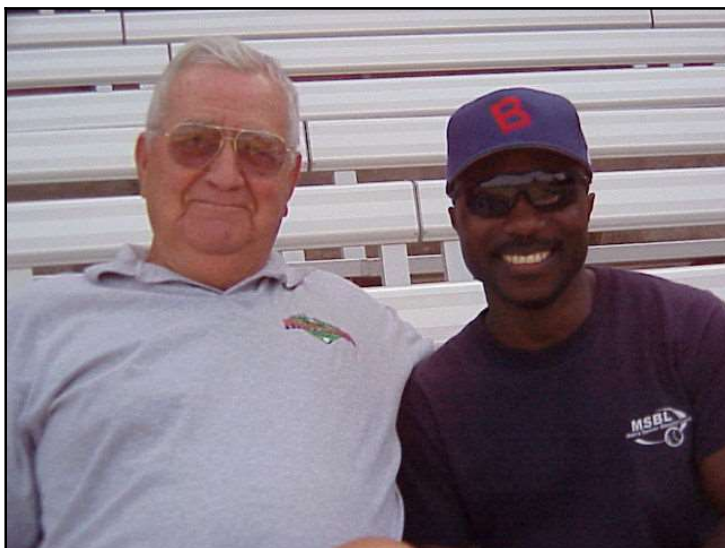
Dallas Blue Stars' base runner **Greg Moore** crosses home plate with the winning run as teammate **Roger Piacentisnt** (2) looks on.



Austin Legends' bat boy **Kyle Johnson** is taking a week off from school to help out his dad's (Keith) team during the MSBL WS.



Dallas CA Orioles' pitcher **Dino Ciufi** (31) delivers a pitch to the plate during the fifth inning of his game against the Giants.



MSBL World Series UIC **Louis R. Myers** (left) with Dallas Blue Stars manager **Sam Kayea** (right) yesterday at Tempe Diablo.



MSBL WS umpire **Mike Whalen** (left) gets a good look at this low pitch caught by Austin Legends' catcher **JR Castillo**. It was a ball.