

DAILY NEWS



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MABL World Series Tournament Gets Underway Today With 50 Teams

By Tom Prendergast

The second wave of players arrive today for the start of the MABL World Series. Six National division teams, 12 Federal, 16 Mountain, and 16 Central division teams add another 50 teams to the 28 that are already here. In all, 78 teams will round out the first week of the 15th Annual MSBL / MABL WS.

Illegal Pitcher Costs 28+ American Sacramento Giants 9 - 3 Victory

By Joel Becker

The line score certainly looked good: complete game, 5-hitter, with 7 strikeouts, and three runs allowed. Just one problem with Sacramento Giants' pitcher David Tuttle's performance Monday against the EHOB Giants—he's not allowed to play.

Tuttle had previously pitched for the Arizona Diamondbacks AA team in July of 2000, making his performance in Sacramento's 9-3 apparent victory, while none too surprising, against the rules. After the game, representatives from the EHOB Giants notified the WS office they suspected Tuttle had recently pitched professionally.

After checking with Major League Baseball and the Arizona Diamondbacks, it was confirmed that Tuttle had in fact been on the AA roster in 2000. MSBL National Rules state in Sec 8, par. a. "A player must be out of pro-ball for 3 complete MSBL seasons before becoming eligible to participate in a MSBL league... For the World Series and Fall Classic the following rule will pertain without exception... 2. No ex-pro may play if he has been out of professional baseball for less than three complete MSBL seasons without the written permission from the MSBL National Rules Committee."

In this case, no permission had been asked for or granted and the game was declared a 9-0 forfeit in favor of the EHOB Giants. Sacramento Manager Bill Rockefeller apologized for the incident and told the WS office that he had been unaware of this player's professional background.

Several Teams Still In The Hunt For Final Playoff Spot



Long Island Mets' pitcher **Mike Favoretto** brings his signature pitch "the screw ball" to the plate during his team's stadium game at Tempe Diablo on Wednesday morning.

Final Playoff Spots Go Down To Final Pool Play Games Today

By Tom Prendergast

Six of the eight 28+ National Division teams will advance to the playoffs after today. The Sonoma County Cubs, SW Missouri Pepsi, and the Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers have clinched a playoff spot. Atlanta, Scottsdale, Austin, and the Oklahoma City Braves are jockeying for the final three spots. In the 28+ American Division, the EHOB Giants will finish in first place, while the Dan Smith Condors, Wilson / DeMarini Giants, and the Grand Rapid Kesters have also clinched a playoff spot. Of Sacramento, LaGrange, Dallas, Nor-Cal, and Whidby, one will not qualify for the playoffs. The 28+ playoff round will get underway Thursday morning at Peoria.

There's less pressure in the 38+ National / American Divisions as all of the teams automatically qualify for the playoffs. The top two finishers in the 38+ National division will receive a bye in the first round. In the four team 38+ American Division, the first place team will play the fourth place team while the second and third place teams play.

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**Diary of an Aging Baseball Player**

By Max Utsler

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

Those four years I spent at Knox College playing baseball in March and April turned out to be just the opening act. After graduation, I took my first job in a suburb of Minneapolis teaching junior high English. It was there where I learned the *true* meaning of cold. The fall began in a rather inauspicious way. But sometime in late September fall began to give way to winter. At Brooklyn Park Junior High, the faculty members were very proud of the last collect bargaining agreement they had negotiated. They convinced the administration to install electric plug-ins in the faculty parking lot, so we would have a place to plug in the engine heater.

We would no longer need a car pool. No, not the kind where you shared a ride to the school, but the kind where you took turns going to the parking lot at lunchtime and started all the cars. Before the electric plug-ins that noontime pick-me-up would usually insure the old sled would start at 3 p.m.

And I needed for it to start at 3 p.m. to get to my other job, volunteer assistant baseball coach at the University of Minnesota. I soon learned the big differences between the Big 10 Conference and the Midwest College Athletic Conference. Batting nets. Pitching machines. No fungos off the hardwood—fungos off a dirt floor in a building they called the fieldhouse.

January and February flew by as we prepared the Gophers for the start of the season. The team went to Florida for a week in early March to prepare for the conference. I stayed behind to make sure my 7th graders would know the difference between an infinitive and a gerund. We were equally unsuccessful. The team went something like 1-7 and my students still couldn't tell a noun from a verb. So Minnesota coach Dick Siebert did what any determined mentor would do. He worked the team harder. And to do that—you guessed it—he took the team outside.

The fur-lined, leather driving gloves wouldn't have made a difference here. No, it wasn't January cold, like the time we experienced eight straight days and the temperature never rose above 8-below. It was only March cold, which reminded me of January cold in Illinois.

"How can you put up with this?" I once asked a fellow teacher.

"It feels so good when spring comes," she replied.

Call me crazy but I never thought I should start hitting myself in the head with a hammer just so it would feel good when I stopped.

I don't recall Coach Siebert having a 32-degree rule. We went outside when he said so, which was everyday after the spring trip. But clearly the Gophers gained an advantage when one of those "southern" schools such as Purdue came to town.

That was most evident on May 11. I had heard snow in the forecast on the 10 o'clock news, but being my first year in the Twin Cities, I didn't believe it. When I reported to the locker room at nine the next morning, Coach Siebert handed me snow shovel. I joined the other assistants and several members of the grounds crew to begin removing The six inches of snow that had fallen overnight.

The temperature rose to 40 degrees by early afternoon so melting actually contributed to the snow removal. The game started only three hours late. The incredulous Boilermakers, who probably closed down every bar in Dinkytown the night before, never had a chance. Minnesota swept them three straight.

But one year in Minnesota was enough for me. Tomorrow I will tell you about my experiences in the "south."

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38+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Long Island Mets	4	1	0	8	21
Dallas Blue Stars	4	1	0	8	37
So California Blue Jays	4	1	0	8	51
Sacramento Rivercats	2	3	0	4	37
San Jose	1	3	0	2	42
Oakland Expos	1	4	0	2	52

38+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Austin Legends	3	1	0	6	22
Arizona All-Stars	2	2	1	5	53
Tri-Valley 40's	1	3	1	3	30
Puget Sound Scorpions	1	4	0	2	41

28+ National Tuesday Games

Austin Texans	10	Wilson/DeMarini Giants	14
South Dakota	8	Dan Smith Condors	3
Atlanta Astros	6	Nor Cal Stars	1
Sonoma County Cubs	5	EHOB Giants	15
Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers	7	Valley Mets	5
SW Missouri-Pepsi	8	Grand Rapids- Kosters	13
Austin Texans	4	Dan Smith Condors	3
Sonoma County Cubs	14	La Grange Cardinals	14
Scottsdale Mudcats	13	Grand Rapids- Kosters	11
Oklahoma City Braves	11	Dallas CA Orioles	7
Scottsdale Mudcats	2	Nor Cal Stars	3
Atlanta Astros	9	Whidby Merchants	4
South Dakota	7	Valley Mets	5
Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers	11	La Grange Cardinals	27
Oklahoma City Braves	1	Whidby Merchants	6
SW Missouri-Pepsi	7	Sacramento Giants	14

28+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
SW Missouri-Pepsi	4	1	0	8	26
Sonoma County Cubs	4	1	0	8	34
Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers	4	1	0	8	36
Atlanta Astros	3	2	0	6	32
Scottsdale Mudcats	2	3	0	4	42
Austin Texans	2	3	0	4	42
Oklahoma City Braves	1	4	0	2	41
South Dakota	0	5	0	0	47

28+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
EHOB Giants	5	0	0	10	20
Sacramento Giants	3	1	0	6	19
Dan Smith Condors	3	2	0	6	31
Wilson/DeMarini Giants	3	2	0	6	54
Grand Rapids- Kosters	3	2	0	6	54
La Grange Cardinals	2	3	0	4	37
Dallas CA Orioles	2	3	0	4	44
Nor Cal Stars	2	3	0	4	46
Whidby Merchants	1	3	0	2	38
Valley Mets	0	5	0	0	77

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Sacramento Rivercats	11
Long Island Mets	5
Austin Legends	8
Tri-Valley 40's	2
Long Island Mets	9
Dallas Blue Stars	4
Puget Sound Scorpions	8
Oakland Expos	9
San Jose	6
Arizona All-Stars	10
Oakland Expos	16
So California Blue Jays	24
Arizona All-Stars	15
Puget Sound Scorpions	9

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This year's 2002 MSBL/MABL World Series souvenir program (left) has a new look. Not as bulky as last year's issue, this year's edition includes this year's teams by division, field and map directions, photos of last year's championship teams, and a year-by-year recap of championship scores by division.

The cover includes the 2002 World Series logo, which highlights the 15 year anniversary of the MSBL World Series. In addition to the logo, the cover includes several pictures of players in various action shots through the years.

All of the photos in this year's World Series program were taken by the "official" WS photographers - Chris Denevi and CJ Jones.

Every player attending the WS receives one.



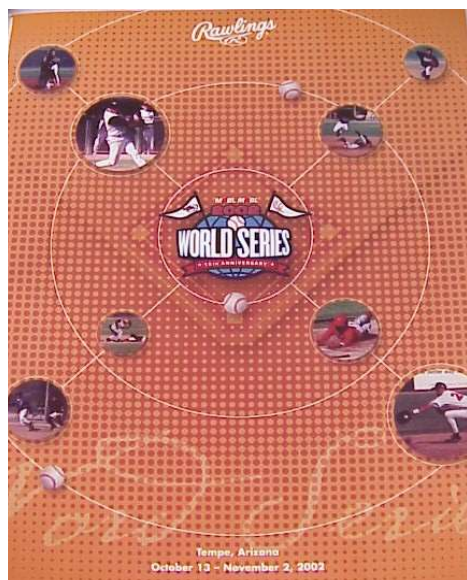
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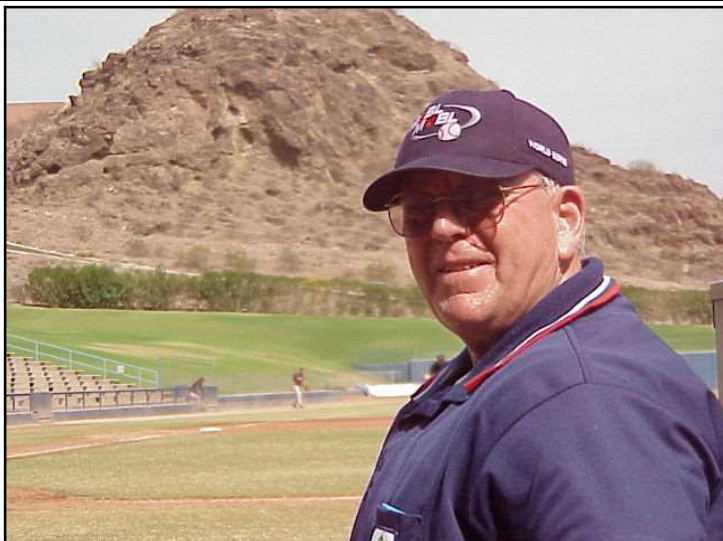
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Steve Roberts (left) and George Konstantino (right) of the Oakland Expos share a laugh between innings in yesterday's game.



MSBL Umpire Kevin McMurrugh (from Ferntree Gully Australia) takes a break between innings of his plate game yesterday.



Oakland Expos' pitcher Toby Pasillas (29) delivers a pitch to the plate during his team's game against the Puget Sound Scorpions.



Puget Sound Scorpions' batter Jim Jackson gets good wood (or aluminum) on this pitch but pulled it foul down the right field line.



Valley Mets' starting pitcher Roger Clark looks in to get the sign from his catcher during his team's game against LaGrange.



Oakland Expos' speedy base runner Jim Yamada gets back to the bag just before Scorpions' first baseman Phil Pinkstaff tags him.