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Ken Vanderpoel In Auto Accident

By Joel Becker

Long time Umpire and friend of the league Ken Vanderpoel was injured in an auto accident en route from the airport to his first game assignment of the WS. He was treated and released at a local ER, but will be unable to umpire any games of the WS.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken for a speedy recovery.

Today's MSBL WS Playoff Games

28+ National Division

Scottsdale vs Dallas Hansen

9:30a Peoria Padre # 3

Austin Texans vs Atlanta Astros

9:30a Peoria Padre # 4

tba vs Sonoma County Cubs

1:45p Peoria Padre # 3

tba vs SW Missouri - Pepsi

1:45p Peoria Padre # 4

28+ American Division

Nor Cal Stars vs EHOB Giants

9:45a Peoria Mariner # 3

LaGrange vs Dan Smith Condors

9:45a Peoria Mariner # 4

Dallas CA vs Sacramento Giants

9:45a Peoria Mariner # 5

Wilson / DeMarini vs Grand Rapids

9:45a Peoria Mariner # 6

38+ National Division

Oakland Expos vs So Cal

9:30a Peoria Padre # 5

San Jose vs Sacramento

9:30a Peoria Padre # 6

tba vs Long Island Mets

2:00p Peoria Padre # 5

tba vs Dallas Blue Stars

2:00p Peoria Padre # 6

38+ American Division

Puget Sound vs Arizona All-Stars

1:45p Peoria Mariner # 5

Tri Valley 40's vs Austin Legends

1:45p Peoria Mariner # 6

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Playoff Round Starts Today For 28+ / 38+ WS Teams



MABL Houston Sky Sox batter **Justin Brown** #2, tries to drop a bunt down the third base line for a lead off base hit during his teams game with the Chicago Redhawks yesterday.

MABL World Series Play Begins As MSBL Pool Play Wraps Up

By Tom Prendergast

Round two of the MSBL World Series begins today as the jockeying for a seeding position ends and the 28+ / 38+ playoffs start. Eight 28+ American teams and six 28+ National teams will battle it out for a chance to make it to the championship game on Friday. In the 38+ American division, all four teams will get a chance to advance in the semi-finals this afternoon, and six 38+ National division teams will challenge each other for the title of the best of the best.

Fifty MABL teams began play yesterday with the goal of being the last team standing in their divisions. Two of the top teams in the 18+ National division got off to an exciting start as the Long Island Storm came from behind to beat the Kansas City Titans 4-3. Four protests were lodged on a somewhat mildly controversial day as emotions ran high right from the first pitch.

Games continue nearly non-stop until the MABL playoffs start this weekend.



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Scoring "By the Book" in Rivercats' 39-1 Victory over Austin Legends

By Joel Becker

Truth be told, it was going to be a lopsided score anyway.

It was the 7th inning of the Sacramento Rivercats game against the Austin Legends yesterday in the 38+ National / American division at Tempe Diablo field three and the Rivercats were already up by a 19-1 margin. It was also the last day of pool play before the playoffs, and due to the quirks of this year's WS divisional brackets, both teams were already assured of their playoff positions.

So Legends manager Keith Johnson assessed the situation and came to the conclusion that his team would be better off with a loss and two innings worth of rest than attempting a comeback. He talked it over between innings with the Rivercats' manager and the umpires, and they all decided to end the game there.

That decision didn't come without a cost, however. According to league rules, if a team that is losing "quits" after 5 innings/2 hours, but before 9 innings/3 hours, that team is charged an extra 10 runs for each unplayed inning. Therefore, after applying the rules to this situation, an extra 20 runs were charged to the Legends (10 runs each for two unplayed innings), making the final score 39-1 Rivercats.

**Diary of an Aging Baseball Player**

By Max Utsler

Phoenix Forecast—Sunny and 80 (IV)

Skies Partly Cloudy with Baseballs

Most clear thinking individuals would never consider Columbia, Missouri to be in the south. But after spending my formative baseball days in Illinois and Minnesota, believe me, Missouri is "south." But I didn't choose Missouri for the weather. I chose it for its journalism school. During that previous year in the real frozen Tundra, Minneapolis, I decided I wanted to be a college baseball coach. I needed a Master's degree to become one, so I applied to Missouri, thinking journalism would be an easy program to earn an advanced degree. That alone, may explain why I never made it as a reporter. Journalism? Easy? As one newspaper executive recently stated, "It's not rocket science. It's much more difficult than that."

So, on the recommendation of legendary Minnesota Coach Dick Siebert, I became an unpaid graduate assistant at the University of Missouri under the equally legendary John "Hi" Simmons. Coach Simmons became a legend because of his 34 seasons of coaching, his 700-plus wins and his creative use of the language.

"We've got more trouble than Carter's got oats."

"You guys are horrible."

"We didn't bring the circus to town, but we sure put up the tent."

I'm sure John "Hi" must have said some very quotable things about the weather, but I went there to be a baseball coach, not a journalist. In three short seasons I had moved from the over-32 degrees rule, to the "You'll Work Outside When I Tell You to Rule" to John Hi's over-40 degrees rule.

I never new 40 degrees could feel so warm.

The players we recruited from up north shared my enthusiasm for over-40. The Arizonans and Texans put 40-degree baseball on a level of pain between a foul ball off the instep and a Barry Manilow Concert.

On cold game days the facilities staff actually brought kerosene heaters into the dugout. Unlike football, where gathering around the sideline heaters immediately categorized you as a wimp, baseball players showed no shame in pushing and shoving to get to the closest space.

But not me. Even when the temperature was clinging to 40, I felt warm. I had learned the craft of staying warm in Illinois. I had polished that craft in Minnesota. At Missouri in 1972 we also had a secret weapon—wool uniforms. For those of you who have not had the pleasure (or the itch) of wearing wool, let me tell you this. It's hard to play baseball when you're using both hands to scratch yourself. If Washington's soldiers had been wearing wool uniforms at Valley Forge we might all be speaking like Austin Powers today.

We also wore long underwear underneath the uniforms. But I think that served more to protect us from the wool than the cold.

As a member of the Big Eight, Missouri had enough of a budget to head south for spring break. There we left the chill of Columbia for the stench of New Orleans. The Mississippi River, heat and humidity induced stench—that's about all I remember about New Orleans. We stayed in the French Quarter, right down there close to the action. I wandered out of the hotel late one night and wandered in to a nearby adult beverage parlor. As I entered the establishment I saw the middle of the room filled with a giant-sized brandy snifter. Three scantily-clad attendants were giving one of the customers a champagne sponge bath. The customer was one of our relief pitchers. I muttered the famous line Jack Buck would later steal from me, "I don't believe what I just saw." I promptly returned to the hotel.

We also looked forward to the Oklahoma or Oklahoma State road trips. Warm weather. Now those schools were really "south." I remember asking an Oklahoma assistant coach to show me their indoor workout facility. He laughed at me. "We don't have one. What I mean is, we don't need one." Now that's "south."

Now we also had to make road trips to Lincoln, Nebraska; Ames, Iowa; and Manhattan, Kansas. We always managed to get rain or snowed out on those trips. And the only thing worse than going to those towns and playing ball was going to those towns and not playing ball. Why couldn't we ever get held over in Boulder?

38+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Long Island Mets	5	1	0	10	26
Dallas Blue Stars	5	1	0	10	45
So California Blue Jays	5	1	0	10	63
Sacramento Rivercats	3	3	0	6	38
San Jose	2	4	0	4	57
Oakland Expos	1	5	0	2	70

38+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Arizona All-Stars	3	2	1	7	61
Austin Legends	3	3	0	6	77
Tri-Valley 40's	1	4	1	3	40
Puget Sound Scorpions	1	5	0	2	54

28+ National Wednesday Games

South Dakota	6
Atlanta Astros	1
Sonoma County Cubs	17
Oklahoma City Braves	5
SW Missouri-Pepsi	6
Austin Texans	1

Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers	13
Scottsdale Mudcats	4

38+ Nat-Am Wednesday Games

Sacramento Rivercats	39
Austin Legends	1
Dallas Blue Stars	18
Oakland Expos	8
Tri-Valley 40's	5
San Jose	10
Puget Sound Scorpions	12
So California Blue Jays	13
Austin Legends	8
Arizona All-Stars	16
Long Island Mets	10
San Jose	5

Mabl Cent Div 1 Wed Games

Houston Sky Sox	14
Chicago Redhawks	3

Bay Area Astros	18
Albuquerque A's	8

Lake Arrowhead Roadkill	13
Inland Pacific Giants	4

Mabl Cent Div 2 Wed Games

Flagstaff Thunder	14
Eagle Valley Merchants	4

Southern California Blaze	13
Roswell Pirates	0

Mabl Cent Div 3 Wed Games

Colorado Springs Haynes Giants	4
Chicago Rebels	7

Inland Pacific Storm	16
Denver Yankees	2

Twin City Giants	3
Scottsdale A's	10

28+ American Wednesday Games

Sacramento Giants	14
Wilson/DeMarini Giants	2
La Grange Cardinals	10
Nor Cal Stars	10
Grand Rapids- Kusters	24
Whidby Merchants	5

Dan Smith Condors	17
Sacramento Giants	10

Dallas CA Orioles	15
EHOB Giants	10

Whidby Merchants	4
Valley Mets	12

Mabl National Wed Games

Long Island Storm	4
Kansas City Titans	3

Brooklyn Sports Fever	7
San Diego Trots	4

British Capital Group Titans	10
Tinsel Town Terror	11

Mabl Am Div 1 Wed Games

Orange County Padres	10
Houston Mudcats	2

Pacific Coast Braves	2
So California Titans	13

Denver Wolverines	10
California Cannons	9

Mabl Am Div 2 Wed Games

So California Snappers	4
Long Island Black Sox	1

Las Vegas Heat	8
Denver Tigers	2

Chicago Ravens	7
Arizona Mavericks	4

Mabl Am Div 3 Wed Games

Long Island Sundevils	11
Detroit Dodgers	3

San Diego Stro's	5
N. Illinois Cubs	8

28+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Sonoma County Cubs	5	1	0	10	39
SW Missouri-Pepsi	5	1	0	10	27
Dallas Hansen Energy Brewers	5	1	0	10	40
Atlanta Astros	3	3	0	6	38
Austin Texans	2	4	0	4	48
Scottsdale Mudcats	2	4	0	4	55
South Dakota	1	5	0	2	48
Oklahoma City Braves	1	5	0	2	58

28+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
EHOB Giants	5	1	0	10	35
Dan Smith Condors	4	2	0	8	41
Sacramento Giants	4	2	0	8	38
Grand Rapids- Kusters	4	2	0	8	59
Wilson/DeMarini Giants	3	3	0	6	68
Dallas CA Orioles	3	3	0	6	54
La Grange Cardinals	2	3	1	5	47
Nor Cal Stars	2	3	1	5	56
Valley Mets	1	5	0	2	81
Whidby Merchants	1	5	0	2	74

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MABL National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Long Island Storm	1	0	0	2	3
Brooklyn Sports Fever	1	0	0	2	4
Tinsel Town Terror	1	0	0	2	10
Kansas City Titans	0	1	0	0	4
San Diego Trots	0	1	0	0	7
British Capital Group Titans	0	1	0	0	11

Federal Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Pacific Coast Bombers	1	0	0	2	3
Sacramento Braves	1	0	0	2	3
Bay Area Rockies	1	0	0	2	5
Daytona Beach Yankees	0	1	0	0	7
Elmendorf Eagles	0	1	0	0	24
Tulie	0	1	0	0	24

Federal Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Sacramento Yankees	1	0	0	2	5
LA Dogmellon	1	0	0	2	6
Boston United	1	0	0	2	7
Chicago Mudsharks	0	1	0	0	13
Long Island Yankees	0	1	0	0	13
Des Moines Vikings	0	1	0	0	14

Mabl Fed Div 1 Wed Games

Tulie	3
Sacramento Braves	24
Daytona Beach Yankees	5
Bay Area Rockies	7

Pacific Coast Bombers	24
Elmendorf Eagles	3

MABL Fed Div 2 Wed Games

Chicago Mudsharks	7
Boston United	13
LA Dogmellon	14
Des Moines Vikings	6

Sacramento Yankees	13
Long Island Yankees	5



Long Island Mets batter **Rod Stephan** watches this pitch all the way into the catcher's mitt for a called third strike in the 2nd inn.



MABL Houston Sky Sox pitcher **Ryan Martin** delivers this pitch to the plate during his team's opening game victory over Chicago.



Wayne Goldman of the Long Island Mets swings at this high and inside pitch during his team's 10-5 victory over San Jose.



Chicago Redhawks, 3rd baseman, #20 **Chuck Winters** gets ready for the next play in his team's game versus the Houston Sky Sox.

American Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Orange County Padres	1	0	0	2	2
Denver Wolverines	1	0	0	2	9
California Cannons	0	1	0	0	10
Houston Mudcats	0	1	0	0	10
Pacific Coast Braves	0	1	0	0	13

American Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
So California Snappers	1	0	0	2	1
Las Vegas Heat	1	0	0	2	2
Chicago Ravens	1	0	0	2	4
Long Island Black Sox	0	1	0	0	4
Arizona Mavericks	0	1	0	0	7
Denver Tigers	0	1	0	0	8

American Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
So California Titans	1	0	0	2	2
Long Island Sundevils	1	0	0	2	3
N. Illinois Cubs	1	0	0	2	5
San Diego Stro's	0	1	0	0	8
Detroit Dodgers	0	1	0	0	11

Central Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Houston Sky Sox	1	0	0	2	3
Bay Area Astros	1	0	0	2	8
Chicago Redhawks	1	1	0	2	17
Albuquerque A's	0	1	0	0	18
Inland Pacific Giants	0	2	0	0	32

Central Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Flagstaff Thunder	1	0	0	2	4
Lake Arrowhead Roadkill	1	0	0	2	4
Southern California Blaze	1	0	0	2	0
Eagle Valley Merchants	0	1	0	0	14
Roswell Pirates	0	1	0	0	13

Central Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Inland Pacific Storm	1	0	0	2	2
Scottsdale Silver Sneaker Athletics	1	0	0	2	3
Chicago Rebels	1	0	0	2	4
Colorado Springs Haynes Giants	0	1	0	0	7
Twin City Giants	0	1	0	0	10
Denver Yankees	0	1	0	0	16