

DAILY NEWS



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TUESDAY OCTOBER 22nd, 2002

**MSBL WS Welcome BAR-B-Q Set
For Friday October 25th
(Not Thursday)**

**At Tempe Diablo Stadium
4:00p - 8:00p**

Home Run Derby 7:00p - 9:00p

**NEW MSBL
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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.

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WS Tournament Starts With Wedding Before 1st Game

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Dennis and Sherryl Cioffi (Long Island Mets) were married in an on field ceremony at Tempe Diablo Stadium before his teams 1st game yesterday morning against Orange Co.

28+ World Series (Part II) Gets Started With Continental, Federal and Central

By Tom Prendergast

Week two of the MSBL World Series got off to a fast start with plenty of action and lots of runs scored the first day. Two teams scored thirty runs or more while six teams hit the twenty run mark and more than half the teams scored in double figures. Certainly not a red-letter day pitchers. A high sky and great weather was good for the hitters.

For the first time ever the MSBL World Series will be hosting an All Star game to be held on Friday. Every team will be asked to select a representative to participate in this new showcase event held at Tempe Diablo Stadium on Friday. (story on page 4)

Players attending this years World Series are being asked to help support the new Philippines MSBL baseball program by making some used or new equipment donation. Pony youth baseball chieftain Abe Key and MSBL President Steve Sigler have endorsed the project and are urging both players and leagues to be generous with their old equipment. You may drop off your donatiions at the World Series information desk any time.



*Providing daily player
and team statistics for
all World Series Teams*

MSBL WORLD SERIES DAILY NEWS

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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.

DENEVI & JONES PHOTOGRAPHY

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Tempe Diablo Stadium

Federal Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Stanislaus Indians	2	0	0	4	13
San Diego Diegans	2	0	0	4	13
Kansas City Rockies	1	1	0	2	13
Arkansas Diamonds	1	1	0	2	15
Long Island Mets	1	1	0	2	19
Indianapolis Brewers	0	2	0	0	23
Orange County Black Sox	0	2	0	0	38

Federal Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Maine Diamond Dogs	1	0	1	3	7
Northwest Blaze	1	0	1	3	8
LA Westside Cubs	1	1	0	2	11
Seattle Mariners	1	1	0	2	15
Denver Capitals	1	1	0	2	19
Bay Area Rockies	1	1	0	2	29
S. California Sundevils	0	2	0	0	35

Federal Division 5	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tri Valley Red Sox	2	0	0	4	13
North Valley Bears	2	0	0	4	15
Tacoma Tugs	1	1	0	2	17
California Giants	1	1	0	2	24
Long Island Tides	1	1	0	2	24
Chicago Reds	0	2	0	0	20
San Antonio Orioles	0	2	0	0	25

Fed Div 1 Mon Results

Stanislaus Indians	5	Foothill Victory A's	4
Arkansas Diamonds	3	Antelope Valley White Sox	8
Kansas City Rockies	8	Tucson A's	6
Indianapolis Brewers	1	Redwood Empire Reds	3
Orange County Black Sox	7	Antelope Valley White Sox	14
Long Island Mets	18	Arizona Outlaws	19
Kansas City Rockies	4	Long Island Angels	12
San Diego Diegans	12	Redwood Empire Reds	5
Arkansas Diamonds	15	Tucson A's	23
Indianapolis Brewers	10	Utah Pirates	5
Stanislaus Indians	20	Arizona Outlaws	20
Orange County Black Sox	10	Utah Pirates	7
San Diego Diegans	12	Foothill Victory A's	20
Long Island Mets	9	Long Island Angels	4

Vanderpoel Recovering

By Joel Becker

WS Umpire Ken Vanderpoel, who was injured in an auto accident on his way to his first game of the tournament, writes that he's home safe, if not completely sound, in Atlanta. Vanderpoel suffered a broken hand, leg, cracked ribs, bruises, and lacerations in the wreck. He reports he'll be off his feet for a few weeks to recover. Any well-wishing correspondence

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For the latest game scores and divisional standings, stop by Tempe Diablo Stadium. For additional information:

call 602- 438-7528

would be welcome. Meanwhile, here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

Federal Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tucson A's	2	0	0	4	8
Arizona Outlaws	2	0	0	4	21
Foothill Victory A's	1	1	0	2	12
Antelope Valley White Sox	1	1	0	2	23
Long Island Angels	1	1	0	2	25
Redwood Empire Reds	0	2	0	0	18
Utah Pirates	0	2	0	0	43

Federal Division 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Arlington Mets	2	0	0	4	9
Buffalo Indians	1	0	1	3	14
Milwaukee Rangers	1	0	0	2	3
Inland NW Mets	1	1	0	2	6
Denver Braves	0	1	1	1	19
Pacific Coast Barracudas	0	1	0	0	9
Tri Valley Oaks	0	2	0	0	39

Fed Div 3 Mon Results

Denver Capitals	20
Bay Area Rockies	3
LA Westside Cubs	3
Maine Diamond Dogs	6
Seattle Mariners	4
Northwest Blaze	8
LA Westside Cubs	16
Denver Capitals	5
Maine Diamond Dogs	4
Northwest Blaze	4
Bay Area Rockies	22
S. California Sundevils	9
Seattle Mariners	13
S. California Sundevils	7

**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.

Fed Div 4 Mon Results

Arlington Mets	30
Tri Valley Oaks	6
Denver Braves	9
Buffalo Indians	9
Inland NW Mets	3
Milwaukee Rangers	4
Arlington Mets	9
Pacific Coast Barracudas	3
Buffalo Indians	9
Tri Valley Oaks	5
Inland NW Mets	10
Denver Braves	2

Fed Div 5 Mon Results

Chicago Reds	9
California Giants	10
Long Island Tides	10
North Valley Bears	16
Tacoma Tugs	13
San Antonio Orioles	10
California Giants	7
Tri Valley Red Sox	15
Long Island Tides	10
Chicago Reds	8
North Valley Bears	12
San Antonio Orioles	5
Tacoma Tugs	6
Tri Valley Red Sox	7



To Reserve APN Sports Play-by-Play Videos, call in advance of your game:

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Continental Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Washington DC Rangers	2	0	0	4	11
Phoenix Rattlers	2	0	0	4	11
Fresno Tribe	2	0	0	4	32
South Dakota Rushmores	1	1	0	2	13
LA Westside Dawgs	0	2	0	0	24
Central Coast Waves	0	2	0	0	43

Continental Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
LA Grays	2	0	0	4	12
Columbus A's	2	0	0	4	12
Millennium Properties Pirates	1	1	0	2	21
Fedlock Federals	0	2	0	0	24
Arizona Cardinals	0	2	0	0	28
Orange County Cardinals	0	2	0	0	28

Central Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
So. California Redbirds	1	0	0	2	3
Arizona Diamondbacks	1	0	0	2	5
LA Bulls	1	0	0	2	6
Puget Sound Tigers	1	0	0	2	17
Iowa Oaks	0	1	0	0	7
New Mexico Lobos	0	1	0	0	10
Santa Barbara Alley Cats	0	1	0	0	13
Tucson Indians	0	1	0	0	18

Central Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Seattle Blues	1	0	0	2	0
Tri Valley Giants	1	0	0	2	3
Colorado Springs Explorers	1	0	0	2	4
Arizona Durham Bulls	1	0	0	2	8
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	0	1	0	0	5
Des Moines Bruins	0	1	0	0	6
Utah Indians	0	1	0	0	14
Oklahoma City Dodgers	0	1	0	0	22

Cent Div 1 Mon Results

LA Bulls	7
Iowa Oaks	6
Santa Barbara Alley Cats	3
So. California Redbirds	13
Puget Sound Tigers	18
Tucson Indians	17
Arizona Diamondbacks	10
New Mexico Lobos	5

Cent Div 2 Mon Results

Seattle Blues	14
Utah Indians	0
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	3
Tri Valley Giants	5
Des Moines Bruins	4
Colorado Springs Explorers	6
Arizona Durham Bulls	22
Oklahoma City Dodgers	8

MSBL World Series Debuts All Star Game "Friday"

By Tom Prendergast

New this year the MSBL World Series will be hosting 28+ All Star games on Friday. Each team will be asked to send one (1) player to represent their team at their divisions All Star contest on Friday during the Trade Show.

The Continental Game will start at 12:00n, followed by the Federal All Star game at 2:30p and the Central All Star contest will begin at 5:00p. The managers for each squad will be announced on Thursday. The pitching staff will be made up of fresh arms who's teams don't qualify for the playoffs. Each player selected to participate in the All Star game will receive a special WS All Star game t-shirt.

Central Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Bay Area Beavers	1	0	0	2	0
Omaha Titans	1	0	0	2	2
Austin Rangers	1	0	0	2	4
Tucson Cactus Rally Reds	0	0	1	1	13
Kansas City A's	0	0	1	1	13
Boise Hawks	0	1	0	0	2
N Colorado Reds	0	1	0	0	8
Connecticut Navigators	0	1	0	0	10

Central Division 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
So. California Storm	1	0	0	2	4
Rogue Valley Reds	1	0	0	2	5
Ft. Worth Rangers	1	0	0	2	9
Kansas City Giants	1	0	0	2	11
So. California Indians	0	0	1	1	9
New Mexico Cubs	0	0	1	1	9
Sun Valley Suns	0	1	0	0	11
Eugene Evergreens	0	1	0	0	15
Tucson Old Pueblo Padres	0	2	0	0	22

Cont Div 1 Mon Results

Central Coast Waves	4
Washington DC Rangers	12
Fresno Tribe	31
Central Coast Waves	21

LA Westside Dawgs	6
Phoenix Rattlers	9
Phoenix Rattlers	11
South Dakota Rushmores	5
LA Westside Dawgs	11
Fresno Tribe	15

Orange County Cardinals	2
South Dakota Rushmores	18
Arizona Cardinals	7
Washington DC Rangers	9

Cent Div 3 Mon Results

Austin Rangers	10
Connecticut Navigators	4
Boise Hawks	0
Bay Area Beavers	2
N Colorado Reds	2
Omaha Titans	8
Kansas City A's	13
Tucson Cactus Rally Reds	13

Cont Div 2 Mon Results

Orange County Cardinals	9
Millennium Properties Pirates	10
Fedlock Federals	8
LA Grays	14

Fedlock Federals	4
Columbus A's	10
LA Grays	12
Millennium Properties Pirates	4
Columbus A's	19
Arizona Cardinals	8

Cent Div 4 Mon Results

Kansas City Giants	15
Eugene Evergreens	11
Sun Valley Suns	5
Rogue Valley Reds	11

New Mexico Cubs	9
So. California Indians	9
So. California Storm	12
Tucson Old Pueblo Padres	4
Tucson Old Pueblo Padres	9
Ft. Worth Rangers	10

**Scorebook.com Provides Free Stat Service for Participating Teams**

By Joel Becker

Scorebook.com, the new internet stat service at this year's WS, is further sweetening its pot of services by offering a FREE "Pro" Package for your league's 2003 season back home. The only catch is you have to fully participate with Scorebook.com

at this tournament (that is, enter all game statistics at your games here).

SCOREBOOK.COM
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201 - 315 - 1615

When Not Behind the Camera, Denevi-Jones Team Saves Lives

By Joel Becker

You know, it's said that when you look out onto a baseball diamond, you're not just watching two teams, but rather three—home, away, and the team of umpires working the game. Well, here at the 2002 MABL / MSBL World Series, you might notice a fourth team: the photography team of Denevi-Jones, here for the eleventh straight year shooting all the tournament action.

But when Chris Denevi and CJ Jones aren't spending their time lugging around cameras, lenses, and film, they're doing something much more important—saving the lives of newborn infants. Both work a night shift at Kaiser Hospitals in the Bay Area of California—Denevi is a RN, Jones a RT (Respiratory Therapist). And if a high risk pregnancy happens to come in between 11 pm and 7 am, you can be sure Chris and CJ will be prepared to step in, should the need arise.

"With a high risk pregnancy, like a premature birth, we're usually in the delivery room, just in case," Denevi explains. "If the baby doesn't breathe after birth, we resuscitate him and get him ready for the Intensive Care Nursery."

Babies born anywhere less than 35 weeks of pregnancy that have trouble breathing go to the IC Nursery for observation and can stay up to three or four months, depending on their condition. Denevi says that there are any number of reasons a baby might not breathe at birth.

"They might be in shock...they might have had the cord wrapped around their neck...or in preemies, it might be that their nervous system just hasn't developed enough to allow the brain to tell the right muscles what to do," she describes. "Typically, we stimulate the baby by rubbing his body, tube him, and breathe for him. A lot of the time, he'll get the idea on his own."

Denevi was originally a science and math teacher before deciding to go into nursing.

"I kept comparing paychecks to my roommate at the time, who was a nurse. I was a teacher, and her paycheck seemed a lot bigger than mine. And I thought to myself, I know all this stuff, after all I teach science. I could do this."

A short college curriculum later and Chris found herself at Kaiser specializing in saving babies' lives. That's where she hooked up with CJ.



CJ Jones (left) and Chris Denevi (right) have been shooting game footage at the MABL / MSBL World Series for the past 11 years.

Jones' career began as an Army medic. After her original three year enlistment, she re-upped and the Army trained her as a RT and she was posted near San Francisco. When her second tour was up, a civilian contact she made while in the service helped set her up at Kaiser, where she's been ever since.

"I pretty much span the gamut," she says. "I'll work with anywhere from 24 week neo-natal infants to the elderly nursing care patient. But most nights, I'm with Chris dealing with the high risk births."

Having the same shift at the hospital led Denevi and Jones together down a path that eventually would take them behind a viewfinder and shutter. Denevi had been a photo-buff since childhood, and when she heard Jones talking about how much she loved taking pictures, she couldn't resist encouraging her.

"I'd always felt I had an eye for it," says Jones. "You know, seeing a good picture composition just by looking at a scene. But I'd never taken any classes or anything. But Chris said I should just dive right in. I did, and I'm loving it."

In now their eleventh year as WS photographers, Denevi-Jones takes as many as 30 or 40 rolls of film a day during the three week tournament.

"One of the Bay Area teams saw some pictures I'd took of the Giants," said Denevi. "He wanted me to do the same thing at this men's baseball league he

played for. Eventually, that led to our traveling to Phoenix for the World Series tournament, just to photograph the Bay Area team. That year, (tournament director) Kurt Knop got to talking to us, and we've been coming down ever since."

And what about the problem of taking three weeks off in a row at the hospital?

"We've got lots of seniority by now," says Jones.

"We can pretty much write our own hours," adds Denevi.

What about the ones who have to fill in for you while you're gone?

Jones smiles.

"Just make 'em breathe until they learn how to do it for themselves."

Note: Visit Denevi-Jones Photography at Tempe-Diablo daily from 9:30a - 4:30 p.

WS NEWS YOU CAN USE

**Corrected Directions to
Red Mountain
Baseball Complex:**
(From Tempe-Diablo)

Take 48th street to Broadway. Right on Broadway to I-10. East on I-10, veer right on US-60 (East). Exit at Power Road. Go Left (N) on Power about 3.5 miles to Brown Road. Left (E) on Brown. The complex is on the left side of the road about a mile east of Power.



28+ Federal Long Island Mets batter **Dennis Cioffi** was lucky on the field as well driving in couple rbi's with this double in the 7th.



Orange County Black Sox pitcher **Pat Deegan** delivers this pitch to plate against the Long Island Mets in their game at Tempe Std.



Central Coast Waves starting pitcher **Tim Golden** got the start in his teams first game yesterday at Tempe Diablo Stadium.



Fresno Tribe Indians batter **Chris Powell** # 15, hits this pitch into the gap in right field for an rbi during the 1st inning yesterday.



28+ Federal Millennium Properties Pirates batter **Jeff Jackson** takes this pitch for a called strike in his teams game at Tempe # 3.



LA Grays pitcher **Buck Grayson** meditates for a moment between pitches in his teams 12 - 4 victory over the Millennium Pirates.