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MSBL WS ALL STAR GAME ON TAP FOR FRIDAY DURING TRADE SHOW

By Joel Becker

New this season, the MSBL World Series will be hosting three (3) All Star games on Friday during the MSBL WS Trade Show. Beginning at noon Friday, each one of the divisions will participate in a seven inning All Star game.

Every team in each division will send at least one representative. Each player on the squad will get a WS All Star t-shirt along with a team photo in the next issue of Hardball Magazine. An MVP will be selected from each game.

Vendors from the Trade Show will be donating several prizes that the players on the All Star rosters will have the opportunity to win. Team managers will be selected on Thursday and will be able to select two coaches for the game. Every player will be introduced during an on field presentation before the game.

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

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High Scoring Continues As Bats Stay Hot On Day Two!



***Jerry Wambold** of the So California Indians drives the ball down the line for a double in the seventh inning of his teams game at Tempe Diablo Stadium against the So Cal Storm.*

Slugfest Continues As Offense Leads The Way In "Juiced Ball" Controversy

By Tom Prendergast

Day two of the 28+ MSBL World Series ended much the same way that day one finished up, with a lot of teams scoring a bunch of runs. Six different teams scored at least 20 runs or more while 25 others scored in double digits. And in most cases, the games haven't been that one sided. The average score in most of those games is around 15 - 12. While several major leaguers have suggested a harder, tighter wound baseball, Rawlings executives continue to deny any difference in the baseballs from past seasons.

Surprisingly enough, talk around the breakfast tables, hotel pools, and hot tubs have our players wondering along those same lines. From reliable sources within the MSBL national organization, word has leaked that the "Steve Sigler" autographed signature on every WS baseball being used this year is different from previous years. Once again Rawlings officials through Anaconda (The Sports Store)-the official supplier of baseballs for the MSBL-have denied any noticeable difference in baseballs. One unidentified player asked, "if the baseballs aren't juiced, why are the teams scoring runs by the dozens?"



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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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Federal Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Stanislaus Indians	3	0	0	6	15
San Diego Diegans	3	0	0	6	16
Kansas City Rockies	2	1	0	4	14
Long Island Mets	1	2	0	2	25
Arkansas Diamonds	1	2	0	2	30
Orange County Black Sox	1	3	0	2	57
Indianapolis Brewers	0	3	0	0	39

Federal Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
LA Westside Cubs	3	1	0	6	20
Maine Diamond Dogs	2	0	1	5	14
Northwest Blaze	1	1	1	3	15
Denver Capitals	1	2	0	2	28
Seattle Mariners	1	2	0	2	33
Bay Area Rockies	1	2	0	2	36
S. California Sundevils	1	2	0	2	42

Federal Division 5	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tri Valley Red Sox	2	1	0	4	15
Tacoma Tugs	2	1	0	4	22
North Valley Bears	2	1	0	4	27
California Giants	2	1	0	4	27
Chicago Reds	1	2	0	2	20
San Antonio Orioles	1	2	0	2	29
Long Island Tides	1	3	0	2	50

Fed Div 1 Tuesday Results

Indianapolis Brewers	13
Orange County Black Sox	16
Arkansas Diamonds	1
Kansas City Rockies	15
Orange County Black Sox	3
San Diego Diegans	6
Long Island Mets	2
Stanislaus Indians	6

Fed Div 2 Tuesday Results

Antelope Valley White Sox	7
Utah Pirates	6
Redwood Empire Reds	7
Foothill Victory A's	6
Long Island Angels	8
Tucson A's	14
Foothill Victory A's	4
Arizona Outlaws	5

Federal Division League Leaders**League Hitting Leaders sorted by: Batting average (minimum 5 plate appearances)**

Player	Team	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	SO	SB	OBP	SLG	AVG
R.Lewis	PRO! NV Bears	4	4	4	2	0	1	2	9	2	0	0	1.000	2.250	1.000
J.Martinez	PRO! LI Tides	7	5	6	3	0	0	3	9	2	0	0	0.889	1.286	0.857
D.Stewart	PRO! AZ Outlaws	6	3	5	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0.857	0.833	0.833
M.LYCHWEK	PRO! Arlington	8	4	6	0	0	1	3	9	0	1	0	0.750	1.125	0.750
R.Figueroa	PRO! AZ Outlaws	7	2	5	3	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0.714	1.143	0.714

Continental Division League Leaders**League Hitting Leaders sorted by: Batting average (minimum 5 plate appearances)**

Player	Team	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	OBP	SLG	AVG
K.Beno	PRO! Fresno Tribe	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
K.Osborne	PRO! Fresno Tribe	2	3	2	0	0	0	4	1.000	1.000	1.000
C.Powell	PRO! Fresno Tribe	14	9	10	3	3	0	13	0.733	1.357	0.714
T.Baltus	PRO! Millennium	10	3	6	1	0	0	2	0.636	0.700	0.600
B.Vanduzer	PRO! Fresno Tribe	5	4	3	0	0	0	2	0.714	0.600	0.600

Federal Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tucson A's	3	0	0	6	16
Arizona Outlaws	3	0	0	6	25
Antelope Valley White Sox	2	1	0	4	29
Foothill Victory A's	1	3	0	2	24
Redwood Empire Reds	1	2	0	2	24
Long Island Angels	1	2	0	2	39
Utah Pirates	0	3	0	0	50

Federal Division 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Arlington Mets	3	0	0	6	14
Inland NW Mets	3	1	0	6	22
Milwaukee Rangers	2	1	0	4	26
Buffalo Indians	1	1	1	3	30
Tri Valley Oaks	1	2	0	2	44
Denver Braves	0	2	1	1	27
Pacific Coast Barracudas	0	3	0	0	31

Fed Div 3 Tuesday Results

Maine Diamond Dogs	18
Seattle Mariners	7
LA Westside Cubs	7
Bay Area Rockies	6
Denver Capitals	7
S. California Sundevils	9
Northwest Blaze	3
LA Westside Cubs	7

Fed Div 4 Tuesday Results

Milwaukee Rangers	14
Pacific Coast Barracudas	10
Inland NW Mets	16
Buffalo Indians	9
Denver Braves	5
Tri Valley Oaks	8
Milwaukee Rangers	5
Arlington Mets	13

Pacific Coast Barracudas	7
Inland NW Mets	8

Fed Div 5 Tuesday Results

Long Island Tides	3
California Giants	11
Chicago Reds	2
Tri Valley Red Sox	0
North Valley Bears	5
Tacoma Tugs	12
San Antonio Orioles	15
Long Island Tides	4

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Continental Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Fresno Tribe	3	0	0	6	42
Phoenix Rattlers	2	1	0	4	17
Washington DC Rangers	2	1	0	4	23
LA Westside Dawgs	2	2	0	4	29
South Dakota Rushmores	1	2	0	2	18
Central Coast Waves	0	3	0	0	54

Continental Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Columbus A's	3	0	0	6	17
Millennium Properties Pirates	2	1	0	4	23
LA Grays	2	1	0	4	24
Arizona Cardinals	1	2	0	2	30
Orange County Cardinals	1	2	0	2	33
Fedlock Federals	0	4	0	0	42

Central Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
LA Bulls	3	0	0	6	18
So. California Redbirds	2	1	0	4	18
Iowa Oaks	2	1	0	4	22
Tucson Indians	2	1	0	4	25
Santa Barbara Alley Cats	1	2	0	2	25
Puget Sound Tigers	1	2	0	2	44
Arizona Diamondbacks	1	2	0	2	51
New Mexico Lobos	0	3	0	0	48

Central Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tri Valley Giants	2	0	1	5	21
Des Moines Bruins	2	1	0	4	15
Seattle Blues	2	1	0	4	19
Arizona Durham Bulls	2	1	0	4	33
Utah Indians	1	1	1	3	33
Colorado Springs Explorers	1	2	0	2	28
Oklahoma City Dodgers	1	2	0	2	40
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	0	3	0	0	49

Cent Div 1 Tuesday Results

Santa Barbara Alley Cats	7
Puget Sound Tigers	6
Tucson Indians	7
So. California Redbirds	3
New Mexico Lobos	12
Iowa Oaks	22
So. California Redbirds	20
Puget Sound Tigers	8
Tucson Indians	6
Santa Barbara Alley Cats	4
Iowa Oaks	31
Arizona Diamondbacks	3
New Mexico Lobos	5
LA Bulls	16
Arizona Diamondbacks	7
LA Bulls	15

Cent Div 2 Tuesday Results

Oklahoma City Dodgers	3
Des Moines Bruins	8
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	4
Seattle Blues	21
Utah Indians	8
Tri Valley Giants	8
Oklahoma City Dodgers	14
Colorado Springs Explorers	10
Arizona Durham Bulls	6
Des Moines Bruins	16
Tri Valley Giants	15
Seattle Blues	10
Utah Indians	23
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	11
Colorado Springs Explorers	9
Arizona Durham Bulls	10

Please bring any used baseball equipment that you would like to donate to the Philippines MSBL to the WS Office located in Tempe Diablo Stadium.



Central Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Omaha Titans	3	0	0	6	20
Bay Area Beavers	2	1	0	4	19
N Colorado Reds	2	1	0	4	19
Austin Rangers	2	1	0	4	21
Boise Hawks	1	2	0	2	19
Connecticut Navigators	1	2	0	2	32
Kansas City A's	0	2	1	1	36
Tucson Cactus Rally Reds	0	2	1	1	45

Central Division 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Rogue Valley Reds	3	0	0	6	11
So. California Storm	3	0	0	6	14
Ft. Worth Rangers	3	0	0	6	20
Kansas City Giants	2	1	0	4	28
New Mexico Cubs	1	1	1	3	16
Eugene Evergreens	1	2	0	2	27
So. California Indians	0	2	1	1	44
Sun Valley Suns	0	3	0	0	31
Tucson Old Pueblo Padres	0	4	0	0	50

Cont Div 1 Tuesday Results

Fresno Tribe	12
Washington DC Rangers	10

LA Westside Dawgs	11
Central Coast Waves	2

South Dakota Rushmores	3
LA Westside Dawgs	5

Phoenix Rattlers	5
Columbus A's	6

Cent Div 3 Tuesday Results

Bay Area Beavers	8
Austin Rangers	14

Connecticut Navigators	11
Boise Hawks	7

N Colorado Reds	9
Kansas City A's	3

Tucson Cactus Rally Reds	6
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Central Division League Leaders

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J.Furlong	PRO! S.CA Indians	6	2	5	1	0	0	2	0.889	1.000	0.833
K.CRAIG	PRO! LA Bulls	5	2	4	0	0	0	1	0.800	0.800	0.800
G.Swails	PRO! S.CA Indians	8	2	6	1	0	0	0	0.778	0.875	0.750
S.Bliek	PRO! Ft. Worth	10	3	7	1	0	0	6	0.700	0.800	0.700
L.Cobb	PRO! Ft. Worth	9	2	6	1	1	0	4	0.700	1.000	0.667
M.Garcia	PRO! Utah Indians	6	2	4	1	0	0	0	0.714	0.833	0.667
J.Holland	PRO! Utah Indians	14	5	9	0	1	0	5	0.667	0.786	0.643

A Day In The Life of the MSBL World Series Headquarters

By Joel Becker

It's 7 am, and Steve Rosenberg arrives at the World Series Headquarters, propping open the door with a door stop, forgetting again to unlock it, as he has every morning since the day before this tournament started.

Steve is the assistant tournament director of the MABL / MSBL World Series, and he's the first one here in the morning. The games haven't yet started, but there's still much to do. Being an assistant tournament director is a tough position to define, but here goes: Steve takes care of anything tournament director Tom Prendergast doesn't. At this point of the morning, Tom isn't yet here (only because he just left a few hours ago), so Rosenberg is in charge.

It's not long, about 8, before Lou Myers arrives. Lou is the tournament's Umpire-in-Chief. With somewhere between 60 and 120 games going on each day at the tournament, each one needing at least two umpires, Myers' day is not leisurely, having to deal not only with scheduling, but also with any incidents that might arise. He is also in charge of making Tom's daily lunch salads, a Myers' specialty.

It would be tough to nail down a specific time at which Tom Prendergast arrives. In spirit, he never leaves (trust me, you wouldn't want his cell phone bill). Most evenings, he's here until well past midnight (last night, Tom left the office en route to Kinko's at about 1:30 am). This morning, he got here about 9.

Right about that time, the games begin.

The day is busy with the calls of scores and making sure that everything is organized to run smoothly. The hours are long, but rewarding to see the end result of keeping the passion for baseball alive on and off the field. Extra effort is made to make sure that everything is perfect.



WS UIC Lou Myers and assistant Dick Jolly



Clyde Miller in front of today's schedule board.

Over the next couple of hours, the rest of the gang arrives. Randy Evans gets to work on his spreadsheets of the day's games and helps take score reports as they come in. This year, Randy (and the rest of us scoretakers) have the added responsibility of updating the website at Scorebook.com.

Clyde Miller also works the phones all day, taking calls from umpires and team managers, who call in to report scores and comment about the day's events. Miller's also hard at work keeping the "big boards" up-to-date, where the office workers can get a clear look at the schedule and results of the day.

Annie Sullivan, whom Tom describes as "the absolute best", has the job of *getting things done*. Every day her responsibilities range from registration to making sure protest calls don't ruin the office moral. She also helps with proofreading newsletter stories (liket thiss one).

I assist Tom, but not in the same way Steve Rosenberg does. I'm mainly here to take some of the load off of Tom in getting WS information out to you, whether it be through the newsletter or at the main level information office, where the computer scrolls the scores.

Now that it's lunch time, Lou gets busy with his second job: making sure that Tom gets his salad with ranch for lunch. Tom's wife should thank Lou for keeping him healthy for us each tournament. (although we won't mention how many times he eats at the infamous Chuckbox each week).

Meanwhile, several protests have been called in and voiced to Tom. For the better part of the last hour while writing this article, I've been listening to Tom argue with two managers and an umpire over a play that, had one of the managers said something when it first happened, could have been avoided entirely.

MSBL president Steve Sigler (the boss) just dropped by the office. Luckily, today, we can be a little less tense while he's here, as yesterday's newsletter was mistake-free.

Now, Clyde hovers by, singing a medley from *The Lion King* while checking the boards. I've been tolerating it for about 20 minutes so far.

Steve Rosenberg leaves for dinner about 6 p.m. He plans to arrive back dark and early tomorrow.

Clyde and Randy yell 20 scores left. The countdown helps them see that the end of the day is coming.

There's a lull in the action here at HQ, as games are currently being played (as opposed to being reported here). I take the opportunity to update the PowerPoint program that rolls the scores downstairs so passersby can keep up-to-date on pool play.

Annie has left for dinner. Randy went to go stretch his legs. Both will be returning soon enough for the stretch run. Tom and I will be off ourselves in the near future, with most of my work still ahead of me.

The last game tonight starts at around 9, meaning we won't get the last score until past midnight. By one or one-thirty, Tom and I are putting this newsletter to bed.



"Woman in Charge" Annie Sullivan takes a score over the phone and updates the web site.

Tom still has to take a disk of *The Daily News* over to Kinko's to have it ready for you this morning. I'm busy getting it formatted for the web site. We're the last out at 1:30.

I came here expecting long days and a busy office. Tom had warned me that the "8 am to past midnight" day was commonplace for us in the WS HQ office. What I was pleasantly surprised to find was the camaraderie and friendship that developed as the melting pot of disparate personalities in the office worked toward a common goal, transforming into a well-oiled team, and having fun doing it.



So California Storm batter **Skylar Faria** falls backwards to avoid this high and inside pitch during his teams game at Tempe Diablo.



So California Storm pitcher **Hunter Swearingin** contemplates his next pitch as he looks into get the sign from his catcher yesterday.



28+ Central Iowa Oaks batter **Ken Agey** gets a good look at this pitch which came across the plate to low too be called a strike.



So Cal Storm second baseman **Eric Culver** forces out So Cal Indians base runner **Jerry Wombold** during yesterdays 14 - 2 win.



Iowa Oaks batter **Jeff Ludkins** swings and misses this incredible (and apparently) un-hittable change up during his at bat Tuesday.



28+ Central New Mexico Lobos pitcher **Ken Friedrich** serves up another offering to an Iowa Oaks batter in yesterdays slugfest.