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THURSDAY OCTOBER 24th, 2002

**2002 MSBL World Series
TRADE SHOW
Opens Today
2:00p - 9:00p
Tempe Diablo Stadium**

**All Star Rosters Still Undecided As
Teams Seek Final Playoff Spots**

By Tom Prendergast

Tempe Diablo Stadium will play host to the first ever series of 28+ MSBL World Series All Star Games on Friday during the Trade Show. Starting at noon on Friday the Continental All Stars will take the field in a seven inning ballgame. Before the players from both teams will be introduced in an on field ceremony. Each player selected to the squad will receive a special edition 2002 WS All Star t-shirt. The Federal game will start at 2:30p and the Central contest will begin at 5:00p. All of the teams will have their photo in Hardball Magazine and after each game an MVP will be selected to receive a special award. Box scores and photos from all the games will be featured on the website.



**MSBL WS Welcome BAR-B-Q
Friday October 25th
(Not Thursday)
At Tempe Diablo Stadium
5:00p - 9:30p
Home Run Derby 7:00p - 9:00p**

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28+ Playoff Races Heat Up Many Teams On The Bubble



Vinnie Dots of the North Valley Bears (Chico Bail Bonds) tries in vain to beat out this throw on a close play as Tri Valley Red Sox first baseman Matt Lefer snags the baseball.

Playoffs Begin Early For Several 28+ Teams Facing "Must-Win" Situations

By Joel Becker

As pool play enters its last day today, teams in each of the 28+ MSBL divisions find their backs up against the wall as the races tighten and teams jockey to make the playoffs and for seeding positions. In Continental Division 2, 6 out of 12 teams have four or 5 points. In Federal Division 1, three teams are tied for first with 8 points a piece. Among all the Federal Divisions, a whopping 12 teams have four points.

Since the top two in each division get an automatic berth and 6 wildcard berths are available, any of those teams with four points trying to secure one of the 6 wildcard spots are certainly in must win situations (there are currently four teams in third place or below with more than four points). The Central Division is even tighter, with only four wildcards available, 10 teams with four points, and four teams with more than four. That makes 25 teams in some sort of must-win situation. The catch-22 happens when determining whom to pitch, since there's no point in saving your best pitcher if you don't make the playoffs. Teams in the hunt should call the WS office sometime today.



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

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**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 dug-out. 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.

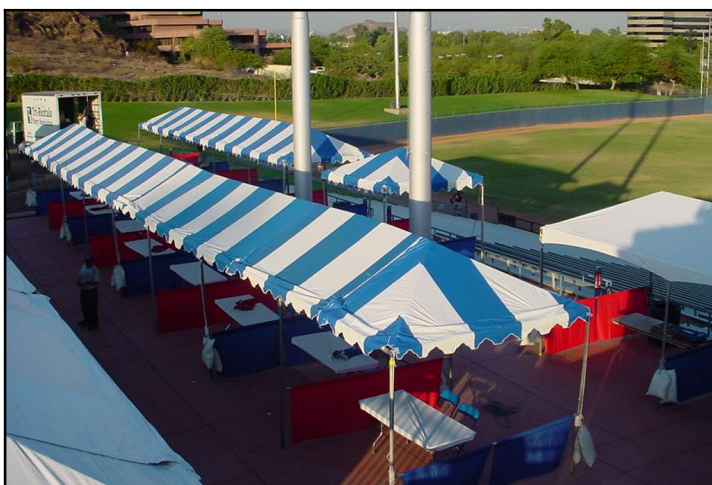
We also looked forward to the Oklahoma or Oklahoma State road trips. Warm weather. Now those schools were really "south." I remember asking an Oklahoma assistant coach to show me their indoor workout facility. He laughed at me. "We don't have one. What I mean is, we don't need one." Now that's "south."

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?

Federal Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
San Diego Diegans	4	0	0	8	24
Kansas City Rockies	4	1	0	8	26
Stanislaus Indians	4	1	0	8	27
Long Island Mets	2	3	0	4	44
Orange County Black Sox	2	3	0	4	65
Arkansas Diamonds	1	4	0	2	59
Indianapolis Brewers	0	5	0	0	55

Federal Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
LA Westside Cubs	4	1	0	8	33
Maine Diamond Dogs	3	0	1	7	19
Northwest Blaze	2	2	1	5	29
Denver Capitals	2	3	0	4	44
Seattle Mariners	2	3	0	4	52
Bay Area Rockies	2	3	0	4	71
S. California Sundevils	1	4	0	2	76

Federal Division 5	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tacoma Tugs	4	1	0	8	31
Tri Valley Red Sox	4	1	0	8	31
San Antonio Orioles	3	2	0	6	44
North Valley Bears	2	2	0	4	47
California Giants	2	3	0	4	49
Chicago Reds	1	4	0	2	40
Long Island Tides	1	4	0	2	60



Federal Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tucson A's	5	0	0	10	29
Arizona Outlaws	4	1	0	8	42
Redwood Empire Reds	2	3	0	4	43
Long Island Angels	2	2	0	4	52
Antelope Valley White Sox	2	3	0	4	56
Foothill Victory A's	1	4	0	2	47
Utah Pirates	1	4	0	2	73

Federal Division 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Arlington Mets	5	0	0	10	27
Inland NW Mets	4	1	0	8	30
Buffalo Indians	2	2	1	5	56
Milwaukee Rangers	2	2	0	4	42
Tri Valley Oaks	2	3	0	4	69
Denver Braves	0	3	2	2	49
Pacific Coast Barracudas	0	4	1	1	48

Fed Div 1 Wednesday Results

Long Island Mets	19
Arkansas Diamonds	10
San Diego Diegans	10
Indianapolis Brewers	8
Kansas City Rockies	8
Stanislaus Indians	4
Indianapolis Brewers	4
Stanislaus Indians	6
Long Island Mets	8
Kansas City Rockies	9
Arkansas Diamonds	8
Orange County Black Sox	10

Fed Div 2 Wednesday Results

Utah Pirates	13
Long Island Angels	14
Antelope Valley White Sox	11
Tucson A's	17
Utah Pirates	23
Foothill Victory A's	9
Redwood Empire Reds	10
Antelope Valley White Sox	8
Arizona Outlaws	2
Tucson A's	9
Redwood Empire Reds	8
Arizona Outlaws	11

Fed Div 3 Wednesday Results

S. California Sundevils	13
LA Westside Cubs	14
Bay Area Rockies	15
Seattle Mariners	13
Northwest Blaze	4
Denver Capitals	6
Northwest Blaze	22
Bay Area Rockies	8
Denver Capitals	4
Seattle Mariners	12
S. California Sundevils	5
Maine Diamond Dogs	20

Fed Div 4 Wednesday Results

Buffalo Indians	3
Arlington Mets	20
Pacific Coast Barracudas	10
Denver Braves	10
Tri Valley Oaks	8
Inland NW Mets	13
Pacific Coast Barracudas	6
Buffalo Indians	7
Denver Braves	10
Arlington Mets	12
Tri Valley Oaks	16
Milwaukee Rangers	12

Fed Div 5 Wednesday Results

San Antonio Orioles	12
Chicago Reds	4
Tri Valley Red Sox	10
Long Island Tides	8
California Giants	5
Tacoma Tugs	10
San Antonio Orioles	12
California Giants	11
Chicago Reds	4
Tacoma Tugs	8
Tri Valley Red Sox	20
North Valley Bears	8

(to the left) The Annual MSBL World Series Trade Show opens today at Tempe Diablo Stadium at 2:00p. Thirty-three vendors will be on hand to display their newest products to all MSBL WS players.

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Continental Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Washington DC Rangers	4	1	0	8	33
Fresno Tribe	4	1	0	8	63
South Dakota Rushmores	3	2	0	6	41
Phoenix Rattlers	2	2	0	4	28
LA Westside Dawgs	2	3	0	4	39
Central Coast Waves	1	4	0	2	78

Continental Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Columbus A's	4	0	1	9	33
Orange County Cardinals	2	2	1	5	47
LA Grays	2	2	0	4	34
Millennium Properties Pirates	2	3	0	4	36
Arizona Cardinals	2	3	0	4	43
Fedlock Federals	0	5	0	0	62

Central Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
LA Bulls	4	0	0	8	21
Iowa Oaks	3	1	0	6	27
So. California Redbirds	2	2	0	4	31
Tucson Indians	2	2	0	4	31
Santa Barbara Alley Cats	2	2	0	4	32
Arizona Diamondbacks	2	2	0	4	57
Puget Sound Tigers	1	3	0	2	56
New Mexico Lobos	0	4	0	0	66

Central Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tri Valley Giants	3	0	1	7	34
Seattle Blues	3	1	0	6	28
Des Moines Bruins	2	2	0	4	28
Colorado Springs Explorers	2	2	0	4	34
Arizona Durham Bulls	2	2	0	4	49
Utah Indians	1	2	1	3	52
Oklahoma City Dodgers	1	3	0	2	50
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	1	3	0	2	51

Cent Div 1 Wednesday Results

Tucson Indians	5
Iowa Oaks	6
Santa Barbara Alley Cats	18
New Mexico Lobos	7
LA Bulls	12
Puget Sound Tigers	3
So. California Redbirds	6
Arizona Diamondbacks	13

Cent Div 2 Wednesday Results

Utah Indians	6
Colorado Springs Explorers	19
Des Moines Bruins	9
Seattle Blues	13
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	10
Oklahoma City Dodgers	2
Tri Valley Giants	16
Arizona Durham Bulls	13

Fifth Annual Father & Son World Series Starts Today

By Tom Prendergast

The Father & Son World Series begins today as 22 teams start their quest to capture a championship trophy and more importantly the rings that go with it. Commissioner and Father / Son founder Val Lewis kicked off the event with a special managers meeting Wednesday night in the press box at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Lewis is the recipient of the first ever MSBL Lifetime achievement award.

Central Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Austin Rangers	3	1	0	6	24
N Colorado Reds	3	1	0	6	31
Omaha Titans	3	1	0	6	33
Bay Area Beavers	2	1	1	5	27
Boise Hawks	2	2	0	4	22
Connecticut Navigators	1	3	0	2	45
Tucson Cactus Rally Reds	0	2	2	2	53
Kansas City A's	0	3	1	1	47

Central Division 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Rogue Valley Reds	4	0	0	8	15
So. California Storm	4	0	0	8	22
Ft. Worth Rangers	3	1	0	6	29
Kansas City Giants	2	1	1	5	35
Eugene Evergreens	2	2	0	4	32
New Mexico Cubs	1	2	2	4	32
Sun Valley Suns	1	3	0	2	35
So. California Indians	0	3	1	1	60
Tucson Old Pueblo Padres	0	5	0	0	60

Cont Div 1 Wednesday Results

South Dakota Rushmores	17
Central Coast Waves	12

South Dakota Rushmores	14
Fresno Tribe	11

Washington DC Rangers	10
LA Westside Dawgs	6

Washington DC Rangers	11
Phoenix Rattlers	4

Fresno Tribe	10
LA Grays	7

Central Coast Waves	20
Fedlock Federals	7

Cent Div 3 Wednesday Results

Omaha Titans	3
Austin Rangers	13

Tucson Cactus Rally Reds	8
Bay Area Beavers	8

N Colorado Reds	13
Connecticut Navigators	12

Boise Hawks	11
Kansas City A's	3

Cont Div 2 Wednesday Results

Millennium Properties Pirates	3
Columbus A's	4

Columbus A's	13
Orange County Cardinals	13

Millennium Properties Pirates	8
Arizona Cardinals	9

Arizona Cardinals	1
Orange County Cardinals	5

Cent Div 4 Wednesday Results

Ft. Worth Rangers	8
So. California Storm	9

So. California Indians	5
Eugene Evergreens	16

Kansas City Giants	7
New Mexico Cubs	7

New Mexico Cubs	4
Rogue Valley Reds	9

Tucson Old Pueblo Padres	4
Sun Valley Suns	10

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DAILY 9:30a - 4:30p Tempe Diablo Stadium

Trade Show Returns to World Series*By Joel Becker*

For the 12th consecutive year, the annual MSBL Trade Show is coming to Tempe Diablo Stadium this weekend. Cheryl Smith of Event Management Services expects this year's show to be among the best ever.

"I know the guys look forward to this every year," she said. "And we'll be seeing a few new faces this year, along with the yearly regulars."

New companies, like Gorilla Gold (which makes a grip enhancer to replace pine tar), join mainstays, like the Anaconda Sports Store and Louisville Slugger at the three day event, which starts Thursday and ends Sunday (taking the day off Saturday). A list of participating companies can be found at right.

"Some of these companies have been coming here for years," adds Smith. "Many of them offer special deals here you won't find at any other time or anywhere else."

Some vendors are planning special discounts or giveaways as incentive to bring people by their booth.

"One company last year (Vegas MSBL—George Johnson) had a big jar of something...marbles or pennies, I think," remembers Smith. "Whoever guessed the right amount got a prize...free admission to the Vegas national tournament or something. They do stuff like that every year."

If Cheryl Smith's name sounds familiar, don't be surprised. Smith also serves as hotel coordinator for this year's World Series—not exactly a small undertaking considering the number of teams and players for whom accommodations need to be arranged.

"We contract blocks of rooms at several area hotels," explains Smith. "The teams contact me, and I set them up as needed."

The Trade Show begins on Thursday at 2 pm. Hours are: Thursday 2pm-9pm, Friday 11am-10pm, and Sunday 9am-9pm. The show will be closed on Saturday, since there are no games scheduled at Tempe Diablo on Saturday.

Booth space will be set up throughout the concourse area at Tempe Diablo.

TRADE SHOW HOURS

CONCOURSE LEVEL—TEMPE DIABLO STADIUM

THURSDAY 2 PM - 9 PM**FRIDAY 11 AM - 10 PM****SUNDAY 9 AM - 9 PM**

(TRADE SHOW CLOSED SATURDAY)

2002 WORLD SERIES TRADE SHOW LIST OF EXHIBITORS

EXHIBITOR	SPECIALTY
Adams USA	Jerseys, Batting Gloves, Fielders Gloves & Equipment
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Anaconda Sports	MSBL Apparel & Baseball Equipment
Athlonic Sports	Hitting Training Products
Baseball Express	Baseball Equipment & Apparel
Baums Sporting Goods	Easton & Mizuno Equipment
Brett Brothers Bat Co.	Baseball Bats & Equipment
City of Tempe	Bats, Batting gloves, Accessories
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Denevi & Jones	Photographers
Definite Potential	Baseball/Softball Training Equipment
Diversified Sports Technologies	Pro-Ice
Gorilla Gold	Grip Enhancer
Guerrero Baseball Gloves	Baseball Gloves
Hoosier Bat Co.	Wooden Bats
JKP Sports—JUGS Inc.	Pitching Machines, Screens, & Balls
Kazuma Sports	Baseball/Softball Gloves & Apparel
Lifelong Products	Training Equipment
Maple Zone Bat Works	Wooden Bats
Markwort Sporting Goods	Team & Training Supplies
Pro Ball Baseball Clinic	Adult Clinic with Present MLB Coaches
QHI Sports	Quick-T Automated Batting Tee
Ringor	Footwear
Ropes Baseball Apparel	T-shirts, Hats, Sweatshirts, & Custom Apparel
Schutt Sports	Training Aids, Protective Gear, & Helmets
Scorebook.com	Team & Player Website
Seattle Seams	Athletic/Baseball Bags
Sports Products Technology	Personal Pitcher Machine & Radar Watch
Sportsdecals Inc.	Batting Helmet Decal, Awards, T-shirts, Incentives
SSK America	Baseball Gloves
Victory Custom Athletic	Baseball Uniforms
Wilson/DeMarini	Baseball/Softball Equipment
Young Bat Co.	Wooden Bat



28+ Federal California Giants catcher **Igor Mihalus** traveled all the way from Australia to participate in this year's World Series.



Tacoma Tugs pitcher **Chad Hacks** picked up the 10 - 5 victory in his team's game against the California Giants on Wednesday.



MSBL World Series umpires **Ron Rodriguez** (left) and **Chris Perry** (right) leave the field to applause after their game on Wednesday.



North Valley Bears base runner **Ted Calvert** (right) tries unsuccessfully to slide past Tri Valley shortstop **Justin Kubiak**. (left)



Tacoma Tugs 2nd baseman **Brad Roberts** battled the sun and the pitcher's mound in catching this infield pop fly on Wednesday.



28+ Federal California Giants batter **Thomas Reid** did his best Barry Bonds impersonation with this shot at Tempe Diablo Stadium.