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353 MSBL/MABL Teams Set New World Series Record!

MSBL/MABL WS Office To Provide Real Time Scores On MSBL Website

By Tom Prendergast

Once again this year the World Series staff is going to use the software developed by the folks at **Scorebook.com** to provide real time game results as soon as they are called in to the office.

In the past, when a score was reported, the WS staff would first write it down on paper and then type it into a spreadsheet. Another staff member would copy the data and change the standings based on the new results. The next step would be to update the World Series PowerPoint file with the new scores and current standings.

Every couple of hours, a staff member would have to reload the World Series PowerPoint file running continuously in the WS Information office. By the time that information was out, it was already two hours old! Last year we used the this new system and it was one of our most popular features.

So just like last year, as soon as the WS office gets the score it will be entered into the WS Scorebook.com database. Current divisional standings will automatically be calculated based on these new results. Not only will these results be available at Tempe Diablo Stadium (located in the WS Information Office - in the Angels Team Shop) but they will be accessible to anyone online anywhere in the world who would like to log on to **www.msblnational.com**.



28+ National Division Atlanta Astros pitcher **Corey Tibbs** delivers the first pitch (it was a strike) of the 2003 MSBL/MABL World Series Sunday morning at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

2003 MSBL/MABL World Series Opens With The Best Of The Best

By Tom Prendergast

Back in 1988, Steve Sigler invited 38 teams to participate in the first national MSBL World Series. Going strong since then, the number of participants continues to grow each year. A record 353 teams have made the 2003 MSBL/MABL World Series the largest amateur baseball event ever held. Yesterday three 28+ divisions (National, American and Continental) began the week with double headers. In this division, each team will play six games in four days, with the playoffs starting on Thursday.

On Wednesday, the MABL tournament starts and each of those teams will play five games in three days. Next Monday the 38+ National and American divisions, and the 28+ Federal and Continental divisions begin play. On Wednesday October 22nd the first ever wood bat divisions (38+ & 48+) and the new 65+ over division play 5 games in 3 days. On Thursday the Father and Son teams arrive for 4 games in two days. In the final week the remainder of the 38+, 48+ and 58+ teams begin their World Series games.

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and team statistics for
all World Series Teams*

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**The MSBL/MABL World Series — Spring Break For Adults**

By Joel Becker
STAFF WRITER

One of the things I miss the most now that I'm out of school is the seasonal structure the progression of the yearly schedule once provided. Being aware of the time of year was an easy and automatic task. The beginning of the school year meant fall and football. The end of the first quarter or mid-term meant Halloween. Holidays approached as the first semester ended. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas the weather got colder, and by winter break it was time for finals and the end of the term. After New Year's, the second semester got underway, and by the end of the third quarter or mid-terms the cold was finally just starting to break. Spring was on the way, the sun began to shine, the air warmed, and it was time for a break. Then the baseball season started, the days got longer, the air got warmer still, and just as my attention seemed to turn out the window instead of in the classroom it was time for finals and the school year was over. Summertime then arrived. It was time for vacation, camp, baseball, and freedom. Then, it all started over again.

It's amazing in retrospect what a comfort it was to always know the time of year. These days, the seasons all seem to blend in. You go to work every day, the days roll by, and before you know it, another year's come and gone. Back then; it was as if your life were broken into segments. And the best part was there was always something to which you could look forward.

That's what makes the MABL/MSBL World Series an adult comfort. It's like spring break. Heading out to Arizona every October/November helps re-structure the seasons. The air is warm, the sky is full of sunshine, and there's baseball on the diamond. It's something to which I can again look forward.

Just like spring break, it involves a trip out of town – a journey to a warm climate where I can take a short respite from my work grind, and instead enjoy a little fun. Of course there's the baseball, but, more than that, there's the sun, the golf, the pools, the women in diminutive clothing, the recreation – all just like spring break. Arizona offers a great opportunity to delight in the spirit of adventure. The Native American culture helps complete the mystique, as the World Series venue has become our version of spring break as adults.

MSBL / MABL WS Home Run Hitting Contest

This year, two separate Home Run Derbys will be held on Friday night at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Players in the 18+ / 28+ divisions will get their opportunity to hit from 8:00p to 9:00p. The MABL HR Derby will start around 9:00p.

The entry fee will be \$25 (per player) and the first place prize will include a picture in HardBall magazine, an Easton aluminum bat, and a cash prize.

Home run contest rules are: Each player must provide his own bat and pitcher. During the first round, each player gets ten (10) swings. Only balls that clear the fence in fair territory will be counted. If players are tied after the first round, the players who have hit the most HRs will repeat the process in round two. The contest will continue until one player has hit more HRs than anyone else.

Players may enter the contest anytime until Friday night. The hitting order will be determined by when a player signs up. Each entry will receive a number when he turns in his entry fee and will bat in that order. For more information, stop by the WS Info Desk at Tempe Diablo Stadium or call 438-0242. This contest will be officiated by MSBL WS umpires and the tournament staff.

28+ National Division		GP	W	L	T	Pts	RA
1	Tri Valley Cubs	2	2	0	0	4	7
2	Atlanta Astros	2	1	1	0	2	8
3	Scottsdale Mudcats	2	1	1	0	2	11
4	Sacramento Giants	2	1	1	0	2	11
5	Dallas Brewers	2	1	1	0	2	16
6	Oklahoma City Braves	2	0	2	0	0	9

28+ American Division		GP	W	L	T	Pts	RA
1	Pacific Coast Breakers	2	2	0	0	4	9
2	Sacramento Angels	2	2	0	0	4	15
3	Nor Cal Stars	2	1	1	0	2	12
4	Portland Blue Sox	2	1	1	0	2	12
5	Wilson / DiMarini Giants	2	0	0	2	2	13
6	Seattle Mariners	2	0	1	1	1	21
7	Scottsdale Finest	2	0	1	1	1	25
8	Grand Rapids - Koster & Devries	2	0	2	0	0	23

28+ National Division	
Sunday October 12th Results	
Dallas Brewers	6
Atlanta Astros	4
Tri Valley Cubs	5
Scottsdale Mudcats	0
Tri Valley Cubs	12
Dallas Brewers	7
Scottsdale Mudcats	8
Sacramento Giants	6
Oklahoma City Braves	2
Atlanta Astros	5
Sacramento Giants	4
Oklahoma City Braves	3

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(Tempe Diablo Std mezzanine level)

Store Hours

9:00am til 9:00pm Daily

Logo sweatshirts, t-shirts, polo's, collared shirts, shorts, Jackets, denims, sweatpants and more available in all sizes and colors.

MSBL Travel.com - Save Time And Money!

By Max Utsler

If you spent countless hours planning your travel for this year's MSBL World Series, you can spend that time next year taking extra batting practice. Rich Rosenbloom of Premier Travel in Long Island, NY has launched a new Web site, **www.msbltravel.com** designed to streamline planning for tournament trips. If you remember those reams of travel information you used to get when you signed up for a tourney, you will really appreciate our new easy-to-navigate site.

If you can't find out your information on the web site give Rich and his staff a call on their toll-free customer service number at (800) 645-3350.



Back again by popular demand the MSBL/MABL WS Souvenir Phone Card. Each player attending this years World Series will get a card with forty-five long distance minutes.

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Providing every team with an 8 x 10 complimentary team photo. Stop by and see us at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

28+ Continental Division 1		GP	W	L	T	Pts	RA
1	Tucson A's	2	2	0	0	4	3
2	Columbus A's	2	2	0	0	4	20
3	Tri Valley / Cytosport Indians	2	1	1	0	2	6
4	LA Westside Dawgs	2	1	1	0	2	19
5	VABL All-Stars	2	0	2	0	0	12
6	Smokey Pointe Giants	2	0	2	0	0	43

28+ Continental Division 2		GP	W	L	T	Pts	RA
1	Fresno Dulcich Tribe	2	2	0	0	4	4
2	Orange County Cardinals	2	2	0	0	4	14
3	Peoria Pirates	2	1	1	0	2	10
4	Los Socios of Venezuela	2	1	1	0	2	16
5	South Dakota Rushmores	2	0	2	0	0	12
6	Millenium Properties Pirates	2	0	2	0	0	30

For Daily WS results visit: www.msblnational.com

28+ American Division	
Sunday October 12th Results	
Nor Cal Stars	15
Grand Rapid - Koster & Devries	3
Portland Blue Sox	2
Pacific Coast Breakers	8
Wilson / DiMarini Giants	7
Seattle Mariners	7
Portland Blue Sox	9
Nor Cal Stars	4
Grand Rapid - Koster & Devries	7
Pacific Coast Breakers	8
Seattle Mariners	8
Sacramento Angels	14
Wilson / DiMarini Giants	6
Scottsdale Sacramento	6
Scottsdale Sacramento	7
Sacramento Angels	19

28+ Continental Div 1	
Sunday October 12th Results	
LA Westside Dawgs	10
Columbus A's	15
Tri Valley / Cytosport Indians	16
Smokey Pointe Giants	1
Smokey Pointe Giants	10
Columbus A's	27
VABL All-Stars	4
LA Westside Dawgs	6
Tucson A's	5
Tri Valley / Cytosport Indians	2
VABL All-Stars	1
Tucson A's	6

28+ Continental Div 2	
Sunday October 12th Results	
Los Socios of Venezuela	3
Fresno Dulcich Tribe	14
Orange County Cardinals	14
Millenium Properties Pirates	11
South Dakota Rushmores	0
Peoria Pirates	5
Millenium Properties Pirates	1
Fresno Dulcich Tribe	16
South Dakota Rushmores	2
Los Socios of Venezuela	7
Peoria Pirates	3
Orange County Cardinals	10



MSBL WORLD SERIES RESULTS AVAILABLE ON THE NATIONAL MSBL & SCOREBOOK WEB SITES DAILY

Log on to www.msblnational.com or www.scorebook.com to get a complete listing of all of yesterday's action from every division. The web site will allow users to follow the action from the hotel or from a home or office. Complete and up-to-date standings along with game scores and individual highlights from yesterday's on-field action. The World Series Daily News is also available on-line.

2003 MSBL/MABL WS INFORMATION DESK

(Located on the mezzanine level at Tempe Diablo Stadium)

The WS Information Desk is open from 9:00a 'till 8:00p Sunday through Saturday and will serve as the nerve center for the tournament. Current standings, up-to-date game scores and schedule information are always available. Additional copies of the WS Daily News, WS souvenirs, Denevi and Jones Photography booth, and the tournament's Lost and Found department are also located there. Directions to fields as well as extra event Awards Banquet or Western Cookout tickets can be purchased.

For additional information, please call **480-438-7528**



Dallas Brewers starting pitcher **Steve Hahn** picked up the victory in game one with a 6-4 decision over the Atlanta Astros.



Atlanta Astros 1st baseman **Glen Davis** (right) tries to keep Dallas Brewers base runner **Eric Gonzalez** (left) close to the bag Sunday.



Orange County Cardinal batter **Jon Young** bunts this ball foul but hit the next pitch to the wall in left center field for an rbi triple.



A large welcome MSBL/MABL World Series sign greeted players and coaches as they arrived at Tempe Diablo Stadium on Sunday



Peoria Pirates batter **Brian Quinn** pulls this inside fastball down the left field line narrowly missing his runner to the left of third.



Orange County Cardinals pitcher **Scott Moesta** delivers another strike to the plate against the Peoria Pirates on Tempe # 2.