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The 2003 MSBL World Series HR Hitting Contest

Friday October 24th
Tempe Diablo Stadium

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28+ Federal / Central And 38+ National WS Starts



28+ Central So. California Indians batter/runner **John Furlong** hustles across the bag beating out an infield single during his teams game at Tempe Diablo Stadium on Monday.

You Ought To Be In Pictures!

By David Krival, Editor, HardBall Magazine
(reprinted from 2003 WS Program)

Since 1992, Chris Denevi and C.J. Jones have been the official HardBall Magazine photographers for the MSBL/MABL World Series. Visual Touch, managed by Jerry Esposito, has been the official HardBall photography contractor for the Fall Classic since 1998. When this schedule has allowed Jerry has also covered a few World Series games for us, mainly (but not only) in the early days from 1990 through 1992.

We've run a handful of photos from other contributors: however, if you've seen a picture in HardBall of yourself or your team at any World Series since 1992 or any Fall Classic since 1998, Chris, C.J. or Jerry almost certainly took it. To be sure, check the credit line at the bottom of the photo or photography byline at the head of the article in the magazine. Visual Touch and Denevi & Jones also provide many of the photos, which appear in the Fall Classic and World Series Programs.

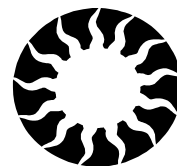
In 2001, Norine Rathbone became a welcome, highly skilled addition to the HardBall World Series photography team, covering two games on the final Saturday of the tournament, two of her images appear in the 2003 World Series Program.

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The 2003 MSBL/MABL World Series Sets New Record With 353 Teams!

By Tom Prendergast

Week two of the 2003 MSBL WS opened yesterday with 71 new teams, in three separate divisions. The 28+ Federal and Central along with the 38+ National started playing games on Monday. Last week 28 National, American and Continental teams participated in week one. Midway through last week 57 MABL teams played in the 18+ World Series. In all 353 teams will participate in this years MSBL/MABL World Series, making it once again the largest amateur baseball tournament ever held, (that's up from 329 last year). Part of the increase this year is due to three new divisions, 38+ & 48+ wood and 65+.



The good news for the players here this week is that the forecast calls for no rain unfortunately they'll be playing with temperatures in the 100's! This Thursday, the annual MSBL Trade Show will open at Tempe Diablo Stadium and that night the MSBL will host a western style cookout on the concourse. Everyone is welcome.

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Diary of an Aging Baseball Player

My Hometown

By Max Utsler

It was the summer of 1957 in Maquon, Illinois, population 400.

Main Street in Maquon consisted of Strode's Garage, Parli Implement Company, The Farm Services Gas Station, Gooding's Grocery Store, Ferguson's TV Repair and Restaurant (go figure), and three taverns.

You could tell Maquon had its priorities straight.

But Maquon also had a post office, a library, an American Legion Hall, and oh, yes—a ballpark. Most every town in central Illinois had a ballpark. And on most summer days the town ballpark was the center of activity.

My buddies and I didn't have video games, DVD's, or cell phones. But we did have gloves, bats and baseballs. And we used them. Constantly. No one in the town ever had to mow the grass at the ballpark. We beat it down.

I actually grew up in the suburbs of Maquon (i.e. a farm) but often cajoled my Grandpa into hauling me the three miles into town for week-long visits. Grandma and Grandpa thought I just wanted to watch their new TV. What I really wanted to do was play baseball.

I do not think we ever set a formal meeting time, but everyday all of the young Maquon boys and an occasional girl would gather at the ballpark at 10 a.m. We would play till noon, go home and eat dinner (a Maquon word for the noon meal), then come back at 1 and play until supper (a Maquon word for the evening meal). Then we would go play on our Little League teams in the evening. If no Little Leagues were scheduled, we would come back to the ballpark and play until dark.

I mention all of this because of two key points. 1) We played baseball all of the time, so we got to be pretty good. 2) No adults were present to coach, cheer or mess up our games.

Neither of those two things seem to exist anymore.

Drive by the ballpark in Maquon or another town and I doubt you will see kids playing baseball. The ballparks still sit there. But the grass grows tall and the fields stand empty. Some evenings kids dads may arrive with their heavy metal (pickups, bats and kegs) for 40 minutes of softball and four hours of beer-guzzling. When was the last time you drove by a park on Wednesday afternoon in the summer and saw a dozen boys playing baseball?

Today the kids in Santuce play baseball, barefooted on rock-littered diamonds. The kids in Maquon play Halo or Sole Caliber2 on an X-Box. That should explain why Major League Baseball today features a majority of its players from Latin America.

It would be easy to blame the kids of today for this state of affairs, but a look back at Maquon in 1957 might offer some additional insight.

Earlier I mentioned "no adults present." As a result, we did not have teams, uniforms, standings, batting gloves, majors and minors, age groups, coolers full of Gatorade, First Aid Kits, sunscreen, playoffs, tournaments or trophies. Instead—we had fun.

We also had rules—our rules. We would make them up each session depending on who showed up and how many showed up.

For example, on shorthanded days we would play "right field out" or "pitcher's hands out." We might also prohibit bunting. We might have the team at bat provide a catcher or first baseman. If we were really short-handed we might take batting practice or play other games such as "500" or "Work-up." I doubt if my son has ever even heard of those games.

If every kid in town showed up, we could field two, nine-man teams. But the players would range in age from 6-13 and one was a girl. So that presented a different problem—Earl and Mouse.

Earl Ferry and Alvin "Mouse" Morse were both 12 years old. More significantly, Earl and Mouse were pitchers. They threw hard. And they *(continued on page 4)*

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38+ National	W	L	T	Pts	RA
So. California Blue Jays	2	0	0	4	25
Sacramento Rivercats	1	0	0	2	3
Tri Valley 40's	1	1	0	2	10
Bristol Baseball Club	1	1	0	2	15
Dallas Blue Stars	1	1	0	2	24
Long Island Mets Nat	0	1	0	0	7
San Jose	0	2	0	0	18



28+ Federal Div 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
North Valley Bears	2	0	0	4	9
PAC West	2	0	0	4	22
Maine Diamond Dogs	1	0	0	2	1
San Antonio Cardinals	1	1	0	2	16
Long Island Yankees	0	1	0	0	21
Antelope Valley Reds	0	2	0	0	30
Fairfax Generals	0	2	0	0	40

28+ Federal Div 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Northwest Blaze	2	0	0	4	4
Chicago Reds	2	0	0	4	9
Riverside Aztecs	1	1	0	2	19
Tri Valley Oaks	1	1	0	2	22
Midwest Padres	1	1	0	2	29
Arizona Outlaws	0	1	0	0	14
Denver Braves	0	1	0	0	14
Orange County Black Sox	0	2	0	0	14

28+ Federal Div 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Central Coast Waves	2	0	0	4	4
Stanislaus Indians	2	0	0	4	4
New Mexico Hurricanes	2	0	0	4	10
Austin Express	1	1	0	2	11
Terre Haute Cubs	1	1	0	2	19
Texan Rangers	1	1	0	2	24
Pacific Coast Barracudas	0	2	0	0	13
Long Island Mets	0	2	0	0	30
Valley Mets	0	2	0	0	33

28+ Federal Div 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
LA Westside Cubs	2	0	0	4	14
Chicago Tiger AA	1	0	0	2	2
Tacoma Tugs	1	1	0	2	10
Boise Tigers	1	1	0	2	16
Redwood Empire REBL Crush	1	1	0	2	20
Brazos Logistics	0	2	0	0	30
Denver Bulldogs	0	1	0	0	31

Better Directions To The Surprise Complex

By Brian Sigler

Jim Mallon, Director of the Surprise Sports Complex in Surprise suggested a better way to get to the Surprise Complex. Go I-10 West to 101 North. Take 101 North to Grand Ave (60 W), make a left turn. Take Grand Ave (60 W) to Bell Rd and make a left. Take Bell Rd to Ballard Ave and make a left. The Surprise Complex is located on the right.

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28+ Central Div 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Arizona Diamondbacks	2	0	0	4	8
Bay Area Beavers	1	0	0	2	3
Eagle Valley Merchants	1	0	0	2	10
Albuquerque Rangers	1	1	0	2	25
Puget Sound Tigers	1	1	0	2	27
Sun Valley Solar Sox	0	2	0	0	19
Tucson Old Pueblo Padres	0	2	0	0	20

28+ Central Div 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tri Valley Giants	2	0	0	4	8
Seattle Blues	2	0	0	4	10
So. California Storm	2	0	0	4	11
New Mexico Lobos	0	1	0	0	14
Long Island Angels	0	1	0	0	19
Connecticut A's	0	2	0	0	21
Denver Expos	0	2	0	0	43

28+ Central Div 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Orange County Dragons	1	0	0	2	4
Colorado Springs Explorers	1	0	0	2	7
Malverne Angels	1	0	0	2	7
Utah Pirates	1	1	0	2	22
Tucson Cactus Rally Reds	0	2	0	0	23
Eugene Evergreens	0	2	0	0	34

28+ Central Div 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
VABL Quakes	2	0	0	4	9
Kansas City Giants	2	0	0	4	15
Des Moines Bruins	1	1	0	2	11
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	1	1	0	2	11
N. Colorado Reds	1	1	0	2	12
New Mexico Cubs	0	2	0	0	18
Utah Buzzards	0	2	0	0	19

28+ Central Div 5	W	L	T	Pts	RA
LA Bulls	2	0	0	4	6
Omaha Titans	1	0	0	2	2
Las Vegas Heat	1	1	0	2	19
So. California Indians	1	1	0	2	31
West Virginia Cardinals	0	1	0	0	3
Santa Barbara Alley Cats	0	2	0	0	17

28+ Federal Div 1 Results 10/20

Antelope Valley Reds	10
PAC West	19
North Valley Bears	25
Fairfax Generals	1
San Antonio Cardinals	21
Long Island Yankees	9
North Valley Bears	11
Antelope Valley Reds	8
Fairfax Generals	12
PAC West	15
San Antonio Cardinals	1
Maine Diamond Dogs	7

28+ Federal Div 3 Results 10/20

Austin Express	2
Central Coast Waves	7
New Mexico Hurricanes	16
Long Island Mets	9
Stanislaus Indians	9
Pacific Coast Barracudas	4
Terre Haute Cubs	14
Texan Rangers	3
Pacific Coast Barracudas	1
New Mexico Hurricanes	4
Austin Express	10
Valley Mets	4
Central Coast Waves	14
Long Island Mets	2
Stanislaus Indians	16
Terre Haute Cubs	0
Valley Mets	10
Texan Rangers	23

28+ Federal Div 4 Results 10/20

Boise Tigers	5
Redwood Empire REBL Crush	3
LA Westside Cubs	13
Brazos Logistics	3
Tacoma Tugs	2
Chicago Tiger AA	8
LA Westside Cubs	13
Boise Tigers	11
Brazos Logistics	15
Redwood Empire REBL Crush	17
Tacoma Tugs	31
Denver Bulldogs	2

38+ National Results 10/20

Bristol Baseball Club	8
So. California Blue Jays	9
San Jose	5
Dallas Blue Stars	7
Tri Valley 40's	7
Long Island Mets Nat	6
San Jose	6
Bristol Baseball Club	11
Dallas Blue Stars	17
So. California Blue Jays	19
Tri Valley 40's	3
Sacramento Rivercats	4



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28+ Federal Div 2 Results 10/20

Chicago Reds	14
Arizona Outlaws	9
Orange County Black Sox	1
Northwest Blaze	8
Midwest Padres	0
Chicago Reds	19
Arizona Outlaws	0
Denver Braves	0
Riverside Aztecs	3
Northwest Blaze	4
Tri Valley Oaks	15
Riverside Aztecs	17
Midwest Padres	14
Denver Braves	10
Tri Valley Oaks	6
Orange County Black Sox	5

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threw curve balls.

So we came up with a basic set of rules. Earl and Mouse had to be on different teams. When the little kids came up to bat (the 6-9 year olds) Earl and Mouse had to lob the ball in. Unfortunately I was 10 at the time. I had lobbied for rules that would occasionally allow me to get a base hit. But because Earl and Mouse were the oldest (and the meanest), their concessions only went so far.

By the next summer Earl and Mouse were working part-time jobs, so Earl's brother Frank, Jimmy Melton, Bobby Pruett and I became the self-appointed "Leaders of the Park." We still lobbied it to the 6-9 year old. But because none of the aforementioned could throw as hard as our predecessors, my batting average soared. I would usually go about 20 for 50 (per day). We would all have 500 at bats before the 4th of July. We helped each other. We improved. Eight hours of baseball per day will do that for you.

Compare that with the typical 10-year old today. Six practices in May. Six rained out practices in May. Twenty games in 30 days in June. Six games rained out in June. July 1—season over. We have to pick that all-star team to start traveling around and playing in tournaments. The net result is 15 kids from the league keep playing and 150 others start looking for something else to do. Here it is July, the best baseball month of the year, and 90 percent of the kids have packed away their gloves for the season. And you wonder how X-Box came to be so popular?

Back in Maquon "we didn't need no stinking all-star team." We just wanted to "play" ball. I am truly sorry my son never had the chance to experience Maquon. He never found out how much fun baseball could be.

Dr. Max Utsler has played in the Kansas City MSBL since 1988. In his spare time he teaches journalism at the University of Kansas.

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Jerry, Chris & C.J., and Norine maintain extensive, well-organized filing and record-keeping systems. This enables them to locate almost any photo they have shot since they began covering the tournaments and to make images of national tournament action available to teams and players at a reasonable price.

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28+ Central Div 1 Results 10/20

Albuquerque Rangers	11
Sun Valley Solar Sox	9
Puget Sound Tigers	2
Arizona Diamondbacks	15
Tucson Old Pueblo Padres	3
Bay Area Beavers	9
Arizona Diamondbacks	8
Sun Valley Solar Sox	6
Tucson Old Pueblo Padres	10
Eagle Valley Merchants	11
Puget Sound Tigers	16
Albuquerque Rangers	12

28+ Central Div 4 Results 10/20

Des Moines Bruins	8
Utah Buzzards	5
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	6
Kansas City Giants	7
VABL Quakes	8
New Mexico Cubs	2
Kansas City Giants	11
Utah Buzzards	9
VABL Quakes	8
N. Colorado Reds	7
St. Thomas Tropical Waves	6
Des Moines Bruins	4

28+ Central Div 2 Results 10/20

Connecticut A's	4
So. California Storm	5
Seattle Blues	27
Denver Expos	4
Tri Valley Giants	19
Long Island Angels	5
Denver Expos	7
So. California Storm	16
Tri Valley Giants	14
New Mexico Lobos	3
Seattle Blues	16
Connecticut A's	6

28+ Central Div 5 Results 10/20

LA Bulls	18
So. California Indians	3
Las Vegas Heat	13
So. California Indians	15
Santa Barbara Alley Cats	3
LA Bulls	12
West Virginia Cardinals	2
Omaha Titans	3
Santa Barbara Alley Cats	4
Las Vegas Heat	5

28+ Central Div 3 Results 10/20

Colorado Springs Explorers	15
Utah Pirates	7
Malverne Angels	13
Tucson Cactus Rally Reds	7
Tucson Cactus Rally Reds	4
Orange County Dragons	10
Eugene Evergreens	7
Utah Pirates	8
W. Virginia Cardinals	26
Eugene Evergreens	9

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By Annie Sullivan

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28+ Central Los Angeles Bulls relief pitcher **Ken Craig** looks in to get the sign from his catcher in Mondays 18-4 win over So. Cal.



So. Cal Indians batter **Mark Mitchell** fouls this ball off his foot during this at bat against the LA Bulls at Tempe Diablo Stadium.



Omaha runner **Todd Procopio** takes a conservative lead as W. Virginia Cardinals first baseman **Robbie Cope** tries to keep him



28+ Central Los Angeles Bulls batter **John Weller** looks at this pitch at the knees but just a bit outside during yesterday's game.



Omaha Titans pitcher **Chris Shanahan** delivers a pitch to the plate during yesterday's game one 3-2 win over the W. Virginia Cards.



The APN Video production team of **Eric Andersson** (left) and **Jeff Lowry** (right) film another WS game at Tempe Diablo Stadium.