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1988 to 2003: A Study in Change?

By Kurt Knop

Think of all the things in your life that have changed in the past sixteen years. In spite of this, nothing could be more accurate than the statement that the more things change, the more they stay the same.

From 38 teams in 1988 to 353 this year, there's little mystery why the growth of this event has been so significant. Sure, interest in baseball remains high, but there's no doubt that this is surpassed by the growing desire of individuals to be a participant and not simply a spectator, regardless of their age.

When Steve Sigler convinced Long Islanders to once again play baseball back in 1986, little did he know that the passion felt by ballplayers around the country would lead to the number of leagues and participants that are part of the MSBL and MABL today. What he did know, is that he wanted to hold a national event that would allow for the leagues to come together, leading to the creation of the World Series.

Whether you are attending your first national event here in Arizona, or are a seasoned veteran that has made this sojourn to the Phoenix area a fall rite of passage, we thought you'd appreciate a brief look back at what has stayed the same and what has changed since its inception. (continued on page 2)

Playoff Spots Still Up For Grabs As Pool Play Ends!



*Watsonville Angels base runner **Orland White** # 8 (right) pulls into second base after stealing the bag standing up. Mudhens short stop Elliott Stegin (left) snags the late throw.*

Do Or Die For Several Teams Today Good Pitching Still A Must For Success

By Tom Prendergast

The 2003 MSBL/MABL World Series final pool play round wraps up today. Incredibly approximately more than 2/3 of the teams in the tournament have a shot at a playoff spot today. However, to advance they must win. Depending on the division that a team is in a record of 4-2, 3-3 and possibly 2-3-1 might be good enough to qualify, with a low runs allowed category.

Probably the most important component of today's games for prospective playoff will be pitching. Of course timely hitting and good defense will be important but most games that are played today will probably be decided by how well the guy on the mound does. Talk about pressure. It's hard to imagine a player here at the tournament this week that wouldn't want to be in that position of being the go-to-guy. And for the teams that do well today and win, the playoffs start on Friday morning. For most teams on Monday the goal of making it to the championship game is a top priority, winning the game is a bonus.

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The things that have stayed the same

- A) The Cost: While the number of teams has grown by a factor of almost 10, what's changed when it comes to the cost of participating? Not much. Back in 1988, the per player fee was around \$160 and today it's at \$175. Hotels, airfare, etc. has all gone up, but the trip to Arizona has remained fairly constant.
- B) The number of games we play. While this differs for a few of our divisions, the majority still play six games in four days. While this creates challenges for teams (especially having the right number of pitchers!), there is no question that players have loved the format and the guaranteed portion of the schedule.
- C) High quality facilities. The number of facilities and the locations have changed but the importance of the fields has been a key factor in the event's growth.
- D) The Reason the event Exists. Clearly, the excitement and interest of you, the participants, has been the most important factor in the event's continued success and growth. Without your commitment, passion and interest, year two would have never taken place, let alone a celebration of 16 fantastic fall finishes. The sportsmanship and camaraderie is unmatched and underscores the importance of this international event.

The things that have changed

- A) The Banquets. Bands, comedians, entertainers and live mascots have all made the end-of-week banquets an evolving and

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Diary of an Aging Baseball Player**Not the Same Cardinals**

By Max Utsler

For the 37th consecutive year my beloved St. Louis Cardinals failed to draft me. And for the 47th straight year, I dialed in KMOX Radio in St. Louis to hear their games. The Cardinals made a run for the National League Central Division title but fell short. In the past that would have sent me into a winter-long depression. But not this time.

I don't feel the same way about the Cardinals that I used to. It has nothing to do with bloated salaries, escalating ticket prices, over-exposure on TV, whiney owners or thin-skinned players.

Put simply--No "That's a Winner." No "I don't believe what I just saw."

No Jack.

2003 was the first time for me (and most of the rest of the Cardinal nation) to go through an entire season without hearing the soothing voice of Jack Buck bringing us the description and the insight of balls and strikes, hits and runs, and wins and losses. With all due respect to the new Redbird announcer Wayne Hagin, listening to the Cardinals this summer carried about the same appeal as reruns of Temptation Island.

I first started listening to Redbird baseball in the mid-50's. I had grown up near Galesburg, IL where one radio station carried the Cardinals and the other carried the Cubs. You had to decide where your loyalties stood at a very young age—then spend the rest of your life defending them.

I chose the Cardinals partly because my Uncle Glen was such a big fan. (The fact that he offered to take me to my first Cardinal game didn't hurt.) I also chose the Cardinals because the Cubs suck! Wait a minute—I'm a journalist. I can't say that without proper attribution. Let me rephrase it. Cardinal fans say the Cubs suck!

As I think back, I think I had another reason for loving the Cardinals--the broadcasting duo of Harry Caray and Jack Buck. I thought I loved Harry, but when he moved to the White Sox and later the Cubs, my loyalty didn't follow him. It stayed with the Cardinals and Jack Buck.

As a kid I listened to the broadcasts on the refrigerator-sized radio at my grandparent's house. I listened on the radio my Dad was so kind to install on the Ford tractor. When the Cardinal games weren't on, I did the play-by-play myself. I always tried to sound like Jack Buck

I listened on an aquamarine plastic Sylvania table model in the room I shared with my sister. And when she went to bed early (almost every night), I would pull out this funky, yellow plastic crystal radio with a saucer-sized earpiece. (Author's note: Only those in the 48+ age divisions have ever heard of, let alone listened to, a crystal radio.) The radio could only pull in one station. Fortunately it pulled in the Cardinals' station.

And I would listen to Jack Buck, the poet laureate of baseball.

Buck's play-by-play sounded more like a soliloquy than the rat-a-tat-tat of many baseball announcers. He made you feel like you were there. And in many ways you were.

Part of Buck's magic was a mere reflection of the magic of the radio, often called the "Theater of the Mind." But part of it was uniquely Jack. I know many of you would swear that Vin Scully is the greatest. Others revere Ernie Harwell. And still others could make a case for relative newcomers such as Jon Miller or Harry Kalas. But consider the notion Jack replaced a legend—Harry Caray.

And no one cared.

As much as the Cardinal fans loved Harry, the radio broadcasts never missed a beat. Retired St. Louis outfielder Mike Shannon took over and quickly replaced the malaprops of the lovable Harry.

"Bobby Tolan went all the way back to the 4-oh-10 sign to haul in that drive," quoth the Shanmeister.

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38+ Federal Div 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Calzona Tribe	4	1	0	8	28
Inland Pacific Apache	3	1	0	6	25
South Dakota	3	2	0	6	30
Boston Braves	2	2	1	5	46
Tulsa Hosers	2	3	0	4	32
Sacramento Cardinals	1	3	1	3	37
Buffalo Indians	0	3	2	2	63

38+ Federal Div 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
West Coast Twins	5	0	0	10	28
Inland NW Vipers	4	1	0	8	22
Grand Rapids	3	2	0	6	41
Carlsbad Bombers	1	4	0	2	46
Lambton Old Dogs	1	4	0	2	69
Boston Clippers	1	4	0	2	87

48+ National-American	W	L	T	Pts	RA
lehigh valley moondogs (a)	4	0	0	8	35
Kansas City Monarchs (n)	3	1	0	6	28
Berry's Athletic Supply (n)	3	1	0	6	40
continental classics (a)	2	2	0	4	36
Sacramento Majic (n)	2	2	0	4	38
la athletics (a)	1	3	0	2	29
San Jose (n)	1	3	0	2	30
flint rockies (a)	0	4	0	0	38

58+ National	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Berry's Athletic Supply	4	1	0	8	33
Compadres	3	2	0	6	25
South Dakota Rushmores	3	2	0	6	53
Tri Valley Seals	1	4	0	2	56
Sacramento Rivercats	1	3	0	2	57

58+ American Div 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Arizona Oilmen	5	0	0	10	22
Silver Foxes of Rhode Island	4	1	0	8	41
N. Virginia Silver Eagles	3	1	0	6	33
Aussie Aces 58+	3	2	0	6	42
Dodgertown West	2	3	0	4	47
San Antonio Astros	0	5	0	0	67
US Coasters	0	5	0	0	96

58+ American Div 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
St. Thomas Tradewinds	5	0	0	10	34
Chicago Skyliners	3	1	1	7	27
Terre Haute Volkers	2	2	1	5	33
Canada Car Stars	2	2	1	5	49
West Jersey Cardinals	2	2	1	5	51
Ohio Classics	1	3	0	2	38
New England Red Sox	0	5	0	0	87

38+ Continental	W	L	T	Pts	RA
San Antonio Bombers	4	1	0	8	27
Dallas Catdaddy BBQ Dbacks	4	1	0	8	46
Long Island Tides	3	1	0	6	30
St. Louis Game Face	3	2	0	6	44
Chicago North Express	2	3	0	4	55
High Desert Dodgers	1	4	0	2	62
So. California Mets	0	5	0	0	66

38+ Central Div 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Gulf Coast Marlins	5	0	0	10	28
Twin City Twins	3	1	0	6	27
Seattle Blues	2	2	0	4	40
Austin Yankees	2	2	0	4	43
Denver Storm	2	3	0	4	58
Oklahoma City Dodgers	1	3	0	2	47
Boise Cardinals	0	4	0	0	52

38+ Central Div 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Oregon Outlaws	3	0	1	7	38
DC Mellow Thugs	3	1	0	6	29
Calgary Cardinals	3	1	0	6	46
Vermont Catamounts 38+	2	1	1	5	46
San Antonio Missions	2	2	0	4	56
Kansas City Knights	1	4	0	2	85
Las Vegas Mob	0	5	0	0	77

38+ Central Div 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Dream Foundation Padres	3	0	1	7	19
Denver Mudhens	3	0	1	7	28
Houston Athletics	3	2	0	6	52
Rockville Red Sox	2	2	0	4	46
Long Island Mariners	1	3	0	2	46
Watsonville Angels	1	3	0	2	46
Komax Masters	1	4	0	2	79

38+ Central Div 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
San Marcos Brewers	4	0	0	8	20
Des Moines Bruins	3	1	0	6	26
San Antonio Red Sox	3	1	0	6	28
Louisiana Thunder	2	3	0	4	32
East Bay Giants	1	3	0	2	47
Yuba Sutter Gold Sox	1	3	0	2	57
Lake Arrowhead Roadkill	1	4	0	2	88

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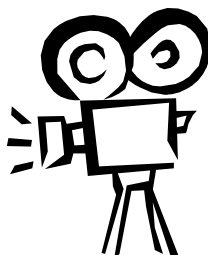
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and entertaining event. The location of these evenings has changed multiple times, always with the goal of having more members stay and join in the end of tournament celebration.

- B) Transportation.. While the means of getting around hasn't changed since 1988, some thoughts about how we should best approach it have shifted significantly. In year one, the thought was that we should use chartered buses to get teams to and from games. Can you imagine the difficulty in accurately scheduling this?

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38+ Continental Results 10/29	
High Desert Dodgers	3
Chicago North Express	21
Dallas Catdaddy BBQ Dbacks	
St. Louis Game Face	8
Long Island Tides	
So. California Mets	7
San Antonio Bombers	
High Desert Dodgers	0

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38+ Federal Div 1 Results 10/29	
Calzona Tribe	6
Boston Braves	15
Buffalo Indians	4
Tulsa Hosers	11
Inland Pacific Apache	7
South Dakota	4
Sacramento Cardinals	5
Calzona Tribe	6

38+ Federal Div 2 Results 10/29	
Boston Clippers	20
Lambton Old Dogs	19
Carlsbad Bombers	6
Grand Rapids	10
Inland NW Vipers	6
West Coast Twins	8
West Coast Twins	21
Boston Clippers	7
Lambton Old Dogs	4
Grand Rapids	8
Inland NW Vipers	5
Carlsbad Bombers	1

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48+ National-American Results 10/29	
continental classics (a)	0
la athletics (a)	11
San Jose (n)	2
Kansas City Monarchs (n)	5
flint rockies (a)	8
lehigh valley moondogs (a)	12
Berry's Athletic Supply (n)	20
Sacramento Majic (n)	10

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38+ Central Div 1 Results 10/29	
Seattle Blues	6
Denver Storm	9
Austin Yankees	5
Gulf Coast Marlins	13
Twin City Twins	13
Oklahoma City Dodgers	5
Gulf Coast Marlins	10
Boise Cardinals	1

38+ Central Div 2 Results 10/29	
Calgary Cardinals	14
Las Vegas Mob	4
Las Vegas Mob	6
DC Mellow Thugs	18
San Antonio Missions	30
Kansas City Knights	18
Vermont Catamounts 38+	16
Oregon Outlaws	16

38+ Central Div 3 Results 10/29	
Denver Mudhens	19
Komax Masters	1
Komax Masters	1
Dream Foundation Padres	16
Watsonville Angels	12
Long Island Mariners	5
Rockville Red Sox	17
Houston Athletics	18

38+ Central Div 4 Results 10/29	
Des Moines Bruins	12
Louisiana Thunder	10
San Antonio Red Sox	19
Lake Arrowhead Roadkill	12
Yuba Sutter Gold Sox	3
San Marcos Brewers	15
Louisiana Thunder	20
East Bay Giants	7

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Jack Buck took the young Shannon under his wing and actually tutored him into a decent broadcaster. And Buck never lost his humility. When Mark McGwire was approaching home run milestones 62, 66, and 70 Shannon offered to turn the mic over to Buck for each McGwire at bat. Buck refused saying he would only take the McGwire at bats (continued on next column)

if it was his turn. As a result you will hear Shannon's voice on the most historic call. But that was Jack Buck.

If you ever heard Jack Buck emcee an a charity event, it was like listening to an evening of Henny Youngman, Jay Leno and Louie Anderson all rolled into one. He emceed those events frequently—and always did it for free.

I had the potentially career-ending misfortune to follow Jack Buck on a convention program for the Missouri Broadcasters. Jack did the luncheon speech, and I followed it with a rousing firebrand on something like Journalism Ethics and Unnamed Sources. I had them rolling in the aisles. Check that—they were still laughing from the Jack Buck speech. So much for ethics.

I'll never forget the day baseball resumed after Sept. 11th. Jack Buck came on the field. He had spent the past few years battling numerous illnesses. His voice was feeble. He looked frail. But he delivered his ode to America and his ode to baseball with a passion that gave me goose bumps even though I was 266 miles away in my living room.

Jack Buck's Poem for a Grieving Nation *Since this nation was founded...under God* *More than 200 years ago*

*We have been the bastion of freedom
The light that keeps the free world aglow.
We do not covet the possessions of others
We are blessed with the bounty we share.
We have rushed to help other nations
...anything...anytime...anywhere.
War is just not our nature
We won't start...but we will end the fight.
If we are involved we shall be resolved
To protect what we know is right.
We have been challenged by a cowardly foe
Who strikes and then hides from our view.
With one voice we say, "There is no choice
today,
There is only one thing to do."
Everyone is saying—the same thing—and
praying
That we end these senseless moments we are
living.*

*As our fathers did before...we shall win this
unwanted war
And our children...will enjoy the future...
we'll be giving.*

So maybe I'll never feel the same about the Cardinals, but I will always feel the same about Jack Buck.

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

38+ Mountain Div 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Tucson Yankees	3	0	1	7	23
Auburn Braves	3	1	0	6	23
Columbus Dodgers	3	1	0	6	31
Long Island Rangers	2	2	0	4	55
Santa Ynez Sox	1	2	1	3	30
Albuquerque Giants	2	2	0	4	27
Chicago North Cubbies	1	3	0	2	52
RC Diamondbacks	0	4	0	0	74

38+ Mountain Div 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
San Antonio Texans	4	1	0	8	18
Chicago N. Yankees	4	1	0	8	35
Kansas City Charlie's Boys	4	1	0	8	39
Quad City Blasters	3	1	0	6	16
DC Cardinals	2	2	0	4	29
Mid State Dodgers	2	3	0	4	42
VABL Dodgers	1	3	0	2	55
Rhode Island Hurricanes	1	4	0	2	74
N. Colorado Rockies	0	5	0	0	84

38+ Mountain Div 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Denver Devil Rays	4	0	0	8	33
Rochester Redwings	3	1	0	6	18
Lehigh Valley Giants	3	1	0	6	25
Redwood Empire Giants	2	2	0	4	29
Columbus Yankees	2	2	0	4	34
Connecticut Navigators	1	2	1	3	51
Tri Valley Diamond Pirates	0	3	1	1	39
Indianapolis Stars	0	4	0	0	67



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38+ Mountain Div 1 Results 10/29	
Tucson Yankees	5
Auburn Braves	4
RC Diamondbacks	6
Columbus Dodgers	12
Chicago North Cubbies	21
Long Island Rangers	13
Santa Ynez Sox	5
Albuquerque Giants	8

38+ Mountain Div 3 Results 10/29	
Rochester Redwings	13
Columbus Yankees	1
Redwood Empire Giants	17
Indianapolis Stars	11
Denver Devil Rays	6
Lehigh Valley Giants	5
Tri Valley Diamond Pirates	8
Connecticut Navigators	8

38+ Mountain Div 2 Results 10/29	
Chicago N. Yankees	14
Mid State Dodgers	5
DC Cardinals	6
Quad City Blasters	0
San Antonio Texans	4
Quad City Blasters	0
Rhode Island Hurricanes	9
VABL Dodgers	11
N. Colorado Rockies	4
DC Cardinals	25
San Antonio Texans	4
Kansas City Charlie's Boys	7
N. Colorado Rockies	4
Chicago N. Yankees	15
Kansas City Charlie's Boys	18
Rhode Island Hurricanes	2

48+ Federal Div 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	4	1	0	8	26
Woodland Yankees	3	1	1	7	38
Massachusetts Cardinals	3	1	0	6	18
Texas Blue Jays	3	2	0	6	43
Dodgertown West - So Cal	2	3	0	4	53
Canadians	1	4	0	2	50
Long Island Yankees	0	4	1	1	47

48+ Federal Div 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Fresno Grizzlies Fed	4	0	0	8	16
Chicago SW Suburban 50's	4	1	0	8	47
Arizona 50's	3	2	0	6	34
Fog City	3	2	0	6	38
San Antonio Rangers	2	3	0	4	45
Hollywood Stars	1	4	0	2	63
National USA	0	5	0	0	86

48+ Federal Div 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Austin Indians	4	1	0	8	30
Arkansas Diamonds	4	1	0	8	32
Chicago Fire	4	1	0	8	60
Tucson Reds	2	3	0	4	54
Riverside Cardinals	2	3	0	4	69
Michigan Maroons	2	3	0	4	70
Lehigh Valley Hawks	1	4	0	2	57
Dodgertown West - LA	1	4	0	2	57

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58+ National Results 10/29	
Sacramento Rivercats	2
Compadres	14
Berry's Athletic Supply	9
Tri Valley Seals	7
South Dakota Rushmores	10
Compadres	2
South Dakota Rushmores	9
Berry's Athletic Supply	10

48+ Federal Div 1 Results 10/29		58+ Am Div 1 Results 10/29		48+ Central Div 2 Results 10/29	
Canadians	6	US Coasters	12	Boise Hawks	13
Texas Blue Jays	10	Dodgertown West	15	Arizona Diamondbacks	19
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	22	Aussie Aces 58+	6	Denver Black Sox	4
Dodgertown West - So Cal	6	Silver Foxes of Rhode Island	13	San Antonio Yankees	17
Woodland Yankees	10	San Antonio Astros	6	Toas Solar Sox	25
Long Island Yankees	10	Arizona Oilmen	22	St. Louis 50's	9
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	13	US Coasters	3	Arizona Diamondbacks	11
Canadians	3	N. Virginia Silver Eagles	21	The Chicago Bears	16
Woodland Yankees	2	Arizona Oilmen	24	Denver Black Sox	12
Massachusetts Cardinals	12	Silver Foxes of Rhode Island	9	Boise Hawks	6
Dodgertown West - So Cal	3	San Antonio Astros	5	San Antonio Yankees	15
Texas Blue Jays	13	Aussie Aces 58+	15	St. Louis 50's	11
48+ Federal Div 2 Results 10/29		58+ Am Div 2 Results 10/29		Toas Solar Sox	8
Hollywood Stars	9	Canada Car Stars	1	The Chicago Bears	11
Chicago SW Suburban 50's	11	Terre Haute Volkers	9	48+ Central Div 3 Results 10/29	
San Antonio Rangers	7	West Jersey Cardinals	18	Chicago N. Cubs	16
Fog City	16	New England Red Sox	1	Aussie Aces 48+	17
Hollywood Stars	6	St. Thomas Tradewinds	10	Tri Valley Diamondbacks	8
Arizona 50's	18	Chicago Skyliners	3	Virginia Senators	15
Chicago SW Suburban 50's	17	St. Thomas Tradewinds	17	Long Island Braves	16
National USA	11	Canada Car Stars	15	San Diego N. County Angels	6
San Antonio Rangers	8	Chicago Skyliners	11	Aussie Aces 48+	5
Fresno Grizzlies Fed	10	Terre Haute Volkers	5	Virginia Senators	29
Arizona 50's	18	West Jersey Cardinals	12	Long Island Braves	4
National USA	5	Ohio Classics	9	Chicago N. Cubs	16
48+ Federal Div 2 Results 10/29		48+ Central Div 1 Results 10/29		San Diego N. County Angels	14
Dodgertown West - LA	8	El Paso	15	Seattle Mariners	12
Tucson Reds	12	Team America	4	Tri Valley Diamondbacks	34
Lehigh Valley Hawks	2	Greenwood Ridge Dragons	5	Seattle Mariners	14
Arkansas Diamonds	17	Omaha	10	48+ Central Div 4 Results 10/29	
Riverside Cardinals	14	St. Thomas Hurricanes	18	Fresno Grizzlies Cent	16
Chicago Fire	21	Vermont Catamounts 48+	2	Chicago N. Lookouts	8
Austin Indians	9	Vermont Catamounts 48+	3	Houston Indians	9
Michigan Maroons	7	El Paso	24	Long Island Athletics	17
Lehigh Valley Hawks	9	St. Thomas Hurricanes	6	Tri Valley Crushers	3
Dodgertown West - LA	10	Greenwood Ridge Dragons	7	Philadelphia Phillies	24
Arkansas Diamonds	26	Team America	13	Chicago N. Lookouts	2
Michigan Maroons	2	Omaha	8	Western Diamondbacks	5
Austin Indians	9			Houston Indians	17
Riverside Cardinals	4			Fresno Grizzlies Cent	6
Chicago Fire	12			Long Island Athletics	6
Tucson Reds	7			Philadelphia Phillies	7

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48+ Central Div 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA
St. Thomas Hurricanes	4	1	0	8	36
Greenwood Ridge Dragons	3	2	0	6	42
El Paso	3	2	0	6	49
Vermont Catamounts 48+	3	2	0	6	61
Omaha	1	4	0	2	72
Team America	1	4	0	2	75
48+ Central Div 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA
The Chicago Bears	4	1	0	8	34
San Antonio Yankees	3	1	0	6	39
Denver Black Sox	3	2	0	6	49
Arizona Diamondbacks	3	2	0	6	53
Toas Solar Sox	2	3	0	4	50
Boise Hawks	2	3	0	4	63
St. Louis 50's	0	5	0	0	95
48+ Central Div 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Virginia Senators	4	1	0	8	33
Tri Valley Diamondbacks	4	1	0	8	54
Chicago N. Cubs	3	2	0	6	54
Long Island Braves	2	3	0	4	54
Aussie Aces 48+	2	3	0	4	99
San Diego N. County Angels	1	3	0	2	73
Seattle Mariners	1	4	0	2	101
48+ Central Div 4	W	L	T	Pts	RA
Philadelphia Phillies	3	2	0	6	38
Fresno Grizzlies Cent	3	2	0	6	49
Western Diamondbacks	3	2	0	6	50
Long Island Athletics	2	1	1	5	34
Tri Valley Crushers	2	2	1	5	62
Chicago N. Lookouts	2	3	0	4	58
Houston Indians	1	4	0	2	67

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That's exactly why we quickly punted and allowed teams to rent their own cars. Also, a move that we've had no control over but have seen change a lot, is the infrastructure as it relates to roads. The highway system, although clearly not without faults, is SO much better today than it was in the first years of the event. Freeways 202 and 101 have made accessibility so much greater, which in turn, has allowed the tournament to use new facilities and grow the event.

- C) The SIZE of the Event. Most all realize how significant the change has been-- growth by a factor of ten since the World Series' inception. But in addition to an increase in the number of teams and participants, nearly matching this has been an increase in the number of baseball facilities (Maryvale, Red Mountain, Peoria, Papago Park) in the greater Phoenix area. Add to that significant facelifts and structural changes at existing facilities (Tempe Diablo, Scottsdale Stadium, Hohokam Stadium) and
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and it's clear to see why this is the ONLY spot that could truly handle an event of its scope and scale.

- D) Competing Interests. In the late 80's, Major League Baseball still had significant portions of the fields tied up with Instructional leagues. Then came the creation of The Fall League (which is much smaller today than it was in the early years).
- E) Technology. Singularly the biggest change in the tournament over time has been an increase in the use of technology. From the creation of score-book.com and a vastly improved Daily News to the availability of tournament information and the popularity of cellular phones, we have seen great strides that have allowed the tournament staff to improve the dissemination of information to the growing tournament field.

What does the future hold?

As important as the past and present have been and are, as the MSBL and MABL looks forward, the one thing that is assured is the importance of the quality of experiences that ball-players have throughout their regular seasons, at regional events and of course, the continued attention to details at the World Series.

The focus of the MSBL and MABL World Series Staff will always be about creating a positive baseball experience for all of the participants. It will always be about competitive play with a respect for the fact that all of us have "real lives" to get back to and that this is a hobby. The event will always be about being equitable and attempting to give a varied and balanced experience to all teams. It will always be about having fun and enjoying our nation's pastime on the finest collection of fields that our country has to offer. The competition has always been keen, but it too has increased over time.

And while increased competition is used by some as a measuring stick of an organizations' success, it won't ever be the sole measurement for the MSBL and MABL. In fact, you can argue that for all of the things that have stayed the same, and for all those that have changed in an effort to improve the experience, the single most important fact has been the event's position as an Open event. The not-having-to-qualify component makes this event an achievable and reachable dream for all those that are a part of the league.

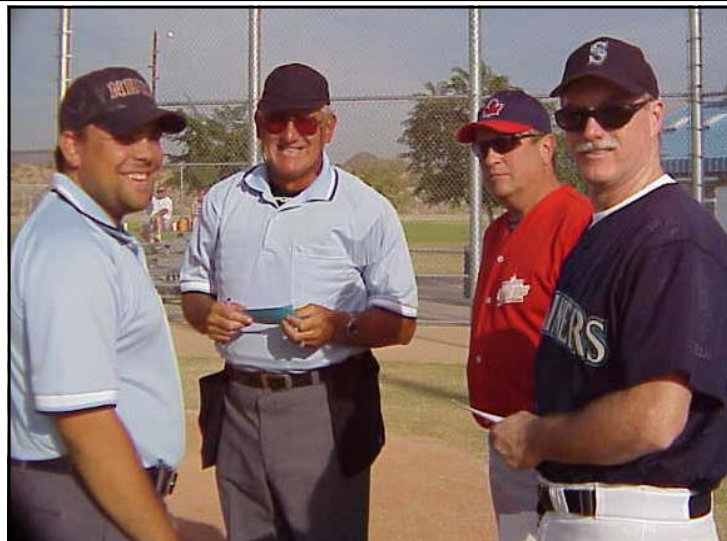
Continued success to each of you and thank you for continuing to make this event the largest amateur baseball tournament in the world. Your continued support, energy and interest allows for this event to continue to improve and grow.

We hope to see you in year 17 and beyond and we look forward to your continued interest and enthusiasm. Thank you for making the first 16 years such a success and positive experience for all involved.

Kurt Knop was the MSBL / MABL World Series Tournament Director for the first 10 years of this event, from 1988 - 1997. Kurt is a member of both the WS and MSBL Hall of Fame.



Mudhens batter **Scott Hildebrandt** looks at this pitch during yesterday's game at Red Mountain against the Watsonville Angels.



MSBL WS umpires **John Mayer** (left) and **Roy Fedley** (right) who by the way is from Australia conduct the plate meeting yesterday.



Storm base runner **Raul Alvaretti** (left) checks out the Seattle pitchers move as Mariner 1st baseman **Biff Long** keeps him close.



Watsonville Angels runner **Dean Dillworth** (right) dives back into the bag before the tag of Mudhens 1st base man **Elliott Tharp**.



Storm batter **Johnny Edwards** eye balls this pitch during yesterday's 9-6 victory over the Seattle Mariners at Tempe Diablo.



Seattle Mariners pitcher **Kraig Kimball** camps under this infield pop-up during yesterday's game at Tempe Diablo Stadium.