

DAILY NEWS



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MSBL / MABL World Series Spotlight on
Gerry Mecca (50+ Dallas Rangers)



Sometimes you get spoiled the first time. In 2001, the Dallas Hansens Energy Brewers were playing the Long Island Storm in the 30+ National championship game. Sam Kayea had added Gerry to his roster, and though Gerry had been playing since 1992, this was his first World Series. With several team members of the Storm needing to get back home following the events of 9/11, they requested the Saturday championship be moved to Friday night. Dallas agreed, and found themselves trailing 7-1 with the Storm batting and bases loaded. It looked like this game was about to be out of reach. When a Storm hitter delivered a shot to the outfield with two out to clear the bases, Gerry noticed the batter has missed first base while watching his long fly drop in the outfield. They appealed to the umpire who ruled the same, and three runs came off the board. That set off a controversy and broke the rhythm of the game. Several innings later, Dallas came all the way back to claim a 14-13 victory. First time at the World Series, get a ring. Ten years later, Mecca is returning to Arizona as a two time champion (2001 and 2004), and twice runner up (2002 and 2007). He is also now the commissioner of the Dallas MSBL, a position he took over in the middle of last year. Gerry's wife Michele was there for the first year's championship and the loss in 2007, but prefers the spa and Scottsdale Art Festival to all those ball games. Daughter Ryan (8) and son Vincent (6) enjoy making the trip to the desert as a vacation and break from school. As an I.T. guy for 11 years with Dr. Pepper Snapple group, Gerry finds baseball to be a welcome release and enjoyable hobby. A former softball player before discovering MSBL, he has decided to sign up for a softball team again, but this time to use it as a method of recruiting new players for adult baseball. He told Steve Sigler that he considers himself an innovator, and believes this can encourage new growth in the local league. The Dallas market has several associations competing for players, field space, and legitimacy. When (continued on page 2)

MSBL World Series Pool Play Games Wrap Up Today



60+ Central Hollywood Stars pitcher, **Scott Dunham** was on the mound for his teams game against the Kansas City Wranglers at Tempe Diablo Stadium Wednesday morning.

Bubble Teams Looking For A Win Today In Order To Advance Wildcard Spots Normally Go To The Teams With The Fewest Runs Allowed!

By Tom Prendergast

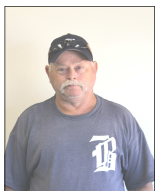
Wow what a week of baseball! And you can forget about tomorrow if you don't win today. For all practical purposes the playoffs have arrived for several teams who find themselves in a must win situation, or else they won't be advancing to the next round. In some cases even a win might not guarantee a spot in the playoffs for teams if their runs allowed are too high. The first tie-breaker is based on head-to-head competition. But that only applies when a team has played every team in the division. Teams in large divisions, that are in the middle of the pack, need to allow the least number of runs in order to advance. There's a example listed in the manager's packet that was handed out this past Sunday to all team managers.

The playoff pairings will be posted on www.msblworldseries.com as soon as all the results from each division are completed. If your team has a discrepancy with the runs allowed for your team posted on the website or on the standings page, please call the WS office and correct it, ASAP. You wouldn't want to wait until the last minute.

Saturday night the tournament hosts the World Series Awards Banquet, once again held at the Rustler's Rooste. This week's guest speaker is former MLB player, Mike Gallego. The evening gets under way with cocktails at 6:30p and dinner is served starting at 7:00p. In addition to dinner, the MSBL will raffle off several bats and Rawlings top of the line gloves.

Remember - No Drinking or Tobacco products are allowed on or off the fields during the MSBL / MABL World Series.

MSBL / MABL World Series Spotlight on

Mike Hutchison (50+ Quad City Blasters)

Something about the heart of America, the Midwest. It makes you proud of the values you grew up with. And the game of baseball was more than the National Pastime. It was what everyone identified as America. Mike

Hutchinson, manager of the Quad City Blasters has been playing and managing now with his friends from the heartland for 22 years. The core of his team has been together for a long time. As guys move away with job changes to other cities, new players come on board who share the same basic priorities. No aluminum bats for these guys. Men grow up coaching their sons, then stay involved as their grandsons learn the game. They share MaidRites and root beer. Everyone learns to play the various positions based upon how healthy they are at the time. Mike used to be a shortstop, then a catcher. These days it's more first base and DH. But he is still deeply involved in the game. Playing in a small 18+ league at home, they pick up enough young guys to be competitive, show up every week and continue to love their time on the diamond. This is the part of the country where you might find a ballpark in the middle of a cornfield. Where kids began playing ball on empty lots with wooden bats that were repaired with small nails and electrical tape. Where the kid who had a real baseball was everyone's best friend. Married for 41 years to his wife Pat, their 3 children have given them 8 grandchildren, the way it should be. Retired from UPS, Mike has taken the opportunity to play in other MSBL regional tournaments and enjoys making new friends through baseball. He says he might start umpiring next year. He recalls the World Series tournament when rain delayed so many games that his team got to play in the finals....at midnight. The family has always shared his love for baseball, and Mike remembers when one year in Arizona his junior high aged son was reluctant to leave the hotel hot tub. Seems a Hawaiian swim team was sharing that space and baseball somehow wasn't quite as important. Sit down and have a talk with Mike Hutchison. You will get a real sense of what is good about our country. Bring your glove. He'd love to play a game of catch while you talk.

MSBL / MABL World Series Spotlight on

Gerry Mecca (continued from page 1)

you inherit the leadership of a league that has a great tradition of excellent teams and winning championships, expectations are high. Especially when your first experience spoiled you.

60+ W National Results

Road Island Salty Dogs
Windy City

Berry's Athletic Supply
LA Athletics

Rhode Island Salty Dogs
LA Athletics

Terre Haute Volkers
Windy City

60+ Mountain Results

Sacramento Solons
Austin Express

Lehigh Valley Dodgers
San Antonio Rangers

Red Deer Snowbirds
Baltimore Baseball Club

Greenwood Ridge Dragons
San Diego Storm

Red Deer Snowbirds
Austin Express

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Baltimore Baseball Club

San Antonio Rangers
Sacramento Solons

San Diego Storm
Lehigh Valley Dodgers

60+ Central Div 1 Results

Arizona Scorpions
Team America

Chicago Grays
Aussie Aces

Tucson Golden Aces
San Antonio Red Sox

San Antonio Red Sox
Aussie Aces

Tucson Golden Aces
Arizona Scorpions

Chicago Grays
Team America

60+ Central Div 2 Results

El Paso Tejanos
Tri Valley Giants

Hollywood Stars
Wranglers

Hollywood Stars
Seattle Mariners

El Paso Tejanos
St Paul Saints

Tri Valley Giants
Seattle Mariners

70+ W National Results

11 San Diego Padres 30
1 San Diego Mudcats 7

7 California Bears 8
5 South Dakota Rushmores 5

11 Ohio Classics 8
10 California Bears 6

35+ Mountain Results

5 So Cal Matanzas 8
San Antonio Bulldogs 6

6 South Dakota Rushmores 12
1 Chicago North Cubs 4

7 Tri Valley White Sox 8
2 Scottsdale Scorpions 1

35+ Central Div 1 Results

11 Seattle Brewers 11
4 Islanders BB Club NW 0

6 Utah Pirates 8
8 St Louis Tigers 4

4 St Louis Tigers 8
Dallas Reds 5

11 Seattle Brewers 8
3 Tucson Diamondbacks 7

5 Tucson Diamondbacks 19
21 Islanders BB Club NW 2

35+ Central Div 2 Results

Puget Sound Gators 3
1 St Thomas Storm 1

6 Terre Haute Cubs 7
10 Portland Red Sox 2

0 Des Moines Bruins 13
20 Utah Rockies 7

7 Des Moines Bruins 11
15 Portland Red Sox 4

0 Puget Sound Gators 9
22 Terre Haute Cubs 4

3 St Thomas Storm 14
8 Utah Rockies 10

5 16
26 Berkenpas Construction 12

3 St Thomas Hurricanes 14
6 Chicago North TSP's 10

4 DC Rangers 17
10 Tulsa Liners 17

2 REBL Phillies 11
13 Team Harry Baals 0

2 Rochester Redwings 16
11 Tulsa Liners 1

11 1
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Allow plenty of driving time going to and from the fields. Several road construction projects are common in the greater Phoenix metro area!

For a complete listing of highway closures and restrictions across Arizona visit ADOT's Information Website at: www.az511.com



Special Offer To All MSBL / MABL WS Players from Don & Charlie's Restaurant

Located at 7501 East Camelback Rd Scottsdale, Let them know that your with the MSBL WS tournament before ordering!

Remember to call in your teams score after the game at 602) 438-0242

2011 MSBL / MABL WS Office Hours
8:00a til 11:00p Tempe Diablo Stadium

35+ Mountain Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
Tri Valley White Sox	3	1	0	6	35	18
Chicago North Cubs	3	1	0	6	25	25
South Dakota Rushmores	2	2	0	4	29	29
Victory Custom Matanzas	2	2	0	4	25	32
Scottsdale Scorpions	1	3	0	2	12	20
San Antonio Bulldogs	1	3	0	2	23	25

35+ Central Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
Utah Pirates	4	1	0	8	40	14
St Louis Tigers	4	1	0	8	60	27
Seattle Brewers	3	2	0	6	42	43
Dallas Reds	1	3	1	3	37	41
Islanders Baseball Club NW	1	3	1	3	12	54
Tucson Diamondbacks	1	4	0	2	40	52

35+ Central Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
Des Moines Bruins	5	0	0	10	44	17
Puget Sound Gators	4	1	0	8	53	24
St Thomas Storm	3	2	0	6	42	23
Terre Haute Cubs	1	4	0	2	16	35
Portland Red Sox	1	4	0	2	18	53
Utah Rockies	1	4	0	2	34	55

45+ Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
So Cal Sundevils	4	0	0	8	46	22
DC Rangers	3	0	1	7	44	33
Rochester Redwings	3	1	0	6	47	24
St Thomas Hurricanes	2	2	0	4	34	27
Berkenpas Construction 45's	2	2	0	4	37	31
REBL Phillies	2	3	0	4	39	46
Tulsa Liners	1	3	1	3	34	55
Team Harry Baals	1	3	0	2	10	29
Chicago North TSP's	0	4	0	0	20	44

60+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
Berry's Athletic Supply	3	1	0	6	25	15
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	3	2	0	6	32	23
LA Athletics	2	2	1	5	42	33
Terre Haute Volkers	2	3	0	4	24	42
Windy City	1	3	1	3	25	35

60+ Mountain Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
San Diego Storm	4	1	0	8	58	30
Greenwood Ridge Dragons	4	1	0	8	41	32
Red Deer Snowbirds	3	2	0	6	43	36
Sacramento Solons	2	2	1	5	40	32
San Antonio Rangers	2	3	0	4	29	26
Lehigh Valley Dodgers	2	3	0	4	42	54
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	3	1	3	19	42
Austin Express	1	4	0	2	19	39

70+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
San Diego Padres	3	1	0	6	51	20
South Dakota Rushmores	2	1	0	4	26	16
San Diego Mudcats	2	2	0	4	39	52
Classics	1	2	0	2	14	27
California Bears	1	3	0	2	22	37

50+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
San Jose	4	1	0	8	25	17
San Antonio Bombers	3	2	0	6	38	19
Sacramento Giants	3	2	0	6	40	24

50+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
St Louis Gameface	4	1	0	8	35	21
Dallas Rangers	3	2	0	6	25	19
So Cal Fire	1	1	0	4	22	31
Quad City Blasters	1	3	1	3	20	23
Indianapolis Indians	1	4	0	2	14	50
Team New Era	0	3	1	1	15	30

50+ Central Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
Aussie Redbacks	5	0	0	10	53	20
Inland Angels	5	0	0	10	63	20
Rhode Island Yankees	4	1	0	8	32	18
Chicago North Cubs	3	2	0	6	23	29
Louisiana Roadrunners	2	3	0	4	19	18
Arizona Diamondbacks	2	3	0	4	48	31
East Haven Jor-Els	2	3	0	4	28	32
Tri Valley Giants	1	4	0	2	32	57
Gold County Buzzards	1	4	0	2	23	63
Combines	0	5	0	0	18	51

50+ Central Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
Fort Worth Phillies	5	0	0	10	48	15
Houston Baseball Club	4	1	0	8	27	10
Auburn Braves	4	1	0	8	53	15
Santa Ynez Sox	3	2	0	6	36	21
Chicago Fire	3	2	0	6	29	24
Fresno Phillies	2	3	0	4	35	42
Fog City	2	3	0	4	35	55
Boise Senators	1	4	0	2	47	47
Poco Colt 45's	1	4	0	2	19	48
Aussie Aces	0	5	0	0	15	67

60+ Central Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
Tucson Golden Aces	5	0	0	10	95	23
San Antonio Red Sox	4	1	0	8	72	42
Chicago Grays	2	3	0	4	37	31
Arizona Scorpions	2	3	0	4	49	54
Aussie Aces	2	3	0	4	28	67
Team America	0	5	0	0	33	97

60+ American Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RS	RA
El Paso Tejanos	5	0	0	10	71	8
Hollywood Stars	4	1	0	8	34	28
St Paul Saints	3	2	0	6	50	30
Seattle Mariners	1	3	1	3	33	53
Tri Valley Giants	1	3	1	3	52	70
Wranglers	0	5	0	0	13	64

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50+ National / American Results

San Antonio Bombers (N)	10
Indianapolis Indians (A)	0
So Cal Fire (A)	7
San Jose (N)	5
Dallas Rangers	2
Quad City Blasters	1
St Louis Gameface (A)	7
Sacramento Giants (N)	3
So Cal Fire	6
Team New Era	5
Sacramento Giants (N)	17
Indianapolis Indians (A)	4
San Jose (N)	8
St Louis Gameface (A)	1
San Antonio Bombers (N)	9
Quad City Blasters (A)	6

50+ Central Div 1 Results

Aussie Redbacks	14
Gold County Buzzards	6
Inland Angels	15
Tri Valley Giants	3
Chicago North Cubs	2
Louisiana Road Runners	1
Rhode Island Yankees	6
East Haven Jor-Els	1
Arizona Diamondbacks	18
Combines	2
Aussie Redbacks	13
Tri Valley Giants	6
Chicago North Cubs	8
East Haven Jor-Els	7
Inland Angels	13
Combines	7
Rhode Island Yankees	5
Arizona Diamondbacks	1
Louisiana Road Runners	11
Gold County Buzzards	2

50+ Central Div 2 Results

Fog City	19
Boise Senators	18
Fort Worth Phillies	14
Chicago Fire	3
Auburn Braves	10
Poco Colt 45's	1
Houston Baseball Club	4
Fresno Phillies	0
Aussie Aces	3
Santa Ynez Sox	2
Fresno Phillies	12
Aussie Aces	1
Fog City	11
Poco Colt 45's	9
Fort Worth Phillies	2
Santa Ynez Sox	1
Chicago Fire	5
Auburn Braves	0
Houston Baseball Club	3
Boise Senators	1

2012 MSBL / MABL World Series Dates**Week # 1**

October 15th - 20th
 50+ WB Divisions
 60+ WB Divisions
 25+ WB Divisions
 18+ National / Open
 18+ Federal / Central
 70+ Wood

Week # 2

October 21st - 28th
 35+ WB Divisions
 25+ Federal
 55+ WB Divisions
 65+ WB Divisions
 Father & Son

Week # 3

35+ Federal (Alum)
 25+ Central (Alum)
 45+ WB Divisions
 45+ Central (Alum)
 65+ WB Division

Get all of the 2011 WS game scores and current standings at: www.msblworldseries.com



60+ Central St Paul Saints batter **Glenn Barta** singles to right.



60+ Central KC Wranglers pitcher **Jim Brown** pitching yesterday.



60+ Central Hollywood Stars batter **Steve Silverstien** drops a bunt down the 3rd base line for a single against the Wranglers yesterday.



60+ Central St Paul Saints runner **Al Alt** avoids the ball and the tag from El Paso Tejanos first baseman, **Frank Del Torro** yesterday.