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MSBL WS Iron Man - 30 year Attendee - Bob Korvas

By Bob Korvas

Finding the MSBL WS placed opportunities, experiences and memories I would never have had if not said 'yes' to Mike Pinto. At the time I was only playing 16in

'Chicago style' (no glove) slow pitch softball. While not exactly baseball, the game I grew up on as a kid and had a deep passion for satisfied my need to play and compete.

I saw an ad for a four day Randy Hundley Cubs baseball fantasy camp that included playing a day in Wrigley Field against several of my boyhood baseball hero's. My wife Kathy said I should do it as a 'birthday gift' so I did. This was where Mike invited me to participate in MSBL and where my new 'career' began.

Mike told me there was this new tournament coming in October in Arizona for players over 30 with teams from 'all over.' He was looking for players to enter a team and asked if I would be interested. I told Mike "let me think about it." I thought "...could I compete or just make fool of myself?"

We (Mike Pinto and ex-Cub Jose Cardenal) sat together at the Fantasy camp 'awards' banquet in Harry Carry's Restaurant downtown and became fast friends and teammates. From that time on our friendship grew to the point that I traveled as Jose's guest, meeting and traveled with the World Series Championship Yankees ('96 -'98), taught his wife how to drive and became god father to his son.

In my first ever MSBL World Series game we were at Grand Canyon College. Our Chicago North Cubs were playing against the Hollywood Stars. We only had 13 guys, with five guys that pitched, to cover six games over four days. In the first inning Jose hit a solo home run and I followed with a single. In the third inning personal history was made. Jose came up with a man on and hit his second homer over the left center field wall. I followed two pitches later with a drive over the 410 marker (continued on page 2)



Several Teams In The Hunt For A Playoff Berth Today!



All eyes are on this ball that 50+ WB Central 3n2 Rangers batter, **Kelly Harris** hit during yesterday's game against the East Bethalto Dodgers in their 3-2 win at the Tempe Complex.

Playoff Bound Teams Playing for Seeding - Wildcard Spots Available 18+ Division Teams Start Play Today - 70+ and 50+ Teams Wrap Up Pool Play

By Tom Prendergast

At this time of the week, teams on the bubble (hoping to advance to the playoffs) really need to look no further than their runs allowed. Teams that give up fewer runs have the upper hand when it comes to advancing to the playoffs. Especially when we have wildcard berths involved. Here's what was listed on each playoff sheet: "Throughout the playoffs, the team with the best preliminary-round record will be afforded the automatic right as the home team. If two or more teams end in a tie and all the teams played each other, the tiebreaker would be head to head competition. If no head to head play was involved or head to head cannot decide the tiebreaker, then least runs allowed will be used. In order for a tie breaker to be decided by head to head with two or more teams, all teams would have needed to play each other and there be a definitive tiebreaker (ie: 1 team beats the other 2). If all teams played each other and A beat B, B beat C and C beat A, then least runs allowed will be used to determine the teams that advance."

And keep in mind that the standings on the MSBL National website do not reflect tiebreakers so the official standings will be the ones listed in this publication. For further clarification on the standings or seeding's, please call the World Series office (480) 858-7515.



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in dead center field. I had gone back to back
with a major leaguer.

Unfortunately we burned three pitchers in losing game one and finished 0-5-1. Our team was so bad that when we arrived to pick up Jose Cardenal for the game he waited in the lobby of the Buttes wearing his uniform and a paper bag with eye, nose and mouth holes cut out so as not to be recognized by his fellow major leaguers on the other teams. We had a good laugh. Never the less, I was hooked.

I have played alongside and against some pretty special ball players. Team mates: Jose Cardenal, Jerry Hairston, Rich Nye, Ken Rudolph, Bill Campbell and Pete LaCock. Opponents: Woody Williams, Ron Dunn, Jim Barr, Mel Hall, Rico Carty, Orlando Cepeda and Burt Campanaris,

I first read about Steve Sigler and MSBL in Sports Illustrated and we eventually met and became friends. Steve invited me to play (be his catcher) on the first MSBL team USA friendship series in St Thomas VI ('91,'92). I had the pleasure of meeting his entire, wonderful family. I pitched a complete nine inning game which we won and I also hit three home runs at the downtown soccer /baseball stadium, which included a 420 foot center field fence with a huge mahogany tree 'inside' on the field of all things. It was broadcast on 'national St. Thomas VI radio' and I was interviewed postgame as the player of the game, which was a thrill.

Championships are just one part of being there each year. Over 30 years at the MSBLWS I've been in the playoffs about 80% of the years, a Championship game over half, and won five rings.

I've caught a seven inning no hitter at Autry field for teammate (continued on page 3)

70+ WB National Division

St Paul Saints
Sacramento Solons
Detroit 70's
USA Volkers

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
4	1	0	8	43	800
3	2	0	6	40	600
3	2	0	6	48	600
2	3	0	4	47	400

70+ American Division

San Diego Mudcats
Red Deer Legends
Portland Dirt
San Diego Padres
San Antonio Broncos
Arizona Scorpions
Tri Valley Antiques

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
3	1	0	6	22	750
3	1	0	6	25	750
2	2	0	4	31	500
2	2	0	4	35	500
1	3	0	2	41	250
1	3	0	2	51	250
0	4	0	0	51	000

70+ WB Central Division

San Antonio Texans
Aussie Aces
Ohio Classics
Tri Valley Giants
Team America

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
4	0	0	8	18	1000
3	1	0	6	32	750
3	1	0	6	38	750
1	4	0	2	64	200
0	5	0	0	83	000

50+ National Division

Team Victory
Boston Wolfpack
US Baseball
So Cal Blue Jays
Colorado Blues

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
4	1	0	8	17	800
2	2	0	4	25	500
2	3	0	4	26	400
2	3	0	4	31	400
1	4	0	2	34	200

50+ Central Division

Raleigh Braves
Waikiki Beach Boys
All Star Baseball Academy (*)
Auburn Braves
Rochester Redwings
3n2 Rangers
DuPage Angels
Utah Pirates (*)
East Bethalto Dodgers
Chicago North TSP's
Tulsa Liners (*)

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
5	0	0	10	25	1000
4	1	0	8	38	800
3	2	0	7	34	600
3	2	0	6	22	600
3	2	0	6	33	600
3	2	0	6	36	600
3	2	0	6	50	600
2	2	0	5	27	500
1	4	0	2	33	200
1	4	0	2	37	200
0	5	0	1	44	000

50+ Cactus Division 1

Des Moines Bruins
Austin Express
Long Island Panthers
Diamond Dream Mustangs
Sacramento Dragons
Vancouver Angels
Kansas City Knights
Red Deer Legends
Arizona Monsoon

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
5	0	0	10	27	1000
4	1	0	8	24	800
4	1	0	8	37	800
3	2	0	6	38	600
3	2	0	6	45	600
1	3	0	2	49	250
1	4	0	8	88	200
0	4	0	0	38	000
0	4	0	0	67	000

50+ Cactus Division 2

Las Vegas Rattlers
Austin Amigos
Long Island Yankees
Burlington Angels
Westchester Mets
LS Warriors
Aussie Aces
Houston Skeeters
Connecticut Navigators

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
5	0	0	10	13	1000
4	1	0	8	35	800
3	2	0	6	28	600
2	2	1	5	40	500
2	2	0	4	29	500
2	3	0	4	70	400
1	3	1	3	64	300
1	4	0	2	64	200
1	4	0	2	91	200

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70+ WB National Results

Sacramento Solons	9
Detroit 70's	6
USA Volkers	14
St Paul Saints	12

70+ WB American Results

Red Deer Legends	8
Portland Dirt	3
San Diego Padres	12
Arizona Scorpions	6
San Diego Mudcats	9
Tri Valley Antiques	0
St Paul Saints (National)	5
San Antonio Broncos	4

70+ WB Central Results

Ohio Classics	16
Tri Valley Giants	11
Aussie Aces	5
Team America	1

50+ WB National Results

Team Victory	7
US Baseball	3
So Cal Blue Jays	11
Colorado Blues	1
Boston Wolfpack	10
So Cal Blue Jays	3
US Baseball	13
All Star Baseball Academy	9

50+ WB Central Results

Rochester Redwings	4
Chicago N TSP's	3
All Star Baseball Academy	15
Waikiki Beach Boys	7
Raleigh Braves	7
Tulsa Liners	6
3n2 Rangers	3
East Bethalto Dodgers	2
DuPage Angels	12
Auburn Braves	10
Utah Pirates	15
DuPage Angels	8
East Bethalto Dodgers	12
Colorado Blues (National)	2
Waikiki Beach Boys	13
Rochester Redwings	12
Raleigh Braves	6
Chicago N TSP's	3
Auburn Braves	9
Tulsa Liners	0

50+ WB Cactus 1 Results

Diamond Dream Mustangs	27
Arizona Monsoon	11
Austin Express	5
Red Deer Legends	3
Des Moines Bruins	6
Sacramento Dragons	5
KC Knights	20
Vancouver Angels	16
Austin Express	18
Long Island Panthers	5
Des Moines Bruins	14
KC Knights	12
Long Island Panthers	16
Sacramento Dragons	5



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35+ WB Cactus 1 Results

Chandler Bat Philadelphia	5
Minnesota Lumberjacks	3
Chicago Cyclones	7
Ulster Buccaneers	5
Puget Sound Reds	15
Murietta Mutiny	13
Chandler Bat Philadelphia	5
Portland Mets	3
Puget Sound Reds	17
Ulster Buccaneers	8

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35+ Mountain Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
Phoenix Tube	3	0	0	6	4	1000
The Dirty Sox	2	1	0	4	13	667
San Antonio Bombers	2	1	0	4	15	667
Missouri Tribe	2	2	0	4	24	500
Milwaukee Mudhens	1	2	0	2	18	500
Salt Lake Lugnuts	1	2	0	2	19	333
Arizona Angels	1	2	0	2	27	333
Tucson Storm	0	2	0	0	21	000

35+ Cactus Division 1

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
Chandler Bat Philadelphia	3	1	0	6	8	750
Minnesota Lumberjacks	2	1	0	4	12	667
Murietta Mutiny	2	1	0	4	18	667
Puget Sound Reds	2	1	0	4	32	667
Portland Mets	1	2	0	2	19	333
Chicago Cyclones	1	2	0	2	52	333
Ulster Buccaneers	0	3	0	0	50	000

35+ Cactus Division 2

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
Seattle Rage	3	0	0	6	13	1000
Omaha Red Sox	3	0	0	6	17	1000
Nor Cal Knights	2	1	0	4	15	667
Houston Marauders	2	1	0	4	24	667
Easton Storm	1	2	0	2	23	333
Elevated Athletics	1	2	0	2	32	333
Sacramento White Sox	0	3	0	0	31	000
Puget Sound Knights	0	3	0	0	33	000

50+ WB Cactus 2 Results

Connecticut Navigators	15
Aussie Aces	10
Austin Amigos	13
Houston Skeeters	7
Burlington Angels	15
Louisville Slugger Warriors	2
Long Island Yankees	11
Westchester Mets	2
Las Vegas Rattlers	12
Austin Amigos	3
Aussie Aces	7
Houston Skeeters	0
Long Island Yankees	7
Burlington Angels	3
Las Vegas Rattlers	11
Louisville Slugger Warriors	0

35+ WB Mountain Results

Milwaukee Mudhens	15
Tucson Storm	2
Phoenix Tube	6
Missouri Tribe	0
Phoenix Tube	4
San Antonio Bombers	2
Salt Lake City Lugnuts	13
Missouri Tribe	3
The Dirty Sox	11
Arizona Angels	6

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Seattle Rage	19
Sacramento White Sox	6
Houston Marauders	6
Easton Storm	5

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Victor Martinez in 1993. In 2008 I pitched a 13 inning complete game with 186 recorded pitches (the ump asked me to sign a ball) and 48 hours later pitched a nine inning complete game playoff win, while recording 168 pitches.

The competition and joy of playing is first and foremost. Most important is the comradery, fond memories and great friendships that have come my way.

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50+ WB National Division Team Victory batter, **Rosario Carrion** is all smiles during this at bat against the US Baseball team yesterday.



Marucci bat girls **Matty** and **Daniele** inside the white tent on the concourse at Tempe Diablo Stadium (down the left field line).



50+ WB Central East Bethalto Dodgers pitcher, **Bill Locken** delivers a pitch during his teams game against the 3n2 Rangers on Tuesday.



50+ WB National batter, **Bob Pone** rips this pitch into the left field corner for a stand up double yesterday at Tempe Diablo Stadium.



50+ WB Central Division 3n2 Rangers batter, **Al Simmons** drops a bunt leading off the sixth inning, against East Bethalto on Tempe 2.



50+ Central Division 3n2 Rangers pitcher, **Allan Flax** was sharp yesterday during his teams 3-2 win over the East Bethalto Dodgers.