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Today's Playoff Game Schedule

55+ WB National Division

Semi-Final Round

Team Victory vs San Antonio Bombers

10:00am Goodyear Stadium

55+ WB Central Division

Playoff Round

Chicago N TSP's vs All Star Baseball

10:00am Goodyear Indians 4

Chicago N Cubs vs So Cal Fire

10:00am Goodyear Indians 5

Semi-Final Round

4th seed vs Santa Ynez Sox

2:00pm Goodyear Indians 4

3rd seed vs St Louis Gameface

2:00pm Goodyear Indians 5

55+ WB Cactus Division

Playoff Round 1

Canadian Playboys vs Connecticut Jor Els

9:30am Papago 1

Arizona Pirates vs Team Albany

9:30am Papago 2

Fog City vs Diamond Dream Mustangs

9:30am Papago 3

Seattle Blues vs California Bears

9:30am Papago 4

Playoff Round 2

8th seed vs South Bay Zephyrs (1 seed)

1:30pm Papago 1

7th seed vs Quad City Blasters (2 seed)

1:30pm Papago 2

5th seed vs Motor City Firebirds (4 seed)

1:30pm Papago 3

6th seed vs Dallas Rangers (3 seed)

1:30pm Papago 4

55+ WB Cactus Consolation

Cent Indians Dodgers vs Houston Skeeters

10:00am Goodyear Reds 5

Tri Valley SJ Giants vs SD Pirates

10:00am Goodyear Reds 6

Playoffs Start Today With 55+ WB Divisions!



55+ WB Central Division Chicago North Cubs batter, **Dave Szosek** drills this pitch into right center driving in two runs at Tempe Diablo Stadium yesterday against the So Cal Fire.

The Official Standings for the MSBL WS Are Posted In the Newsletter Pointstreak Website Page Doesn't Always Show The Correct Standings

By Tom Prendergast

The MSBL/MABL World Series uses a company called Pointstreak for all of our standing and the posting of game scores. This service allows us to show the scores in real time and has really improved our ability to post the scores in real time. Many teams and managers have applauded this service and during the World Series check for updates on a regular basis every day. Simply put, it's fantastic! However, if there is a draw back to this system it's how the sorting of the standings are listed. It's not that the standings are wrong, the sort sometimes is inaccurate because of some of our special considerations.

For example, our first tiebreaker is head to head, but because the first category sort is set for fewest runs allowed, it won't list the standings that way. Also, because we award one point for a team (in a lower ranked division), whose been scheduled to play a team from another division, these points won't show up on the website. We add those by hand every night when we are preparing the standings in the newsletter. So far that reason the official tournament standings are listed in the newsletter (on page 2) and not on the website.



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**55+ National Division**

Sacramento Royals
San Antonio Bombers
Team Victory
Team New Era

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
4	2	0	8	30	667
3	3	0	6	36	500
3	3	0	6	46	500
2	4	0	4	39	400

55+ Central Division

Santa Ynez Sox
St Louis Gameface
All Star Baseball Academy
So Cal Fire
Chicago North Cubs
Chicago North TSP's
3n2 Rangers
Houston Old Stars

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
5	1	0	10	34	833
5	1	0	10	42	833
4	1	1	9	43	750
2	2	2	6	31	500
2	3	1	5	56	417
2	4	0	4	45	333
2	4	0	4	51	333
0	6	0	0	53	000

55+ Cactus Division 1

South Bay Zephyrs
Motor City Firebirds
Connecticut Jor Els
Diamond Dream Mustangs
Canadian Playboys
Arizona Pirates
Houston Skeeters
San Diego Pirates
Tri Valley Pirates
Tri Valley Giants

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
6	0	0	12	32	1000
5	1	0	10	41	833
4	2	0	8	62	667
3	2	1	7	47	583
3	3	0	6	54	500
3	3	0	6	59	500
3	3	0	6	64	500
2	3	1	5	60	417
0	6	0	0	96	000
0	6	0	0	122	000

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55+ Cactus Division 2

Quad City Blasters
Dallas Rangers
Team Albany
California Bears
Seattle Blues
Fog City
Central Indiana Dodgers
Tri Valley SJ Giants
Vermont Red Sox

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
6	0	0	12	36	1000
5	1	0	10	26	833
4	2	0	8	56	667
3	3	0	6	35	500
3	3	0	6	37	500
3	3	0	6	39	500
1	5	0	2	69	167
1	5	0	2	75	167
1	5	0	2	88	167

65+ American Division

LA Athletics
USA Volkers
St Paul Saints

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
4	0	0	8	9	1000
2	2	0	4	16	500
2	2	0	4	49	500

65+ Mountain / Central 1

Chicago North TSP Fire
Red Deer Legends
Fresno Grizzlies
San Diego Pirates
Sacramento Solons
San Antonio Red Sox
Lehigh Valley Moondogs
So Cal Fire

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
4	0	0	8	17	1000
3	1	0	6	27	750
2	2	0	4	24	500
2	2	0	4	29	500
2	2	0	4	35	500
2	2	0	4	36	500
1	3	0	2	23	250
0	4	0	0	76	000

65+ Mountain / Central 2

San Antonio Broncos
Salty Dragons
Tucson Toros
San Diego 65+
Vintage Baseball Club
Arizona Scorpions

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
3	1	0	7	23	750
3	2	0	7	40	600
2	2	0	5	25	500
1	2	1	4	29	375
0	3	1	1	55	125
0	4	0	1	89	000

65+ Cactus Division

Sacramento Senators
Chicago Grays
Western Diamondbacks
Taos Solar Sox
Tri Valley Giants (1)
New Mexico
Snowbirds
Seattle Mariners
Tri Valley Giants (2)
Team America

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
4	0	0	8	21	1000
4	0	0	8	24	1000
3	1	0	6	29	1000
3	1	0	6	35	750
3	1	0	6	42	750
1	3	0	2	41	250
1	3	0	2	62	250
1	3	0	2	69	250
0	4	0	0	86	000
0	4	0	0	103	000

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73+ WB Division

South Dakota Rushmores
Ohio Classics
San Diego Padres
Tri Valley Giants

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
3	0	0	6	13	1000
2	1	0	4	26	667
1	2	0	2	41	333
0	3	0	0	69	000

40+ WB American Division

Arizona Angels
Montebello Angels
San Antonio Titans
Sacramento 51's
Sacramento Phillies

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
2	1	0	4	13	667
2	1	0	4	13	667
2	1	0	4	16	667
1	1	0	2	11	500
0	3	0	0	27	000

40+ WB Mountain Division

Long Island Panthers
Utah Rockies
Stockton Indians
Oklahoma Vipers
Colorado Bandits
California Quakes
Burlington Mudhens
The Bar
Oakland Soldiers

W	L	T	Pts	RA	W%
4	0	0	8	10	1000
3	0	0	6	24	1000
2	1	0	4	14	667
1	2	0	2	29	333
1	2	0	2	32	333
1	2	0	2	32	333
1	2	0	2	42	333
1	2	0	2	45	333
0	3	0	0	36	000

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55+ WB Cactus Division 1

South Bay Zephyrs	8
Canadian Playboys	4
Diamond Dream Mustangs	8
San Diego Pirates	8
Motor City Firebirds	15
Tri Valley Pirates	3
Houston Skeeters	29
Tri Valley Giants	13
Connecticut Jor Els	18
Arizona Pirates	5

55+ WB National Division

Team Victory	11
San Antonio Bombers	6
Sacramento Royals	5
Team New Era	2

65+ WB Mnt / Central 1

So Cal Fire	21
San Diego Pirates	12
Chicago North TSP Fire	21
San Antonio Red Sox	4
LA Athletics (American)	14
Fresno Grizzlies	5

Sacramento Solons	21
St Paul Saints (American)	16
Red Deer Legends	6
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	4

65+ WB Mnt / Central 2

San Antonio Broncos	9
Salty Dragons	7
San Diego 65+	6
Tucson Toros	5
USA Volkers (American)	27
Arizona Scorpions	4
USA Volkers (American)	12
Salty Dragons	2

55+ WB Cactus Division 2

California Bears	10
Seattle Blues	6
Dallas Rangers	18
Vermont Red Sox	3
Team Albany	14
Central Indians Dodgers	7
Tri Valley SJ Giants	9
Fog City	8
Quad City Blasters	24
Vermont Red Sox	8

65+ WB Cactus Division

Chicago Grays	21
Tri valley Giants 2	5
Sacramento Senators	12
Snowbirds	6

Western Diamondbacks	16
New Mexico	13

Seattle Mariners	31
Team America	9
Tri Valley Giants 1	9
Taos Solar Sox	7

65+ WB American Division

LA Athletics	14
Fresno Grizzlies (Mountain)	5
Sacramento Solons (Mnt)	21
St. Paul Saints	16
USA Volkers	27
Arizona Scorpions (Mnt)	4
USA Volkers	12
Salt Dragons (Mountain)	2

73+ WB Division

San Diego Padres	18
Tri Valley Giants	5
South Dakota Rushmores	15
Ohio Classics	2

55+ WB Central Division

Chicago North Cubs	7
So Cal Fire	7
All Star Baseball Academy	10
Chicago North TSP 55's	9
Santa Ynez Sox	13
St. Louis Gameface	11
3n2 Rangers	11
Houston Old Stars	5

40+ WB American Division

Montebello Angels	7
San Antonio Titans	3
Montebello Angels	11
Sacramento Phillies	4
Sacramento 51's	10
Arizona Angels	9

40+ WB Mountain Division

Burlington Mudhens	16
Colorado Bandits	4
The Bar	22
Oakland Soldiers	6
Long Island Panthers	21
California Quakes	3
Long Island Panthers	6
Stockton Indians	0
Utah Rockies	17
Oklahoma Vipers	9

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Ulster Buccaneers Story - By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

Editor's note: The Ulster Buccaneers traveled to the MSBL World Series all the way from Northern Ireland and Northern England. They unfortunately finished 0-6 in their 35+ Cactus division but took note of what needs to be done to get back here and be more competitive. We caught up with Ulster assistant manager John Baxendale to discuss baseball in the United Kingdom. Manager Jon was warming up in the bullpen.

John Baxendale of the Ulster (Ireland) Buccaneers is the assistant coach, alongside manager Jon Carter. This isn't news that is particularly noteworthy except that John lives in Northwestern England near Manchester and Jon Carter, also now living in England, was a catalyst in promoting baseball in Northern Ireland. Their Buccaneers just got done competing in the 30th anniversary division of this year's MSBL World Series in the 35-over division. "I have known Jon Carter for about twenty years," said Baxendale. "He started up a baseball team in Ulster and then came back to England, where he lives now, and we just continued playing baseball. Jon played at the MSBL World Series a couple of years ago and came back and said 'we have to take a team down there.' So we've been recruiting around England and Northern Ireland for a couple of years and here we are. We also added a few players from the US to round things out."

This is their first year attending and they ended up with 17 players. "There are seven or eight players from England, two from Ireland and the rest are from the United States. We're going to need more players, especially pitchers, when we return in two years. We will definitely be on the recruiting trail."

I asked John what his impressions were of the warm Arizona sun and some heavy duty, non-stop baseball. "Our guys are pretty beaten up because it is a lot of games in a short period but we never see temperatures like this in England or Ireland so it took its toll on us. We came out flying and soon realized that if you don't pace yourself you are in for trouble."

John mentioned to me that the Buccaneers are more than happy to speak with anyone who wants to play with them next time around. They will be sure to be more prepared, now that they know what to expect, and will definitely have more pitching. Want to play with the lads from the Emerald Isle? (continued on page 4)

MSBL WS Iron Man - 30 year Attendee Reggie Vance

By Steve LaMontia

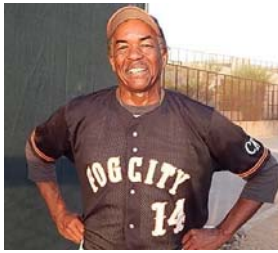
70 year 'young' Reggie Vance has been a Fog City team member for many, many years at the World Series, while playing in the Bay Area MSBL during the year. He joins fellow 30 year MSBL friends Pat Carroll and Ray Allen as they became three of only a dozen players who have attended every MSBL WS since its inception in 1988. Considering all of the players who have come and gone over the past 30 years, this percentage of guys from one area is astonishing. "The first year we came as the Bay Area MSBL," explained Reggie. "I played left field then and still play left field. I may not get to the ball quite as quickly but I'll eventually get there!"

Reggie continues to 'play down' to the 55+ division, which is where Fog City is playing this year. "My best friend is our manager, Mike Knittel, and as long as he still wants me then that's where I'm going. He handles all of the details and he then lets me and Eddie Walsh handle the coaching in the boxes. It's a wonderful arrangement."

Reggie has also had his experience with the Father/Son division throughout the years. "I have played alongside both my son and daughter in Arizona. I think my daughter was the first girl in the Father/Son back in the mid-90's. Maybe we need to change the name of the division," laughed Reggie. "I have such a good time coming down to Arizona. I speak with people who aren't huge baseball people and they don't understand my continuing to play at my age. I've come to realize that they'll never get it so I'll just keep playing. I just can't stop, plus it's healthy!"

This amazing journey isn't undertaken alone, of course. "My wife Karen has allowed me to do this. I'm out there because it is very enjoyable and we're just playing ball but she has been my biggest fan since day one," Reggie concluded. "I also want to thank Steve Sigler because he put together a great baseball business and there are so many things we get out of it. He made it happen and I respect him for giving me a chance. Without his ability to run MSBL for all of these years I wouldn't be here today. Thank you Mr. Sigler!"

Shared Batting Rule Reminder - the manager has the option of using the shared batter position at any time. If used as a runner, that player must bat the next time up. Infractions are similar to batting out of turn



Ulster Buccaneers Story (continued from page 3)

Let me know at msbllamontia@aol.com and I'll hook you up with Jon.

I asked John what are some of the challenges of playing baseball in the UK? "First of all, there are only about 60 teams in the whole of the UK, which includes England, Ireland and Scotland. That requires a lot of travel to play. Not everyone wants to do that. The good thing about the London area and some parts of England is that there are a lot of American students and young workers who know the game and want to play it there, too. They are known as mixed patriots."

Baxendale continued, "In the UK players aren't introduced to baseball until they are adults because the children don't learn the game over there. So they are just learning the game while players in the US have been playing since they were very young. That makes it hard to field a competitive adult team to play in tournaments like this."

John plays first base and his manager/buddy Jon pitches. When asked if any of his players have stood out this week he answered that everyone has played extremely well and raised their game to another level. "We didn't know what to expect and loved playing on fields that we can only dream about in England and Ireland. But we all contributed and had a lot of fun and we will definitely be back. The other teams were so nice in welcoming us and we'll never forget it. I'm sorry we didn't do better but we learned what we need to do for next time. We just plain got pooped."



35+ WB Cactus Division - Ulster Buccaneers



MSBL WS Celebrates 10years In Arizona

Our first major milestone came in 1997 when we celebrated our 10th anniversary, with 270 teams and approximately 5,000 players.

As part of the celebration, the MSBL inducted 12 members into its newly established Hall of Fame. They included (photo - from top left to right)

Back row: Dennis Swartout (So California), Val Lewis (Sacramento), Larry Lombardi (Wash DC Metro), presenter, Steve Sigler (MSBL President), John Freitas (Nor Cal), Tom Prendergast (Kansas City), Kurt Knop (WS Tournament Director). Front row: Jim Darby (Easton Sports), Carl Shields (Rawlings Sporting Goods), Steve Rosenberg (Atlanta), Bart Zeller (Chicago), Ron Dun (San Jose) and Dan Piro (HardBall Magazine publisher).

