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## Mike Thatcher: MSBL World Series Hall of Fame 2018 Inductee

By Steve LaMontia

65 year 'young' Mike Thatcher is a Southern CA WS veteran, sporting a display case full of rings, having established himself as one of



the most respected competitors in the history of the MSBL World Series. As a result of his achievements in Arizona, MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler has honored Mike with an induction into the 2018 class of the MSBL World Series Hall of Fame.

"I appreciate the recognition that goes along with this WS Hall of Fame induction," stated Thatcher. "I would like to share this recognition with each and every MSBL teammate that I have had the honor to have sat next to on the bench over the past 26 years. I have had the time of my life playing baseball with all of you." Mike's MSBL journey began in 1991 as a fill-in. "I was introduced to MSBL by my son's Little League manager. He invited me to fill in and play in the last six games on his SoCal MSBL league team. After the first five games I was not having any success and was ready to retire from playing competitive baseball once and for all. Miraculously in my last game that season I had three hits, including a short porch homerun. That one game got me hooked on MSBL and it changed my baseball life forever." Mike's current MSBL league affiliation splits between playing for the 45+ Angels in the SoCal MSBL in Orange County and the 62+ North County Indians in the North County MSBL in San Diego. As impressive as his league accomplishments are in two very competitive leagues, his World Series resume is the real eye opener. "I started playing in the MSBL World Series in the fall of 1992," explained Thatcher. "The first two years in Arizona I played on a league team that lost all 12 pool games, however I had the time of my life. In 1994 I was invited to Arizona by Glenn Marshall, Manager of the So Cal Astros 40's, and won my first ring. For me to taste the playoffs for the first time and also win a ring was just awesome." To say that the Astros experience lit the pilot light is an understatement. "From then on I was no (continued on page 2)

## Several Walk Off Wins Keep Pool Play Games Exciting!



60+ Cactus Division Mid South Warriors batter, **Mike Moore** breaks the game open in the 5th with an rbi single helping his team defeat the Colorado Fossils 8-4 at Tempe Diablo.

## Late Inning Comebacks Set The Tone For Thursday Must Win Games!

*Sore Arms And Second Guessed Managers A Plenty After Wednesday's Pool Play Games*  
By Tom Prendergast

Legendary ABC broadcaster, Jim McKay opened each week's Wide World of Sports program with the phrase; "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat!" That's a tag line that certainly could be used for this week's MSBL WS pool play games. Extremely close games along with unbelievable finishes have been the norm for the first three days of games this week. Imagine the adrenaline rush that comes from a come from behind, 4 run - ninth inning, walk off win! Talk about a momentum swing. But as high as the winning team is after that one, the losing team hits rock bottom. For those players the ride back home from the Peoria complex is a long one. And it's not just one play or a missed out, it's a series of unforced errors or a ball off the catcher's glove with the tying run on third, that goes to the back stop. Next pitch, the batter hits a can of corn pop fly to center and the fielder loses it in the sun. But no matter, win or lose those games are over and the teams need to focus on today's games, which in some cases are huge. In fact, they are just like playoff games. All the while the manager is juggling a sore armed pitching staff, keeping an eye on runs allowed and if your in a participation division, making sure 14 players receive at least one at-bat. Teams that advance after today will deserve it!

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longer satisfied with just participating in the MSBL World Series. I wanted to experience the playoffs every year and fortunately I have participated in the playoffs 22 of the 26 years I have been there. It is difficult to win a championship at the MSBL World Series and Fall Classic and something I have never taken it for granted."

Mike has had the good fortune to have been on some incredible teams that have won 18 championships in the Father/Son, 40+, 48+, 50+, 55+, and 60+ divisions. Mike now participates in the 65+ division and there is little doubt that his current LA Athletics team and their long history of dominance will add another ring and division to his collection. As if that wasn't enough to justify Mike's induction, "I also had the unique opportunity through MSBL to participate and win a gold medal in baseball at the 1998 Nike Masters Games in Portland Oregon. Tom Prendergast and MSBL organized and ran the baseball competition at these Masters games." Mike has many highlights from his World Series career but one stands out. "It was in 1998, the inaugural year of the Father/Son division. To experience playing baseball with my son that first year and every other year my son and I played together was priceless. We played with the Sacramento Cardinals, managed by Jimmy Hill. We won the championship and my son Brian caught 45 innings. He was so drained after the seven games that he went back to school at Northern Arizona University and slept for a few days. The comradery with all the fathers and sons that first year was special."

**'Blatt Walk-off Wins Championship in Extras'**

By Jason Johnson, special to MSBL

With the team's heartbeat, Mark Adams, sitting in the stands due to a medical issue the USA Volkers were able scratch out a win in 13 innings against the scrappy San Diego Berry's in the 70 National Championship at Riverview. Jeff Blatt hit a walkoff single to left field to drive in Fred Krause from second base for the win.

During the first inning of the first game of pool play Volkers starting shortstop Adams, walked off the field hunched over. His teammate, Doctor Marse McNaughton, tended to Adams and determined he was experiencing a heart attack. He was rushed to the emergency room and within 24 hours Adams had three stents placed. "Mark is the heart and soul of our team and the nicest guy," said Volkers co-manager Billy Jacobs. "He's the last guy you would expect to have a heart attack and it's a warning for everyone. He's dying to play but had he played he would have died."

The Volkers came out swinging against Berry's starting pitcher and Vietnam veteran John Hopkins. The first six batters for the Volkers reached base and Berry's went to their bullpen bringing in Jim Teeter to get out of the jam. When the dust settled in the first inning the Volkers were ahead 5-1 with Fred Krause leading the charge with an RBI double.

Berry's battled back by chipping away at the deficit scoring two runs in the third inning on an RBI single by Marshall Gibbs and an RBI double from manager Jack Valentine.

Valentine, a former drummer and member of Motley Crue before they shot to stardom, said the team's confidence was at a very high level despite entering the playoffs as underdogs. That confidence seemed to play a role early on when Berry's needed to dig themselves out of an early hole. Berry's grabbed the lead in the fifth inning when Alan McKee hit a two run single followed by an RBI single from Gibbs, but the lead was short lived. In the bottom of the sixth inning Volkers tied the game at seven when Steve Brye scored on an error by the left fielder. The teams remained knotted up until the bottom of the 13<sup>th</sup> inning when Blatt singled home Krause to walk it off for Volkers.



60+ American Division California Tribe player, **Ken Jungsten**, with his service dog, **Malone** before his teams DH yesterday at Fitch Park.

Ken is a diabetic and can no longer feel any side effects from his low blood sugar. Malone's job is to "smell his low blood sugar" and then alert him so he can grab a quick snack.

Malone stays in the dugout during games and is always by Ken's side. What a good dog! Ken is the commissioner for the Sacramento 60+ league and has been a diabetic for 56 years.

Malone (who's three years old on Dec 25th) came from the Dogs 4 Diabetics program of So California, that's a non profit organization that provides these service dogs to people like Ken.

<https://dogs4diabetics.com>

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| 45+ Marucci Central         |   |   |   |     |    |       |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
|                             | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
| 1 Tri Valley Giants         | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8   | 33 | 800   |
| 2 Texas Redbirds            | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 25 | 600   |
| 3 Paramount Pirates         | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 29 | 600   |
| 4 Wisconsin Rangers         | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 30 | 600   |
| 5 Santa Rosa-REBL Cardinals | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 34 | 600   |
| 6 Chicago North TSP's       | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5   | 42 | 500   |
| 7 Ventura Dodgers           | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 28 | 400   |
| 8 Utah Pirates              | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 50 | 400   |
| 9 Evergreen Owlz            | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 54 | 400   |
| 10 San Antonio Reds         | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1   | 55 | 100   |

| 45+ Cactus Division 1              |   |   |   |     |    |       |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
|                                    | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
| 1 Fresno Hardcor                   | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10  | 18 | 1000  |
| 2 Lehigh Valley Hurricanes         | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8   | 35 | 800   |
| 3 Arizona Marlins                  | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 29 | 600   |
| 4 Spokane Cubs                     | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 41 | 600   |
| 5 Ft Worth Astros                  | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 46 | 400   |
| 6 Sacramento Capitols / OC Dodgers | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 46 | 400   |
| 7 Las Vegas Stars                  | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 52 | 400   |
| 8 Bluff City White Sox             | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 69 | 400   |
| 9 Northern VA Twins                | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2   | 63 | 200   |
| 10 New Mexico Colt 45's            | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2   | 66 | 200   |

| 45+ Cactus Division 2    |   |   |   |     |    |       |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
|                          | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
| 1 D-Bat Angels           | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8   | 31 | 800   |
| 2 Indy Giants            | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8   | 32 | 800   |
| 3 San Diego North Padres | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 34 | 600   |
| 4 So Cal Indians         | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 42 | 600   |
| 5 Puget Sound Twins      | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 43 | 600   |
| 6 Can Am A's             | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 45 | 400   |
| 7 Seattle Skysox         | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 48 | 400   |
| 8 Utah Red Sox           | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2   | 58 | 250   |
| 9 Great Lakes Tigers     | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0   | 57 | 0     |

## 45+ Cactus Division 1 Scores

|                                  |       |                          |    |
|----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|----|
| Spokane Cubs                     | 19 vs | Bluff City White Sox     | 6  |
| Fresno Hardcor                   | 19 vs | Lehigh Valley Hurricanes | 2  |
| Las Vegas Stars                  | 18 vs | Northern VA Twins        | 5  |
| Sacramento Capitols / OC Dodgers | 19 vs | New Mexico Colt 45's     | 6  |
| Arizona Marlins                  | 11 vs | Ft Worth Astros          | 12 |
| Spokane Cubs                     | 3 vs  | Lehigh Valley Hurricanes | 19 |
| Sacramento Capitols / OC Dodgers | 8 vs  | Fresno Hardcor           | 17 |
| Bluff City White Sox             | 17 vs | Las Vegas Stars          | 11 |
| New Mexico Colt 45's             | 7 vs  | Ft Worth Astros          | 11 |
| Northern VA Twins                | 3 vs  | Arizona Marlins          | 15 |

## 45+ Cactus Division 2 Scores

|                    |       |                        |    |
|--------------------|-------|------------------------|----|
| Can Am A's         | 7 vs  | D-Bat Angels           | 12 |
| Seattle Skysox     | 24 vs | Utah Red Sox           | 8  |
| Puget Sound Twins  | 7 vs  | Great Lakes Tigers     | 2  |
| So Cal Indians     | 13 vs | Indy Giants            | 4  |
| Puget Sound Twins  | 13 vs | Can Am A's             | 5  |
| Indy Giants        | 14 vs | Seattle Skysox         | 4  |
| Great Lakes Tigers | 5 vs  | San Diego North Padres | 13 |
| So Cal Indians     | 9 vs  | San Diego North Padres | 4  |

## 45+ Central Scores

|                     |       |                           |    |
|---------------------|-------|---------------------------|----|
| Wisconsin Rangers   | 8 vs  | Chicago North TSP's       | 6  |
| Paramount Pirates   | 13 vs | Santa Rosa-REBL Cardinals | 4  |
| Utah Pirates        | 19 vs | Evergreen Owlz            | 10 |
| San Antonio Reds    | 2 vs  | Tri Valley Giants         | 11 |
| Ventura Dodgers     | 0 vs  | Texas Redbirds            | 7  |
| Wisconsin Rangers   | 9 vs  | Santa Rosa-REBL Cardinals | 12 |
| Texas Redbirds      | 7 vs  | Evergreen Owlz            | 4  |
| Tri Valley Giants   | 17 vs | Utah Pirates              | 6  |
| Chicago North TSP's | 14 vs | San Antonio Reds          | 14 |
| Ventura Dodgers     | 8 vs  | Paramount Pirates         | 1  |

| 60+ American Division     |   |   |   |     |    |       |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
|                           | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
| 1 Rhode Island Salty Dogs | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8   | 37 | 800   |
| 2 California Tribe        | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 30 | 600   |
| 3 LA Athletics            | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 37 | 400   |

| 60+ Central Division     |   |   |   |     |    |       |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
|                          | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
| 1 Dragons                | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6   | 29 | 750   |
| 2 DFW Phillies           | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6   | 33 | 750   |
| 3 Volcanoes              | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5   | 34 | 400   |
| 4 Lehigh Valley Moondogs | 2 | 3 | 0 | 5   | 44 | 400   |
| 5 Paladin                | 1 | 4 | 0 | 3   | 47 | 200   |
| 6 Arkansas Diamonds      | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2   | 41 | 250   |

| 60+ Cactus Division 1    |   |   |   |     |    |       |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|-----|----|-------|
|                          | W | L | T | Pts | RA | Win % |
| 1 Chicago North Cubs     | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10  | 18 | 1000  |
| 2 Colorado Stars         | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8   | 18 | 800   |
| 3 Puget Sound Mariners   | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7   | 19 | 700   |
| 4 Long Island Athletics  | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5   | 34 | 500   |
| 5 Red Deer Legends       | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 52 | 400   |
| 6 Diamond Dream Mustangs | 2 | 3 | 0 | 4   | 53 | 400   |
| 7 So Cal Fire            | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2   | 85 | 200   |
| 8 Tri Valley Vets        | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0   | 81 | 0     |

| 60+ Cactus Division 2 |   |   |   |     |     |       |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|-----|-------|
|                       | W | L | T | Pts | RA  | Win % |
| 1 Inland Angels       | 4 | 0 | 1 | 10  | 21  | 900   |
| 2 Mid South Warriors  | 4 | 0 | 1 | 9   | 25  | 900   |
| 3 So Cal Dodgers      | 4 | 1 | 0 | 8   | 20  | 800   |
| 4 Colorado Fossils    | 3 | 2 | 0 | 6   | 37  | 600   |
| 5 Sacramento Giants   | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5   | 36  | 500   |
| 6 Milwaukee Rattlers  | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5   | 41  | 625   |
| 7 Portland 59's       | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2   | 54  | 200   |
| 8 Arizona Pirates     | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0   | 106 | 0     |
| 9 Seattle Rainiers    | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0   | 127 | 0     |

(\*) 60+ Central team receive 1 point for losing to an American team

## 60+ American Scores

|                             |      |                             |    |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|----|
| California Tribe (American) | 4 vs | LA Athletics (American)     | 3  |
| RI Salty Dogs (American)    | 6 vs | California Tribe (American) | 5  |
| LA Athletics (American)     | 8 vs | RI Salty Dogs (American)    | 12 |

## 60+ Central Scores

|                                  |       |                     |               |
|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------|---------------|
| DFW Phillies (Central)           | 13 vs | Dragons (Central)   | 5             |
| Arkansas Diamonds (Central)      | 8 vs  | Paladin (Central)   | 5             |
| Lehigh Valley Moondogs (Central) | 0 vs  | Volcanoes (Central) | forfeit win 9 |

## 60+ Cactus Division 1 Scores

|                        |       |                        |    |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------|----|
| Puget Sound Mariners   | 3 vs  | Chicago North Cubs     | 5  |
| So Cal Fire            | 9 vs  | Diamond Dream Mustangs | 14 |
| Colorado Stars         | 8 vs  | Red Deer Legends       | 1  |
| Long Island Athletics  | 21 vs | Tri Valley Vets        | 4  |
| Puget Sound Mariners   | 3 vs  | Long Island Athletics  | 3  |
| Chicago North Cubs     | 19 vs | Red Deer Legends       | 6  |
| Colorado Stars         | 20 vs | So Cal Fire            | 2  |
| Diamond Dream Mustangs | 10 vs | Tri Valley Vets        | 9  |

## 60+ Cactus Division 2 Scores

|                    |       |                    |    |
|--------------------|-------|--------------------|----|
| Arizona Pirates    | 4 vs  | Milwaukee Rattlers | 18 |
| Inland Angels      | 17 vs | Sacramento Giants  | 17 |
| Mid South Warriors | 8 vs  | Colorado Fossils   | 4  |
| Mid South Warriors | 34 vs | Arizona Pirates    | 0  |
| Sacramento Giants  | 7 vs  | So Cal Dodgers     | 9  |
| Seattle Rainiers   | 1 vs  | Inland Angels      | 18 |
| Colorado Fossils   | 8 vs  | Portland 59's      | 3  |
| Seattle Rainiers   | 12 vs | Portland 59's      | 24 |

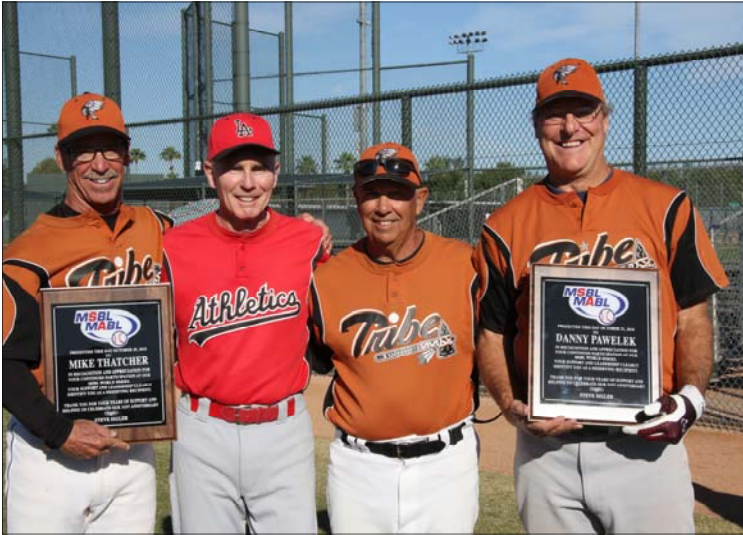


Desert Classic - Palm Springs, CA  
January 19th - 21st  
18+ / 25+ / 35+ W / 45+ W  
55+ W / 60+ W / 65+ W  
Deposits due - November 17th

Holiday Classic - Orlando, FL  
January 19th - 21st  
18+ / 30+ W / 45+ W  
Deposits due - November 17th

Las Vegas Kickoff Classic  
Week 1 - March 2nd - 4th  
18+ / 35+ W / 55+ W / 65+ W  
Week 2 - March 9th - 11th  
25+ W / 45+ W / 50+ W / 60+ W  
Deposits due January 1st

Las Vegas Open  
May 25th - 27th  
18+ / 25+ W / 35+ W / 45+ W  
55+ W / Father & Son



MSBL players **Mike Thatcher** (left) and **Danny Pawelek** (right) with managers **Bob Sherwin** (LA Athletics) and **Joe Soto** (Tribe).



45+ Cactus Fresno Hardcor pitcher, **Dave Garcia**, was cool as a cucumber yesterday facing the Lehigh Valley Hurricanes.



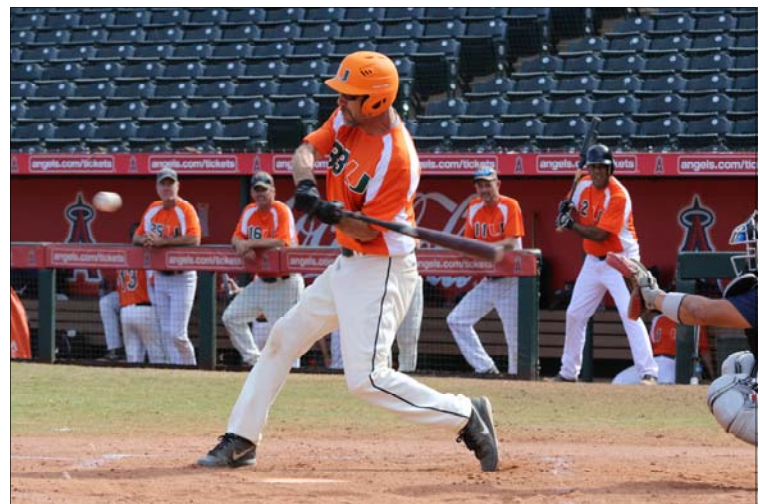
60+ Cactus division Inland Angels catcher, **Jeff Madden** gunned down two would be base stealers during games at Tempe yesterday.



60+ Cactus Sacramento Giants batter, **Larry Gies** sends this ball right back up the middle for a single in his teams 17-17 tied game.



60+ Cactus Sacramento Giants pitcher, **Danny Hasey** needed a knee brace but kept right on delivering strikes inning after inning.



45+ Cactus division batter, **Chad Arnold** had a great at bat (fouling off 7 pitches) before coming through with a single to left.