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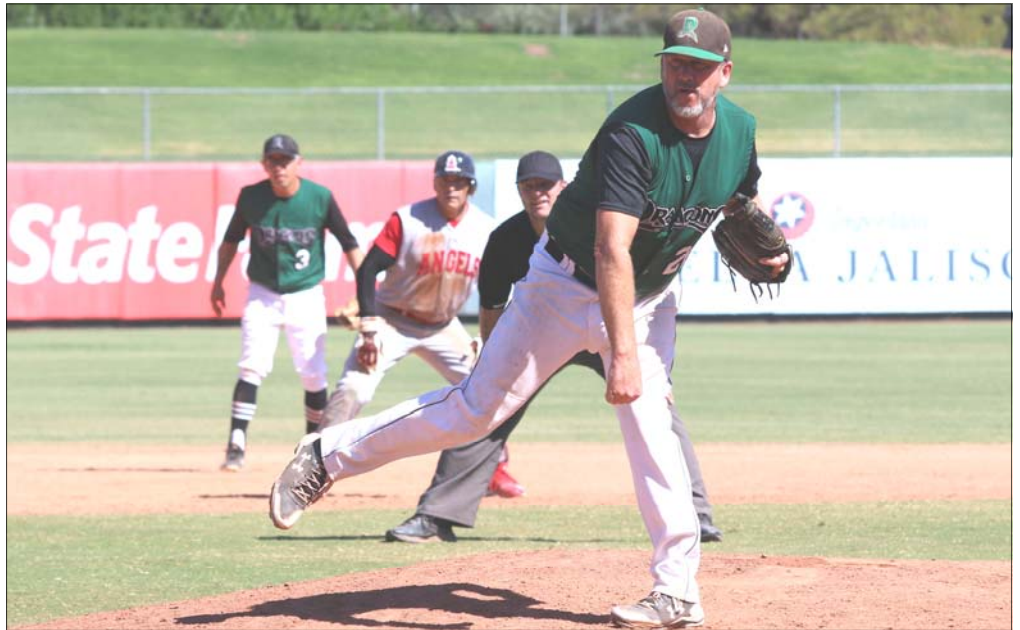
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John Stefanik World Series Hall of Fame

Sixty six year-old John Stefanik is the long-standing maestro of the All-Star Baseball Academy baseball teams that are an annual fixture of the MSBL World Series, as well as a part of the John DeBenedictis League in Pennsylvania. This retired general contractor generally escorts teams to Arizona in the 50+ over and 55+ over divisions and are a well-managed group of good ball players but more importantly a family of great people.

"The reason I am still in baseball is because each and every ball player on our team plays my style of ball," said Stefanik. My teams are families and like brothers and they in turn feel the same way about me. We don't sell out our team by attracting one guy who may be a great player but wouldn't fit our family atmosphere." Because of John's caring team attitude and his embracing the MSBL World Series as a manager / player since 2006, MSBL Founder and President Steve Sigler inducted John into the 2019 class of the MSBL World Series Hall of Fame. "John represents exactly what MSBL was created to do in 1986, with his emphasis on sportsmanship, professional approach, competitiveness, and just being such a nice gentleman," said Sigler. "My trip to Arizona every year is highlighted by meeting with people like John. I am eternally grateful for his enthusiasm and loyalty!" "This award validates my passion for managing the game and what I'm doing and that it makes a big difference in my player's lives," added Stefanik. "Choosing to be a manager and evidently doing it well must be working! I was surprised when I heard from Steve and really humbled. I love the organization and am so impressed in what he did and I am in awe of him for following his passion." John was a catcher and quarterback at Millersville College, located in Pennsylvania, and found baseball again in 2003 with the Radnor Raiders, after many years of competitive tennis and platform tennis. A shoulder issue forced him to be a full-time manager, though he does still play in the 65+ division during the summer as a first baseman with a good stick in the DeBenedictis league. "I am a catcher by trade (continued on page 2)

Division Races Heat Up Right Along With the Weather!



All eyes are on this pitch by 50+ Cactus Sacramento Dragons pitcher, **Ted Peart** during the 4th inning of yesterday's game at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Watching behind him include field umpire, **John Madsion**, Austin Angels base runner, **Jimmy O'Connor** and SS **Jason Hays**.

Playoffs Loom Large As Pool Play Wraps Up for 50+ Divisions Today

Most Tie Breaking Scenarios Usually Come Down To Least Runs Allowed

By Tom Prendergast

During the pool play round, a team is awarded two points for a win and one for a tie. And the first tie breaker will always be head to head competition. If this doesn't break the tie (which it rarely does), the next determining factor in playoff seeding will be least runs allowed. So it's pretty darn important to be checking the standing on line and in the newsletter to make sure your teams runs allowed total is accurate. If it's not, then a quick call to the WS office is your best bet to correct it. Where multiple divisions are involved, wildcard seeding is most affected by this category. For example: 6 teams finish with identical records, all to be considered as contenders for the 4 wildcard positions. Two teams are from the same division, while the 4 other teams are not. For the two teams from the same division, head to head competition will not count towards eligibility for the playoff qualifying status since all 6 teams did not play each other. Only runs allowed will be considered. It's always a good idea to call your score in immediately after the game, especially on the last day of pool play.

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70+ National Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 USA Volkers MBI	3	0	0	6	7	1000
2 Sacramento Solons	2	1	0	4	21	667
3 St Paul Saints	1	2	0	2	14	333

70+ American Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 North County Mudcats	3	0	0	6	11	1000
2 Lehigh Valley Moondogs	2	1	0	4	19	667
3 San Diego Mudcats	2	1	0	4	28	667
4 El Paso Sunkings	2	1	0	4	32	667
5 Red Deer Legends	2	1	0	4	34	667
6 Tri Valley Antiques	1	2	0	2	50	333
7 San Antonio Broncos	0	3	0	0	50	0
8 Portland Dirt	0	3	0	0	51	0
9 San Diego Padres	0	3	0	0	59	0

70+ Central Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 New England Red Sox	3	0	0	6	12	1000
2 San Antonio Texans	3	0	0	6	15	1000
3 Aussie Aces	1	2	0	2	26	333
4 Kansas City A's	1	2	0	2	27	333
5 Seattle Mariners	1	2	0	2	52	333
6 Driscoll's Landscape	0	3	0	0	23	0

70+ Central Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Chicago Grays	3	0	0	6	19	1000
2 Colorado Cardinals	2	1	0	4	25	667
3 Philadelphia Mustangs	2	1	0	4	25	667
4 Dodgertown West	2	1	0	4	35	667
5 Ohio Classics	1	2	0	2	49	333
6 Red Deer Legends	1	2	0	2	66	333
7 Cal Vets	0	4	0	0	86	0

50+ National Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Boston Wolfpack	4	1	0	8	20	800
2 OC Sox	4	1	0	8	25	800
3 Team Victory	4	1	0	8	39	800
4 US Baseball	2	3	0	4	43	400
5 San Antonio Bombers	1	4	0	2	50	20
6 Tri Valley	0	5	0	0	52	0

50+ Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Ralieggh Braves	4	1	0	8	31	800
2 All Star Baseball Academy	4	1	0	8	35	800
3 So Cal Blue Jays	3	2	0	6	40	600
4 3n2 Rangers	1	2	2	4	57	400
5 California Hogs	1	3	1	3	60	300
6 Chicago North TSP's	0	4	1	0	62	100

50+ Cactus Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Diamond Dream Mustangs	5	0	0	10	24	1000
2 Madison Blues	4	1	0	8	40	800
3 St Thomas Hurricanes	3	2	0	6	40	600
4 Bay Area Giants	2	2	0	4	41	500
5 Red Deer Legends 1	2	2	0	4	43	500
6 Cal Vets	0	4	0	0	83	0
7 Aussie Aces	0	5	0	0	76	0

50+ Cactus Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Austin Angels	5	0	0	10	20	1000
2 Milwaukee Rangers	3	1	0	6	14	750
3 Tulsa Liners	3	2	0	6	39	600
4 Madison Angels	2	3	0	4	39	400
5 Sacramento Dragons	2	3	0	4	56	400
6 Long Island Yankees	1	3	0	2	21	250
7 Westchester Mets	0	4	0	0	64	0

50+ Cactus Division 3						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Mezcal	4	1	0	8	13	800
2 Utah Braves	4	1	0	8	39	800
3 Santa Rosa Cardinals	3	2	0	6	23	600
4 Great Lake Tigers	3	2	0	6	50	600
5 Austin Express	2	3	0	4	43	400
6 Bedford Cardinals	1	4	0	2	50	200
7 Connecticut Navigators	0	4	0	0	50	0

50+ Cactus Division 4						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 CO Springs Thunder	5	0	0	10	22	1000
2 Kansas City Knights	3	1	0	6	32	750
3 Rochester Redwings	3	1	0	6	33	750
4 Long Island Panthers	2	2	1	5	52	500
5 Wine Country Reds	1	2	2	4	62	400
6 Chicago Orioles	0	4	1	1	66	100
7 Red Deer Legends 2	0	4	0	0	60	0

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John Stefanik World Series Hall of Fame (from page 1)

but in 2008 I tore my rotator cuff while playing in Puerto Rico. I carried on with therapy but then in 2009 I went back to Arizona and really damaged it, requiring surgery, but they couldn't repair it so that took care of the catching element and the playing career. In 2009 I started managing these guys in both the MSBL World Series and with our All-Star Academy teams back in the league. My emphasis has changed to now be the best manager I can be and put all of my efforts into that. "What John brings to the World Series is a quality experience for his team and has tried to keep them all coming back and staying in the 'family'. Their turnover is very small and their results are very admirable. "We usually make the playoffs and are always competitive but we have never gotten a ring," stated Stefanik. "It is always a thrill to see everyone again and know that we have a good week of competitive fun, on and off the field, and if a ring happens then it will happen. A good experience with good people is our focus down there because of our love of the game and one another." (continued on page 3)

70+ National Scores

Sacramento Solons	6
St Paul Saints	1
USA Volkers MB 1	21
San Diego Mudcats (American)	2

70+ American Scores

El Paso Sunkings	15
San Antonio Broncos	8
North County Mudcats	6
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	2
Tri Valley Antiques	24
San Diego Padres	14

Red Deer Legends	30
Portland Dirt	12

70+ Central Division 1 Scores

New England Red Sox	6
Driscoll's Landscape	4
Kansas City A's	19
Seattle Mariners	7
San Antonio Texans	11
Aussie Aces	1

70+ Central Division 2 Scores

Chicago Grays	31
Red Deer Legends	10
Ohio Classics	17
Cal Vets	12
Philadelphia Mustangs	2
Dodgertown West	8
Colorado Cardinals	25
Cal Vets	3

35+ Mountain Scores

Omaha Red Sox	16
San Antonio Bombers	3
Puget Sound Rage	3
Omaha Red Sox	16

50+ National Division Scores

Boston Wolfpack	8
Team Victory	12
Tri Valley	6
OC Sox	8
US Baseball	10
San Antonio Bombers	4
Boston Wolfpack	11
Tri Valley	3
OC Sox	16
US Baseball	4
Team Victory	8
San Antonio Bombers	9

50+ Central Division Scores

Chicago N TSP's	9
All Star Baseball Academy	16
3n2 Rangers	8
So Cal Blue Jays	7
Raleigh Braves	26
California Hogs	3
Raleigh Braves	17
Chicago N TSP's	8
3n2 Rangers	9
California Hogs	9
So Cal Blue Jays	14
All Star Baseball Academy	9

50+ Cactus Division 1 Scores

Diamond Dream Mustangs	12
Red Deer Legends (1)	3
Madsion Blues	18
Aussie Aces	3
Bay Area Giants	16
Cal Vets	8
St Thomas Hurricanes	7
Diamond Dream Mustangs	9
St Thomas Hurricanes	12
Aussie Aces	9

50+ Cactus Division 2 Scores

Sacramento Dragons	0
Austin Angels	21
Tulsa Liners	22
Westchester Mets	2
Long Island Yankees	3
Austin Angels	4
Tulsa Liners	6
Milwaukee Rangers	5
Westchester Mets	10
Madison Angels	11

35+ Mountain Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Omaha Red Sox	4	0	0	8	9	1000
2 San Antonio Bombers	1	2	0	2	16	333
3 Puget Sound Rage	0	3	0	0	35	0

35+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Victus Bats Philadelphia	4	0	0	8	19	1000
2 Easton Storm	3	1	0	6	14	750
3 LS Warriors	3	1	0	6	44	750
4 Puget Sound Knights	2	1	1	5	26	625
5 Tucson Tigers	2	2	0	4	26	500
6 Murietta Mutiny	2	2	0	4	30	500
7 Utah Blues	2	2	0	4	38	500
8 Team KS Bats	1	2	1	3	34	375
9 Duke City Pirates	0	4	0	0	30	0
10 Taos Blizzard	0	4	0	0	76	0

35+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Rose City Goats	4	0	0	8	8	1000
2 Utah Dodgers	3	0	0	6	10	1000
3 Houston Marauders	3	0	0	6	7	1000
4 Minnesota Lumberjacks	2	1	0	4	21	667
5 Lambton County Lugnuts	2	2	0	4	33	500
6 Seattle Royals	1	2	0	2	23	333
7 Connecticut Navigators	1	3	0	2	37	250
8 Nor Cal Knights	0	4	0	0	44	0
9 Chicago Cyclones	0	4	0	0	51	0

50+ Cactus Division 3 Scores

Utah Braves	2
Mezcal	20
Austin Express	13
Great Lakes Tigers	9
Bedford Cardinals	1
Santa Rosa Cardinals	7
Mezcal	13
Connecticut Navigators	0
Austin Express	8
Utah Braves	11
Great Lakes Tigers	13
Bedford Cardinals	12

50+ Cactus Division 4 Scores

Rochester Redwings	3
Colorado Springs Thunder	17
Long Island Panthers	5
Wine Country Reds	5
Chicago Orioles	10
Kansas City Knights	15
Red Deer Legends	10
Rochester Redwings	11
Colorado Springs Thunder	19
Wine Country Reds	2
Long Island Panthers	12
Chicago Orioles	9

Playoff Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to participate in playoff and championship games, all players need to have at least 1 plate appearance in two round robin games or have pitched 3 outs in each of 2 round robin or a combination of the two. And this must be documented in the scorebook!

John Stefanik World Series Hall of Fame (from page 3)

It should be noted that John actually does have a ring from the 2016 MSBL Fall Classic when he teamed up with some players from Pittsburgh and everything jelled, as they went 7-0 and won the hardware. When asked about a highlight from his World Series experiences John didn't recite a special play or accomplishment, his answer was centered on his team and their character. "One year they only had three teams in the mountain

division, which was above us as we were in the central, and Sigler said that the winner of the central goes up to the mountain playoffs. Some teams weren't too fond of that because they wanted to win a ring. Heck, we wanted to win our pool play and get to the upper division and play those guys and we did end up moving up. Yes, we got smoked but all of the guys were proud that they went up there and tried every game. I am so proud that our team always tries hard to win. You earn team chemistry, it doesn't just happen. That is what sticks out to me."

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35+ Cactus Division 1 Scores

Easton Storm	10
Team KS Bats	6
Tucson Tigers	7
Murietta Mutiny	10
Taos Blizzard	8
Puget Sound Knights	10
Duke City Pirates	5
Utah Blues	11
LS Warriors	18
Utah Blues	13
Duke City Pirates	4
Victus Bats Philadelphia	7
Team KS Bats	7
Puget Sound Knights	7
Tucson Tigers	0
Easton Storm	9
Taos Blizzard	6
Murietta Mutiny	23
Victus Bats Philadelphia	24
LS Warriors	3

35+ Cactus Division 2 Scores

Chicago Cyclones	3
Utah Dodgers	9
Seattle Royals	16
Connecticut Navigators	6
Rose City Goats	12
Minnesota Lumberjacks	2
Lambton County Lugnuts	27
Chicago Cyclones	3
Rose City Goats	9
Connecticut Navigators	1
Houston Marauders	15
Nor Cal Knights	3
Nor Cal Knights	2
Lambton County Lugnuts	15



50+ Cactus Austin Angels batter, **Gary Phipps** deftly avoids this pitch during yesterdays game.



50+ Cactus Connecticut Navigators pitcher, **Joe Dougan** on the mound at Tempe Diablo.



New this year the mobile Shaved Ice snack shack that's selling refreshing snow cones. The perfect cool down drink to help combat the heat this week. Located at the Tempe Diablo complex between fields 3 - 6.

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70+ and 73+ Rules Review Regarding Stealing Bases (which is not allowed)

No stealing is permitted in these divisions
Penalty - Should a base runner attempt to advance (by stealing) the runner must return to the base he occupied at the time of the pitch. The defensive has the option to throw to the bag the runner left, via an appeal play - and may force the runner out if the ball beats the runner back to the bag



50+ Cactus Colorado Springs Thunder batter, **Mark Tucker** just misses this pitch during his teams game against the KC Knights.



50+ Cactus Sacramento Dragons batter, **Edgar Montes** rips this pitch down the left field line (just foul) at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

Get all of the 2019 MSBL World Series game scores and current standings at: www.msblnational.com