

DAILY NEWS



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Today's Championship Games

45+ Central Division

Tri Valley Giants vs Chicago N Cubs
9:00am Hohokam Stadium

45+ Cactus Division

2 seed vs 1 seed
1:00pm Tempe Diablo Stadium

60+ National Division

Rhode Island vs San Antonio Lonestars
9:00am Tempe Diablo Stadium

60+ Central Division

Houston Tigers vs DFW Phillies
12:45pm Hohokam Stadium

60+ Cactus Division

Inland Angels vs Chicago North Cubs
9:30am Fitch 1

60+ Cactus Consolation

Gilitner Logistics vs DFW - Bluff Orioles
9:30am Fitch 2

60+ Desert Division

Aussie Aces vs Red Deer Legends
10:00am Fitch 3

Today's Playoff Games

45+ Cactus Division Playoffs

Semi-finals

Utah Red Sox vs SD North Padres
9:00am Tempe 1

Puget Sound Twins vs PR Dodgers
9:00am Tempe 2

7 Final Championship Games Today As WS Wraps Up!



60+ Central Dragons batter, **Don Davenport** rips this ball down the third base line for an RBI double during his teams 18-7 playoff game win over the So Cal Angels yesterday morning.

Complete Team Rosters Must Be Exchanged Before The Game Begins

New Rule Addition For Next Year Will Address Player Eligibility Issues

By Tom Prendergast

With the ability to Google any player with a smart phone or other device from the dugout, teams have been able to verify their opponents roster in less than 10 minutes. This is a good thing. Usually when they find a name that matches somebody on the Baseball Cube reference page, they keep that in their back pocket, as insurance if they lose the game. This is a bad thing. More than 6,000 players attend the MSBL WS every year, so the national office relies on a managers roster (that is turned in at check in) to verify if his team has any former pro or under age players. The roster that the manager turns in at check in, prior to the start of their games is the official roster. This year the tournament asked all managers to exchange complete rosters with the other team before the game started. We also asked teams to keep track of all players who participated in the pool play round on a separate form. A good first start. As we move forward in doing away with age waivers, this process should become easier to keep track of. This way when the playoff started, team manager were exchanging not just rosters, but a detailed list of how many games each player participated in that week. Next year, we plan on adding a rule that will require any player eligibility issues to be dealt with before the game starts, say 15 minutes prior to the start. After the first pitch, no eligibility protests will be accepted. If a team suspects that a player was absent during the pool play round, but shows up for the playoffs, lets nip that in the bud before the game begins and not in the ninth inning!

MSBL Fall Classic Tournament Next Up

By Steve Lamontia

MSBL Communication Director

As the 32nd edition of the MSBL World Series wraps up we need to remind you that the best never rests, we merely switch venues. The MSBL Fall Classic in West Palm Beach, Florida literally picks up the day after the World Series concludes.



The Fall Classic is centralized around the sparkling FITTEAM complex that is the shared spring training site of this year's MLB World Series participants Astros and Nationals. Play begins November 3rd with play in the 55-over division and concludes November 16th. Teams will square off in 18+, 28+, 35+, 45+, 50+, 55+ and 60+ divisions. (continued on page 3)

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MSBL World Series Spotlight on: Vernon Wells, Sr

By Steve Lamontia (MSBL Communication Director)

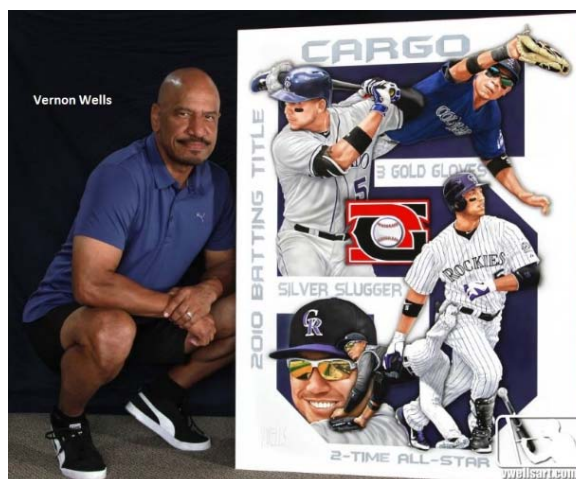
Vernon Wells, Sr. has been an MSBL member in Texas and a tournament participant for more years than either of us wish to revisit. I have played against him in too many playoff games and his teams have more often than not had their way with mine and he possesses a drawer full of rings to prove it. But there is another side of Vernon that you may not be aware of.

Vernon Wells is a world class artist. Residing in Texas, he is commissioned by sports figures across the country, and in all levels of competition, to recreate their special achievements or personal wishes. This also includes many of his MSBL friends throughout the years. Gerry Mecca from the North Texas Amateur Baseball

League recently contacted us regarding a very special night for Vernon as his work was on display for retiring Texas Ranger legend Adrian Beltre. Here are a few words from Gerry about the special event: "It was an awesome night, actually a two-night doubleheader, where the Texas Rangers finally retired Adrian Beltre's jersey #29. The backdrop was even more meaningful to our North Texas Amateur Baseball League and league star and phenomenal sports artist: **Vernon Wells**.

The Rangers swept the A's and Vernon was there having been commissioned to create a piece of art for Adrian, and it came out amazing! In his spare time he also recently updated a Sports Illustrated-like compilation of MSBL players (above) and several North Texas guys were honored to be a part of it, including yours truly alongside John Mahalik, Ron Piacenti and Kenny Zornes. This time was very special for the North Texas MSBL reps and of course for Adrian – the Ranger great third baseman and incredible father and person." Along with MLB player requests, Vernon has now received commissions from our 'retiring' MSBL ballers. He can be reached at vswells88@aol.com if you'd like some more information.

You can also visit his amazing portfolio of work on his website at <https://vswellsart.com/>



45+ Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Chicago North TSP's	5	1	0	10	40	833
2 Tri Valley Giants	3	3	0	6	54	500
3 Santa Rosa - REBL Cardinals	3	3	0	6	41	500
4 Texas Redbirds	3	3	0	6	55	500
5 D Bat Avondale	1	5	0	2	63	167

45+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Puget Sound Twins	5	1	0	10	40	833
2 Utah Red Sox	5	1	0	10	51	833
3 Willamette Valley Hops	4	2	0	8	64	667
4 OC Dodgers	4	2	0	8	37	667
5 Ft Worth Astros	3	3	0	6	41	500
6 Ventura Dodgers	3	3	0	6	42	500
7 Region Brewers	3	3	0	6	58	500
8 Bluff City White Sox	2	4	0	4	60	333
9 Las Vegas Stars	1	5	0	2	98	167
10 Aussie Aces	0	6	0	0	96	0

45+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 San Diego N Padres	5	0	1	11	34	917
2 Puerto Rico Dodgers	5	0	1	11	34	917
3 Nassau Yankees	4	2	0	8	70	667
4 Des Moines Bruins	3	3	0	6	75	500
5 Spokane Cubs	3	3	0	6	60	500
6 So Cal Indians	2	4	0	4	62	333
7 Peoria Pirates	1	4	1	3	78	250
8 Can Am A's	1	4	1	3	95	250
9 Seattle Skysox	1	5	0	2	67	167

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45+ Cactus Playoff scores

Willamette Valley Hops	11
Spokane Cubs	3
Nassau Yankees	13
Region Brewers	3
OC Dodgers	4
Ventura Dodgers	3
Ft Worth Astros	14
Des Moines Bruins	6
San Diego North Padres	6
Ft Worth Astros	4
Puget Sound Twins	4
OC Dodgers	0
Utah Red Sox	13
Nassau Yankees	6
Puerto Rico Dodgers	7
Willamette Valley Hops	6

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60+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Sacramento Royals	5	1	0	10	23	833
2	Team Victory	4	2	0	8	42	667
3	San Antonio Lonestars	3	2	1	7	44	583
4	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	2	3	1	5	54	417

60+ Central Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Houston Tigers	4	2	0	9	32	667
2	DFW Phillies	4	2	0	8	44	667
3	Dragons	3	3	0	7	57	500
4	St Louis Gameface	3	3	0	7	50	500
5	Colorado Stars	2	4	0	5	67	333
6	So Cal Angels	2	4	0	5	72	333
7	Paladin	2	4	0	5	74	333
8	Oakland Expos	1	5	0	3	106	167

(*) Point for losing to a National team

60+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Diamond Dream Mustangs	5	1	0	11	27	833
2	Puget Sound Mariners	5	1	0	10	28	833
3	Long Island A's	4	2	0	8	42	667
4	CT / AZ	4	2	0	8	54	667
5	So Cal Fire	4	2	0	8	80	667
6	Colorado Angels	2	4	0	4	88	333
7	San Antonio All Stars	2	4	0	4	67	333
8	Milwaukee Rattlers	1	5	0	2	82	167
9	Bonedogs	0	6	0	0	120	0

60+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Chicago N Cubs	5	0	1	11	18	917
2	Red Deer Legends	5	1	0	10	21	833
3	Inland Angels	4	2	0	8	31	667
4	DFW-Bluff City Orioles	3	2	1	7	50	583
5	Colorado Fossils	2	4	0	4	88	333
6	Glitner Logistics 60's	2	4	0	4	92	333
7	Whitaker Ellis	1	5	0	2	83	167
8	Seattle Blues	1	5	0	2	68	167

60+ Desert Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Red Deer Legends	6	0	0	12	47	1000
2	Aussie Aces	3	3	0	6	85	500
3	Seattle Rainiers	3	3	0	6	85	500
4	Cal Vets	0	6	0	0	116	0

Fall Classic Tournament Next Up (continued from page 1)

As part of our MSBL wall to wall coverage we will be continuing with a daily 'Fall Classic Daily News' that starts with the Monday, November 4th edition. Like the newsletter you are reading right now, you will be emailed a copy every day throughout the tournament. We will feature game scores, standings and schedules, along with tons of action pictures supplied by Elliot Brownstein, USA Today staff photo journalist. You won't miss any of the action from sunny Florida!

60+ National Playoff scores

Rhode Island Salty Dogs	5
Sacramento Royals	2
San Antonio Lonestars	9
Team Victory	4

60+ Desert Semi-final game

Seattle Rainiers	3
Aussie Aces	6

60+ Central Playoff scores

Dragons	18
So Cal Angels	7
St Louis Game Face	7
Colorado Stars	0
Houston Tigers	5
St Louis Game Face	2
DFW Phillies	5
Dragons	4

60+ Cactus Playoff scores

Diamond Dream Mustangs	9
CT / AZ	8
Chicago North Cubs	14
So Cal Fire	5
Inland Angels	7
Puget Sound Mariners	5
Long Island A's	14
Red Deer Legends	9
Inland Angels	2
Diamond Dream Mustangs	1
Chicago North Cubs	16
Long Island A's	5
DFW - Bluff City Orioles	17
Colorado Angels	7
Glitner Logistics 60's	16
Colorado Fossils	8

(Editor's note: As we age, we trade surgical stories like baseball cards in the spokes as kids. **2018 MSBL World Series Hall of Fame** member and feared southpaw on the mound, **Charlie LaDuca** recently entered the surgically repaired shoulder world. At my urging I requested that Charlie please keep us in the loop regarding his procedure and recovery so that we may all gain knowledge on what may lie ahead. Charlie was kind enough to send an update last week that I thought you may be interested in reviewing...**Steve LaMontia, MSBL Director of Communications**

Submitted by Charlie LaDuca, Chautauqua MSBL, owner Pro Bats

I am currently recovering from extensive rotator cuff surgery on my non-throwing shoulder that I injured a few years ago diving for a ball. I tweaked it in the gym getting ready for a tournament and finally destroyed it landing on it once again. I had surgery May 21st in a three-hour surgery, as they re-attached two tendons that had torn off the bone, repaired two others, repaired a huge tear in my labrum, re-attached my biceps tendon, and shaved a bone spur. Piece of cake, right?



Dr. Duquinn at the **University of Buffalo Medical Center** was amazing. He is an athlete himself and went the extra mile for me. I spent six weeks in a sling and now going to physical therapy twice weekly. I'm thankfully ahead of schedule, since I did some work on my own (go figure) and I'm thrilled to be on schedule to take the bump in **Arizona** at the **MSBL World Series** this October for **Bob Sherwin's Athletics** in the **65-over** division. I was allowed to take my arm out of the sling after three days to shower, but only allowed to let it hang down. No lifting, raising it up or moving it. I was allowed to do some small semicircular motions with it hanging, and that was about it. This was the protocol for the six weeks I was in the sling. The hardest part was sleeping, as I was afraid I would injure it even though I was in a sling. As most patients did, I slept in my recliner for all six weeks. I was pretty much sleep deprived for those six weeks, although I cat napped during the day which was a saving grace.

I did push things a bit, as most of us players will have a tendency to do. I cut my lawn and trimmed the bushes and drove my car, although in writing I was not supposed to. We all drive with one hand anyway here in Western New York. After three weeks I found a **YouTube** video of a doctor showing how to do passive stretching at this point post-surgery. I went in my hot tub every morning and stretched my shoulder.

Another big part of recovery is an ice machine. They offer you the option of purchasing an actual ice machine and most insurances cover it. It is basically a container that holds water and ice with a tube and pad that fits around your shoulder. Once you turn it on, cold water is circulated through the pad and around your shoulder. It was absolute heaven!

So, from that point until I got the sling off at the six-week mark, I alternated stretching and icing. Once the sling was removed I started PT. There were very slow baby steps with stretching and finally very light exercises using stretch cords and one-pound weights. Since I have been pitching for so long, and caring for my throwing arm, I was able to get ahead of the curve and speed up my recovery using some of the same techniques. I was told rehab was hell on earth though I never felt any pain at all. Maybe some little twinges and that was about it.

So there it is. I'm confident I will come back stronger than ever. I now realize how weak that shoulder was for a long period of time. I really do enjoy the challenge of doing the work to get back on the diamond. I hope this little update helps those either considering the procedure or experiencing it right now. There is a very bright light at the end of the tunnel so stay the course!

45+ Central Playoff scores

Chicago N TSP's	12
Texas Redbirds	5
Tri Valley Giants	7
Santa Rosa REBL Cardinals	2



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45+ Central So Cal Angels pitcher, **Mick McCormick** delivers a pitch during his teams playoff game against the Dragons on Tempe 1.



Tempe Diablo Complex director (and sometime stadium PA announcer), **Jerry Hall** yesterday during the 60 Desert semi-final.



60+ Central Colorado Stars pitcher, **Tony Spohn** delivers a pitch as Gameface base runner, **Larry Fryek** steals second base on the play.



60+ Desert Aussie Aces batter, **Peter Cole** drives in the winning run during the semi-final game yesterday at Tempe Diablo Stadium.



60+ Central DFW Phillies pitcher, **Steve Perkovich** picked up the 5-4 win against the Dragons yesterday morning at Tempe 2.



MSBL umpires **Billy Yeager** (left) and **Sam Kayae** (right) during a break on the 60+ Desert semi-final yesterday morning at Tempe.

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