

DAILY 2021 World Series MSBL NEWS

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SUNDAY OCTOBER 24th, 2021

Today's Championship Schedule

25+ National Championship Game

So Cal Titans vs San Jose Giants
9:00am Tempe Diablo Stadium

25+ Mountain Championship Game

Kansas City Royals vs Capital City Angels
1:00pm Tempe Diablo Stadium

25+ Central Championship Game

2 seed vs 1 seed
1:00pm Goodyear Stadium

25+ Cactus Championship Game

2 seed vs 1 seed
12:30pm Tempe 1

Today's Playoff Game Schedule

25+ Central Semi-final Games

Twin City Cardinals vs Denver Kokopellis
9:00am Goodyear Reds 3

Seattle Ravens vs Tucson Angels

9:00am Goodyear Reds 5

25+ Cactus Semi-final Games

Inland NW Bandits vs Nor Cal Tigers
9:00am Tempe 1

Fresno Grizzlies vs Roseland Warriors

9:00am Tempe 2

MSBL Veteran Frank Castro Stares Down Cancer Diagnosis in California

By Steve LaMontia,
Director of Communications

Frank Castro is a 55-year-old living in Whittier, California who played professional right field in the Angels organization and currently resides in the SoCal MSBL as the player/manager of the 25-over Charros Baseball Club, a team he shares with his two sons. He also is the owner of 8 MSBL World Series rings, with hopefully plenty more on the horizon. This sounds like the beginning of a fairly normal profile of an exceptional ballplayer, well not exactly. In 2010 Frank was diagnosed with stage four terminal cancer from the colon to the liver and was told he had a 6% chance of living through the next six months.

"I figuratively spit in the eye of the doctor and said I wasn't ready to roll over quite yet," said Castro. "I had double surgery on Halloween of 2010. (continued on page 3)



40+ Baseball BBQ Forkballers Defy All Odds And Win It All!



The 40+ Mountain Division Champions - The Baseball BBQ Forkballers

40+ Mountain Division Success Story at the MSBL World Series in Phoenix, Arizona

By Brett Mandell (guest columnist)

The Baseball BBQ Forkballers took the long route to the 2021 MSBL 40+ World Series (Mountain Division) Championship, but the destination was worth the trip. After a mediocre 3-3 week of baseball highlighted by missed chances and a handful of innings that got away, the Forkballers used lock-down defense and strong pitching to climb into the playoffs, win their way into the semifinals, and then advance to the finals and win the championship as underdogs.

Ian Downes, Brandon Bowron, and Mike Mullen pitched the Forkballers through the playoffs with Mullen going 8 before yielding to Travis Waiton to win the Championship game over the San Jose Bees. In the final game, Chris Godwin singled in the fifth inning to start the 6-run rally that keyed the Forkballers title win.

Team MVP Lawrence Richmond smashed a double, Chuck Lovell had a big RBI, and David Waite scorched a single to tack on another run in the big inning. With Mullen on the mound slinging curves to keep the Bees from stinging baseballs, the Forkballers gloves went to work. Ray Vetter and Justin Sherwin teamed up on a twin killing and Riley Berton and Vetter completed another double play to preserve the lead.

With the 8-2 victory, the Forkballers made a winner of manager Brett Mandel, who joined his father, Steve Mandel, as 40+ winners two decades apart — a nice Mandel family MSBL legacy. Mandel's Forkballers played together and stayed together through the week, an incredibly fun way to enjoy the week of baseball, complete with a steak-night team celebration and a raucous kangaroo court.

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40+ National Championship Game

Montebello Angels	12
So Cal Snappers	1



70+ American Championship Game

Minnesota Bandits	4
Chicago North TSP Fire	3



40+ Mountain Championship Game

Baseball BBQ Forkball	8
San Jose Bees	2



70+ Central Championship Game

Dragons	18
MBI	8

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55+ National Division							25+ National Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Chicago MXX Cubs	2	0	0	10	6	1000	1 So Cal Terror	4	1	0	8	19	800
2 Team Victory	2	0	0	9	13	1000	2 San Jose Giants	3	2	0	6	19	600
3 All Star Baseball Academy	1	0	0	8	2	1000	3 Sonoma County Cardinals	3	2	0	6	23	600
4 San Antonio Bombers	0	0	1	6	5	500	4 Chicago Rippers	3	2	0	6	35	600
5 San Jose 55+	0	0	1	6	5	500	5 So Cal Titans	2	3	0	4	41	400
6 Boston Wolfpack	0	1	0	0	6	0	6 LBC Sunrocks	0	5	0	0	26	0
7 St Louis Bud Light	0	1	0	0	29	0	25+ Mountain Division						
8 Colorado Blues	0	1	0	0	33	0		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
55+ Cactus Division 1							1 Capital City Angels	4	1	0	8	24	1000
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	2 San Diego Knights	3	2	0	6	19	600
1 Connecticut Jor Els	1	0	0	2	0	1000	3 Kansas City Royals	3	2	0	6	23	600
2 Arizona Stars	1	0	0	2	3	1000	4 Columbus Pirates	3	2	0	6	26	600
3 San Diego Pirates	1	0	0	2	6	1000	5 San Diego North	3	2	0	6	35	600
4 Quad City Blasters	1	1	0	2	14	500	6 Venice Gaze	2	3	0	4	28	400
5 North County Cardinals	0	1	0	0	7	0	7 Yanese Bandits	1	2	0	2	22	333
6 Waikiki Beach Boys	0	1	0	0	8	0	8 Omaha Red Sox	1	4	0	2	23	200
7 Sacramento Seals	0	0	0	0	10	0	25+ Central Division 1						
55+ Cactus Division 2								W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	1 Denver Kokopelli's	5	0	0	10	37	1000
1 Tri Valley A's	1	0	0	2	3	1000	2 Seattle Ravens	4	1	0	8	25	800
2 Tulsa Liners	1	0	0	2	10	1000	3 Tucson Wildcats	3	2	0	6	33	600
3 Seattle Blues	1	1	0	2	13	500	4 Charros BC	1	4	0	2	52	500
4 Houston Old Stars	0	0	1	1	3	500	5 Bay Area Generals	0	6	0	0	75	0
5 Diamond Dream Mustangs	0	0	1	1	3	500	25+ Central Division 2						
6 Red Deer Legends	0	1	0	0	13	0		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
7 Westchester Mets	0	1	0	0	8	0	1 Tucson Angels	5	0	0	10	17	1000
55+ Cactus Division 3							2 Twin City Cardinals	4	1	0	8	23	800
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	3 Albuquerque Sox	3	2	0	6	29	600
1 3n2 Rangers	2	0	0	4	9	1000	4 LA Legends	2	3	0	4	29	400
2 OC Angels	1	0	0	2	6	1000	5 New Mexico Skysox	0	4	1	1	33	100
3 Motor City Firebirds	1	1	0	2	16	500	6 Northern VA Twins	0	4	1	1	67	100
4 Skeeters	1	1	0	2	23	500	25+ Cactus Division 1						
5 Auburn Braves	0	1	0	0	8	0		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
6 Vermont Red Sox	0	1	0	0	12	0	1 Roseland Warriors	5	0	0	10	14	1000
7 REBL Phillies	0	1	0	0	16	0	2 Fresno Grizzlies	4	1	0	8	28	800
65+ National / Central							3 Chicago Devils	3	2	0	6	45	600
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	4 Washington Rangers	3	2	0	6	33	600
1 Athletics Lonestars BBC	1	0	0	2	0	1000	5 Antelope Valley Phillies	2	3	0	4	43	400
2 Sacramento Tribe	1	0	0	2	4	1000	6 Sacramento Generals	1	4	0	2	62	200
3 Arkansas Diamonds	1	0	0	2	11	1000	7 Salt Lake Outsiders	0	5	0	0	51	0
4 Rhode Island Salty Dogs	0	0	1	1	10	500	25+ Cactus Division 2						
5 Chicago North TSP Fire	0	0	1	1	10	500		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
6 Minnesota Bandits	0	1	0	0	7	0	1 Nor Cal Tigers	5	0	0	10	11	1000
7 Albuquerque MGM	0	1	0	0	12	0	2 Inland NW Bandits	3	2	0	6	14	600
8 Berry's	0	1	0	0	27	0	3 Team Alaska	3	2	0	6	23	600
65+ Cactus Division 1							4 Cen Cal Nuts	2	3	0	5	36	400
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	5 Tucson Indians	2	3	0	4	20	400
1 Kansas City A's	1	0	0	2	2	1000	6 Sacramento Wild Things	2	3	0	4	24	400
2 St Paul Saints	1	0	0	2	6	1000	7 Puget Sound Scorpions	0	5	0	0	56	0
3 Puget Sound Mariners	1	0	0	2	9	1000	65+ Cactus Division 2						
4 Cal Vets	0	1	0	0	5	0		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
5 So Cal Fire	0	1	0	0	12	0	1 Tucson Toros	1	0	0	9	1	1000
6 Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0	1	0	0	14	0	2 Paladin	1	0	0	8	3	1000
65+ Cactus Division 2							3 So Cal Dodgers	1	0	0	7	4	1000
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	4 Chicago North Stars	0	1	0	0	2	0
1 Tucson Toros	1	0	0	9	1	1000	5 Inland Angels	0	1	0	0	9	0
2 Paladin	1	0	0	8	3	1000	6 San Diego Aztecs	0	1	0	0	21	0
3 So Cal Dodgers	1	0	0	7	4	1000	65+ Cactus Division 3						
4 Chicago North Stars	0	1	0	0	2	0		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
5 Inland Angels	0	1	0	0	9	0	1 Long Island Yankees	1	0	0	2	3	1000
6 San Diego Aztecs	0	1	0	0	21	0	2 Dragons	1	0	0	2	4	1000
65+ Cactus Division 3							3 Red Deer Legends	0	1	0	0	10	0
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	4 Sacramento Senators	0	1	0	0	0	0
1 Long Island Yankees	1	0	0	2	3	1000	5 Hollywood Stars	0	1	0	0	0	0
2 Dragons	1	0	0	2	4	1000	65+ Desert Division						
3 Red Deer Legends	0	1	0	0	10	0		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
4 Sacramento Senators	0	1	0	0	0	0	1 Cal Vets	1	0	0	2	3	1000
5 Hollywood Stars	0	1	0	0	0	0	2 Seattle Mariners	1	0	0	2	11	1000
65+ Desert Division							3 Snowbirds	0	1	0	0	19	0
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	4 Milwaukee Braves	0	1	0	0	23	0
1 Cal Vets	1	0	0	2	3	1000							
2 Seattle Mariners	1	0	0	2	11	1000							
3 Snowbirds	0	1	0	0	19	0							
4 Milwaukee Braves	0	1	0	0	23	0							



40+ Mountain Baseball BBQ Forkballer batter, **David Waite** crushes this pitch into the left field corner for an rbi double.



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MSBL Veteran Frank Castro Stares Down Cancer Diagnosis*(continued from page 1)*

A month later they couldn't find any cancer at all. I experienced three months of daily chemo sessions afterward but I was most disappointed about missing the World Series that year. I was supposed to play with the Sundevils in Arizona and they won it all. I was so thrilled when they ordered me a ring anyway. That was really special." Frank started with MSBL fifteen seasons ago and is happy to be managing the 25+ youngsters on the Charros because it gives him the chance to see his kids all the time, something he will no longer take for granted. "My younger son is now back from missionary work in the Philippines and really loves baseball. He hasn't had a lot of chances to play so I wanted to make sure he had an opportunity. My boys are 29 and 30 and I love coaching them. I'll still get the chance to play in the 50 and over division in the league so I'm happy and definitely blessed." An amazing subplot to this story is that Frank went back to the MSBL World Series in 2011 and won three rings after enduring everything he went through in 2010! He won rings in the 35+, 45+, and Father/Son divisions. "You couldn't have scripted it any better." Frank continues his personal life as a senior project manager for Kaiser Permanente, while his younger son retains residence in the family home. Frank and his sons are getting geared up for the annual trek to Arizona for this year's record-breaking World Series.

"I am coaching the Charros team down there and also looking to hook up with one of our league's 50-over teams to get more personal playing in. We'll have the Charros in the cactus division since we have no idea what we have. We're all looking forward to it." Frank is now ten years cancer-free and was told five years ago that he doesn't have to go through an annual check-up anymore. He has a lifetime-worthy highlight of beating cancer but I asked him if any MSBL World Series highlights stick out to him. "I would never be able to top winning three rings in 2011 after the 2010 I went through and am happy and humbled to have done that. But one thing that stays in my mind is hitting a home run out of Tempe Diablo Stadium and having the ball returned to me. That is right up there on the highlight reel." Any final words? "I have been playing this great game since I could walk and am now fortunate enough to be once again blessed with my health. Cancer is something to respect and not fear. I go to the gym every day to maintain my health and finally, always remember to eat your greens!"

40+ Mountain Division Success Story at the MSBL World Series in Phoenix, Arizona *(continued from page 1)*

To celebrate the victory, BaseballBBQ — makers of patented bat-handle BBQ tools and accessories (www.BaseballBBQ.com) — offer a special discount (use GPMABL20 to get 20% off customized tools and cutting boards) for all MSBL players and fans!



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Baseball BBQ Forkball skipper,
Brett Mandell receives the trophy
from WS staffer, **Sam Kayea** (right).

65+ Desert Division

Cal Vets	23
Milwaukee Braves	3
Seattle Mariners	19
Snowbirds	11

65+ National / Central

Sacramento Tribe	7
Minnesota Bandits	4
Athletics Lonestars BB Club	27
Berry's	0
Chicago North TSP Fire	10
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	10
Arkansas Diamonds	12
Albuquerque MGM	11

55+ National / Mountain

San Antonio Bombers	5
San Jose 55+	5
All Star Baseball Academy	6
Boston Wolfpack	2
Team Victory	14
St Louis Budlight	12
Chicago MXC Cubs	17
Colorado Blues	2
Chicago MXC Cubs	15
St Louis Budlight	4
Team Victory	16
Colorado Blues	1

55+ Cactus Division 1

Quad City Blasters	10
Sacramento Seals	4
San Diego Pirates	8
Waikiki Beach Boys	6
Connecticut Jor Els	7
North County Cardinals	0
Arizona Stars	10
Quad City Blasters	3

55+ Cactus Division 2

Diamond Dream Mustangs	3
Houston Old Stars	3
Seattle Blues	8
Westchester Mets	2
Tulsa Liners	11
Seattle Blues	10
Tri Valley A's	13
Red Deer Legends	3

55+ Cactus Division 3

3n2 Rangers	8
Auburn Braves	1
Skeeters	12
Vermont Red Sox	10
3n2 Rangers	14
Motor City Firebirds	8
OC Angels	16
REBL Phillies	6
Motor City Firebirds	13
Skeeters	2

65+ Cactus Division 1

Kansas City A's	5
Cal Vets	2
Puget Sound Mariners	14
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	9
St Paul Saints	12
So Cal Fire	6

65+ Cactus Division 2

So Cal Dodgers	9
Inland Angels	4
Paladin	21
San Diego Aztecs	3
Tucson Toros	2
Chicago North Stars	1

65+ Cactus Division 3

Dragons	21
Hollywood Stars	4
Hollywood Stars	20
Sacramento Senators	12
Long Island Yankees	10
Red Deer Legends	3

25+ National Playoffs

So Cal Titans	8
Chicago Rippers	5
So Cal Titans	9
So Cal Terror (forfeit)	0
San Jose Giants	8
Sonoma County Cardinals	2

25+ Mountain Playoffs

San Diego North	8
Columbus Pirates	1
Capital City Angels	5
San Diego North	2
Kansas City Royals	15
San Diego Knights	6

25+ Central Playoffs

Denver Kokopellis	5
LA Legends	4
Tucson Angels	9
Charros BC	1
Seattle Ravens	6
Albuquerque Sox	0
Twin City Cardinals	12
Tucson Wildcats	3

25+ Cactus Playoffs

Team Alaska	4
Sacramento Generals	3
Antelope Valley Phillies	11
Chicago Devils	6
Sacramento Wild Things	6
Washington Rangers	3
Cen Cal Nuts	5
Tucson Indians	4
Nor Cal Tigers	5
Sacramento Wild Things	1
Roseland Warriors	14
Cen Cal Nuts	0
Fresno Grizzlies	12
Chicago Devils	7
Inland NW Bandits	9
Team Alaska	8

**INDIAN SCHOOL Fields
Parking lot Update**

When playing games at one of the Indian School fields, please use the south parking lot, which is closest to field 4.





The 40+ National Division Champions - The Montebello Angels



70+ American Minnesota Bandits defeated the Chicago North TSP Fire 4-3 to win the championship.



*40+ Mountain Baseball BBQ Forkballer pitcher, **Michael Mullin** was on the mound in relief in the championship game yesterday.*



*40+ Mountain San Jose Bees pitcher, **Israel Gonzalez** came on in relief during yesterday's championship game with Baseball BBQ Forkballers*



The 70+ Central champs, the Dragons take a bow after defeating MBI 18-8 yesterday at Fitch park