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MSBL Man of the Year Turk Starniri

By Steve LaMontia,

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(Editor's Note) When Steve Sigler honors individuals as inductees into the various MSBL Halls of Fame we send out a questionnaire to be returned and then it is my job to formulate the responses and make it flow. Turk sent me separate responses (below) and it is a breath of fresh air to review such well thought-out responses written out in their own words, as in a storybook form.

Written by Turk Starniri

I am 76 years of age and now living in Easton, Pa.

I was born Ernest

Edward Starniri Jr. and

got my nickname "Turk"

from my father. They also

called him Turk and he never told me how he acquired it, which remains one of my many mysteries in life. I am a retired screen printer but still manage to do some part time work for some of my long-standing customers.

I began with the MSBL in 1988 when the league was introduced in the Lehigh Valley. I've been associated with the league since then and served as player, coach and league President from 1996 to 2006 and again from 2019 to the present.

I currently manage the Moondogs in the 'Over 55' League and will return to Arizona and the MSBL World Series as the Moondog manager for my 32nd year. I did not make the trip in 2020 because of COVID. I was a first baseman/pitcher in my early years but time has relegated me to a coaching position, although in my mind I can still turn on a good fastball! After being together for 31 years, Doreen and I married in 2019. She's very instrumental in my success as Moondog manager and Lehigh MSBL/MABL League President. She's very supportive and does not hesitate to critique me in all phases of my managerial duties.

I played for Easton High School in 1962 and won the District XI Championship (there was no state champ at that time). We were surrounded by (continued on page 2)



Turk Starniri (Lehigh Valley) MSBL - Man of the Year



Lehigh Valley Moondogs, Turk Starniri gets the royal treatment from the first family of the MSBL yesterday as Max and Wes Sigler, join grandpa Steve in making the presentation.

55+ / 65+ Divisions Reach The Halfway Point In The Pool Play Round

Internet Standings Can Be Confusing, Daily News Has The Official Standings!

By Tom Prendergast

There can't be any worse feeling for a team that just misses advancing to the playoffs by a run or two. Ouch, that really hurts. Yet time and again, a team will be under the impression that they have a lock on a playoff spot, only to learn that their head to head win over a division foe doesn't cut it. How can that be? Well our rules stipulate that when two or more teams finish with the same record, the first tie breaker will be based on head to head competition. However, if team A beats team B, and team B beats team C and team C beats team A, we've got a stalemate. Our solution, fewest runs allowed. Same kind of logic applies to the wildcard teams. OK so what happens when two teams who didn't play each other also end up allowing the same number of runs? Well that's happened before and our next seldom used tie breaker would be best run differential. And if we are still tied after that the two teams would arrive an hour early and play a 3 inning tie breaking game.

While the MSBL National website shows the game results and the division standings and team stats, it doesn't always sort the teams correctly. The official standings can be found in the Daily News and in our office at Tempe Diablo Stadium. Game scores can get reported up to three times. One by the umpires, two by the home team and three by the visiting team. On rare occasions all three match. But that doesn't always happen, so it's kind of important to check the website and verify that the totals listed for your team are accurate. If they aren't then notify the WS office that there is a discrepancy with your team stats and get them fixed.

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CENTRAL, CACTUS & DESERT Divisions - Minimum of one plate appearance per game for at least 14 dressed players. In regards to the playoffs, teams have an option of only batting 10 batters for all playoff round and will not need to get 14 players at least one plate appearance - except for 55+ / 60+ / 65+ / 70+ divisions.

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Plenty of Road Construction Project Update for Greater Phoenix Metro Area Highways and byways.
Once again local road construction projects are going on in the greater Phoenix metro area. So leave at least 15 minutes early in case of backed up highways.



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amazing talent with a superb pitching staff and luckily, I was awarded the team MVP. The number of great players on that team brought many MLB scouts to our games and also later that summer during our Legion games, including a young Dodger scout, Tom LaSorda. He was colorful then as he was in his later years.

Although I had many offers to sign, I elected to take a full baseball scholarship to a small school in Iowa. After one year, I decided to sign with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Unfortunately, I received my draft notice in spring training and my baseball career was over but a new career was born- a combat Infantryman in Vietnam. I did not play hardball again until the first year of the MSBL, 1988.

My teammates and I are proud of the many league and playoff championships but are especially proud of the MSBL World Series Championships we have won throughout the years. The most rewarding aspect to winning in Arizona is, for the most part, all of the players on our roster played in the local Lehigh Valley MSBL.

There are many people to whom I am grateful in helping with my baseball career. But none so worthy as my hero and best friend, my Dad whom after working many long, hot hours at the steel mill, would never be too tired to play catch with his son in the vacant lot behind our house. Those were the best of times.

This award is a confirmation of the hard work, dedication, and great teammates in the 32 years of playing in Arizona. We have won several Arizona championships in several divisions throughout the years, and they were all satisfying, and all were the result of a consolidated team effort. My career may be nearing its end but I can leave with the sense of accomplishment. I've had a career to last a lifetime.

INDIAN SCHOOL Fields Parking lot Update
(see map on page 3)

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



55+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Team Victory	4	1	0	8	25	800
2	San Antonio Bombers	3	1	1	7	23	700
3	All Star Baseball Academy	3	2	0	6	16	600
4	Chicago MXX Cubs	3	2	0	6	42	600
5	San Jose 55+	2	2	1	5	33	500
6	Boston Wolfpack	2	3	0	4	27	500
7	St Louis Bud Light	1	4	0	2	45	200
8	Colorado Blues	1	4	0	2	62	200
55+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Quad City Blasters	3	1	0	6	15	750
2	Waikiki Beach Boys	3	1	0	6	17	750
3	Connecticut Jor Els	3	1	0	6	23	750
4	San Diego Pirates	2	2	0	4	31	500
5	North County Cardinals	1	3	0	2	22	250
6	Arizona Stars	1	3	0	2	32	250
7	Sacramento Seals	1	3	0	2	33	250
55+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Tulsa Liners	3	0	1	7	24	875
2	Seattle Blues	3	1	0	6	21	750
3	Diamond Dream Mustangs	2	1	1	5	30	625
4	Tri Valley A's	2	1	1	5	30	625
5	Houston Old Stars	1	2	1	3	34	375
6	Red Deer Legends	1	3	0	2	30	250
7	Westchester Mets	0	4	0	0	47	0
55+ Cactus Division 3		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	3n2 Rangers	4	0	0	8	13	1000
2	OC Angels	3	1	0	6	23	750
3	Motor City Firebirds	3	1	0	6	28	750
4	Skeeters	1	2	1	3	45	375
5	REBL Phillies	1	2	1	3	45	375
6	Auburn Braves	1	3	0	2	36	250
7	Vermont Red Sox	0	4	0	0	73	0
65+ National / Central		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Sacramento Tribe	3	0	0	6	5	1000
2	Athletics Lonestars BBC	3	0	0	6	11	1000
3	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	2	0	1	5	22	833
4	Chicago North TSP Fire	1	1	1	3	29	500
5	Minnesota Bandits	1	2	0	2	26	50
6	Arkansas Diamonds	1	2	0	2	47	500
7	Albuquerque MGM	0	3	0	0	52	0
8	Berry's	0	3	0	0	61	0
65+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Puget Sound Mariners	3	0	0	10	21	1000
2	Kansas City A's	2	1	0	9	16	667
3	Lehigh Valley Moondogs	2	1	0	8	26	667
4	Cal Vets	1	2	0	7	18	333
5	St Paul Saints	1	2	0	6	46	333
6	So Cal Fire	0	3	0	0	56	0
65+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Tucson Toros	3	0	0	6	13	1000
2	So Cal Dodgers	2	1	0	4	8	667
3	Chicago North Stars	2	1	0	4	9	667
4	Paladin	1	2	0	2	16	333
5	Inland Angels	1	2	0	2	25	333
6	San Diego Aztecs	0	3	0	0	48	0
65+ Cactus Division 3		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Long Island Yankees	3	1	0	6	20	750
2	Dragons	3	1	0	6	22	750
3	Red Deer Legends	1	2	0	2	35	333
4	Sacramento Senators	1	2	0	2	38	333
5	Hollywood Stars	1	3	0	2	75	250
65+ Desert Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Cal Vets	3	0	0	6	17	1000
2	Seattle Mariners	1	2	0	2	40	333
3	Milwaukee Braves	1	2	0	2	47	333
4	Snowbirds	1	2	0	2	51	333

35+ Mountain Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Puerto Rico Mets	2	0	0	4	4	1000
2	Missouri Stars	1	1	0	2	11	500
3	New York Titans	0	2	0	0	25	0
35+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Seattle Royals	2	0	0	4	5	1000
2	Utah Dodgers	1	0	0	2	6	1000
3	Tucson White Sox	1	1	0	2	9	500
4	Redwood Empire Blue Jays	1	1	0	2	11	500
5	Minnoka Grays	1	1	0	2	11	500
6	Houston Marauders	1	1	0	2	13	500
7	Albuquerque Mariachis	1	1	0	2	25	500
8	Long Island Twins	1	1	0	2	26	500
9	Chicago Cyclones	0	1	0	0	16	0
10	Connecticut Navigators	0	2	0	0	0	0
35+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Tucson Longhorns	2	0	0	4	0	1000
2	San Antonio Bombers	2	0	0	4	4	1000
3	Utah Blues	2	0	0	4	7	1000
4	Seattle Ravens	2	0	0	4	11	1000
5	Minnesota Mammoth	1	1	0	2	5	500
6	California Reds	1	1	0	2	14	500
7	Central Ohio Reds	0	2	0	0	18	0
8	Minnesota Bruins	0	2	0	0	19	0
9	Oklahoma Baseball Club	0	2	0	0	22	0
10	ATX Legends	0	2	0	0	23	0
73+ Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	New England Red Sox	1	0	0	2	0	1000
2	Mudville 9	1	0	0	2	2	1000
3	Sacramento Solons	1	0	0	2	4	1000
4	San Antonio Broncos	1	0	0	2	4	1000
5	Arizona Scorpions	1	0	0	2	10	1000
6	USA Volkers	1	0	0	2	11	1000
7	North County Mudcats	0	1	0	0	10	0
8	Team Cambria	0	1	0	0	18	0
9	Cal Vets	0	1	0	0	20	0
10	St Thomas Hurricanes	0	1	0	0	23	0
11	PSSBL Aqua Sox	0	1	0	0	24	0

55+ Cactus 1

11	Waikiki Beach Boys
2	Arizona Stars
9	North County Cardinals
1	Sacramento Seals
8	Connecticut Jor Els
3	San Diego Pirates
3	Quad City Blasters
0	North County Cardinals
12	San Diego Pirates
5	Arizona Stars

55+ Cactus 2

6	Houston Old Stars
5	Westchester Mets
9	Tulsa Liners
9	Tri Valley A's
7	Tri Valley A's
6	Houston Old Stars
19	Red Deer Legends
4	Westchester Mets
3	Tulsa Liners
2	Red Deer Legends
14	Seattle Blues
8	Diamond Dream Mustangs

55+ National / Mountain

10	San Jose 55+
9	All Star Baseball Academy
5	Boston Wolfpack
3	San Antonio Bombers
9	Colorado Blues
5	St Louis Bud Light
17	Team Victory
2	Chicago MXX Cubs
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4	Team Victory
18	All Star Baseball Academy
1	Colorado Blues
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2	Boston Wolfpack
8	San Jose 55+
9	Chicago MXX Cubs

65+ Cactus 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
5	Lehigh Valley Moondogs	5	4	0	10	11	500
4	Cal Vets	4	4	0	8	11	500
25	Puget Sound Mariners	25	9	0	34	11	500
9	St Paul Saints	9	9	0	18	11	500
25	Kansas City A's	25	1	0	26	11	500
1	So Cal Fire	1	1	0	2	11	500
65+ Cactus 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
5	Chicago North Stars	5	4	0	9	11	500
4	Paladin	4	4	0	8	11	500
15	Tucson Toros	15	8	0	23	11	500
8	Inland Angels	8	15	0	23	11	500
15	So Cal Dodgers	15	0	0	16	0	0
0	San Diego Aztecs	0	0	0	0	0	0
65+ Cactus 3		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
18	Long Island Yankees	18	1	0	19	0	1000
1	Red Deer Legends	1	21	0	22	11	500
21	Sacramento Senators	21	11	0	32	11	500
11	Hollywood Stars	11	11	0	22	11	500
11	Dragons	11	3	0	14	0	1000
3	Long Island Yankees	3	18	0	21	11	500
65+ Desert		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
18	Cal Vets	18	11	0	29	11	500
11	Seattle Mariners	11	19	0	29	11	500
19	Snowbirds	19	11	0	30	11	500
11	Milwaukee Braves	11	6	0	17	11	500
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6	Sacramento Tribe	6	1	0	7	11	500
1	Chicago North TSP Fire	1	20	0	21	11	500
20	Minnesota Bandits	20	4	0	24	11	500
4	Berry's	4	20	0	24	11	500
20	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	20	3	0	23	11	500
3	Albuquerque MGM	3	18	0	21	11	500
18	Athletics Lonestars BB Club	18	3	0	21	11	500
3	Arkansas Diamonds	3	13	0	16	11	500

73+ WB Division

13	AZ Scorpions
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55+ Cactus 3

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35+ Cactus 1

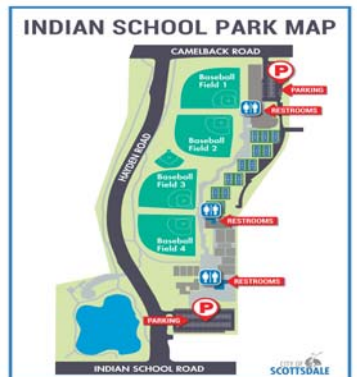
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35+ Cactus 2

12	Utah Blues
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6	Minnesota Bruins
12	San Antonio Bombers
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3	ATX Legends
14	Seattle Ravens
8	Central Ohio Reds
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0	Minnesota Bruins
10	Utah Blues
2	Oklahoma Baseball Club
8	Seattle Ravens
4	California Reds
5	San Antonio Bombers
4	Minnesota Mammoth

35+ Mountain

13	Puerto Rico Mets
1	New York Titans
8	Puerto Rico Mets
3	Missouri Stars
12	Missouri Stars
3	New York Titans





65+ Cactus St Paul Saints pitcher, **Dave Sobiech** came on in relief yesterday and shut down the prolific Puget Sound Mariners offense.



65+ Cactus Puget Sound Mariners batter, **Jerry Glass** lifts this ball into center field for an rbi during yesterdays game with the Saints.



65+ Cactus Puget Sound Mariners batter, **Joe Moromarco** manages to get a bat on this ball for a seeing eye single yesterday.



65+ Cactus Lehigh Valley Moondogs batter, **Dennis Ritter** watches this ball go fair and then take a ferocious backward spin foul.



APN Video Productions **Jeff Lowry** was in the Tempe Diablo TV booth this weekend "live streaming" a game from the MSBL WS.



50+ Cactus Diamond Dream Mustang's pitcher, **Chris Dunn** came on in relief during the championship game and was lights out!