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SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6th, 2021

Today's Playoff Game Schedule

45+ Mountain Championship

Sacramento Capitals vs Winberg Construction
9:00am Maryvale Stadium

45+ Cactus Semi-final Games

Puget Sound Twins vs Phoenix Padres
9:00am Goodyear Reds 3

Nassau Yankees vs Utah Rockies
9:00am Goodyear Reds 5

45+ Cactus Championship

Game 1 winner vs Game 2 winner
1:00pm Goodyear Stadium

45+ Cactus Consolation (non-ring)

Texas Scorpions vs OC Dodgers
9:00am Maryvale 6

60+ National Championship

Team Victory vs Rhode Island Salty Dogs
9:00am Tempe Diablo Stadium

60+ Central Championship

Houston Tigers vs Cal TV Tribute
9:30am Goodyear Stadium

60+ Cactus Semi-finals

Giltner Logistics vs South Bay Zephyrs
9:00am Tempe 1

Motor City Firebirds vs AZ / CT United
9:30am Tempe 2

60+ Cactus Championship Game

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

60+ Desert Championship Game

Cal Vets vs Colorado Buffaloes
12:45pm Tempe 2

75+ Division Championship Game

San Antonio Broncos vs Sacramento Solons
9:00am Maryvale 7

18+ National Semi-finals

Tucson Athletics vs Fresno Grizzlies
9:00am Maryvale 4

Tempe Bandits vs Nassau Pirates

9:00am Maryvale 5

18+ National Championship Game

2 seed vs 1 seed
1:00pm Maryvale Stadium

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Today Is The Day Championship Title or Bust!



45+ Mountain Chicago North TSP catcher, **Eric Simon** gets ready to catch the ball and tag out Sacramento Capitals runner, **Dave Scaringi** with a text book stance Friday on Tempe 2.

The Stage Is Set For Today's Semi-finals and Championship Games

After A Weeks Worth Of Highs and Lows, Teams Hoping To Win The Last Game

By Tom Prendergast

Hall of Fame manager, Whitey Herzog used to say that he always liked to get to game 7 of the World Series every year - even if his team lost the game! Well I'm a St Louis Cardinals fan and I'm not sure I agree with that quote. Today is our version of game 7. Played out on some of the best fields in the city, our players will compete for the opportunity to win the final game and a championship ring. "The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat", is what it's all about today. For players on the winning team, a victory is worth a lifetime of memories. But for the guys on the losing team, the experience is a bittersweet experience. It's the game that got away, on a misjudged fly ball (like Curt Flood in 1967) or a Buckeye Dent bad hop, when the ball went under his glove and into right field. The players in today's games will remember every inning and every play, either with fond memories or heartache. Being part of a winning team is a special experience that bonds a team together like little else. General George Patton, described America's love for winning this way; "American's play to win - at all times"! And he was right. We don't give out participation medals to the team that loses. When your team win's you get a picture with the championship trophy and bragging rights for the year! Along with a deep sense of accomplishment that means so much to all the guys in your dugout.

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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'David vs. Goliath, Christians vs. Lamb Here Come the Scorpions

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of that day was beyond cool. It easily beat the day before when I recorded my first "W" as a winning pitcher since I was 11 years old. It only took me 62 years to get it.

Finally, I need to add that our opponents, the San Antonio Broncos, were very gracious in defeat - they reflected the great sportsmanship that you see, especially with the "older" teams, in the tourney.

Editors note: Geoff this was a great story and thank you for taking the time to share it. TP

45+ Mountain Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Winberg Construction	6	0	0	12	21	1000
2 Chicago North TSP's	4	2	0	8	22	667
3 Sacramento Cardinals	4	2	0	8	33	667
4 Kansas City Brewers	1	5	0	2	60	167
5 Arizona Angels	0	6	0	0	30	0

45+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Ventura Dodgers	5	1	0	10	38	833
2 New Jersey Riverdogs	4	2	0	8	46	667
3 Nassau Yankees	3	2	1	7	44	583
4 So Cal Monarchs	3	3	0	6	35	500
5 OC Dodgers	3	3	0	6	47	500
6 Santa Barbara Black Sheep	2	4	0	4	66	333
7 Silverton Red Sox	0	5	1	1	85	83

45+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Sonoma-REBL	5	0	1	11	32	917
2 Utah Rockies	5	1	0	10	14	833
3 Arizona Giants	3	2	1	7	32	583
4 Puget Sound Twins	3	3	0	6	46	500
5 Fresno Hardcor	3	3	0	6	42	500
6 So Cal Trojans	1	5	0	2	88	167
7 East Coast Phillies	0	6	0	0	94	0

45+ Cactus Division 3	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Phoenix Padres	5	1	0	10	19	833
2 Blues City Baseball	4	1	1	9	54	750
3 West Coast Sharks	3	3	0	6	39	500
4 Texas Scorpions	3	3	0	6	56	500
5 Ft Worth Astros	3	3	0	6	56	500
6 San Diego Diamond Dogs	2	3	1	5	26	417
7 Wine County Blue Jays	1	4	1	3	61	250
8 Spokane Cubs	1	4	1	3	68	250

60+ National Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Sacramento Royals	4	1	1	9	25	750
2 San Antonio Lonestars	3	3	0	6	44	500
3 Rhode Island Salty Dogs	3	3	0	6	48	500
4 Team Victory	2	3	1	5	29	417
5 Envision NW	2	4	0	4	52	333

60+ Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Cal TV Tribute	4	1	1	9	33	750
2 Chicago MXX Cubs	3	3	0	6	45	500
3 Houston Tigers	2	3	1	5	50	417
4 All Star Baseball Academy	2	4	0	4	59	333

60+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 South Bay Zephyrs	5	1	0	10	25	833
2 Giltner Logistics	4	2	0	8	47	667
3 Colorado Angels	4	2	0	8	51	667
4 Bandits	4	2	0	8	54	667
5 Arizona Sox	3	2	1	7	44	583
6 Paladin	2	4	0	4	59	400
7 Inland Angels	1	4	1	3	65	250
8 Las Vegas 60's	0	6	0	0	87	0

60+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 AZ/CT United	5	1	0	10	45	833
2 Motor City Firebirds	4	1	1	9	24	750
3 Bluff City White Sox	4	2	0	8	41	667
4 Diamond Dream Mustangs	3	2	1	7	42	583
5 Sacramento Rays	3	3	0	6	45	500
6 Red Deer Legends	1	5	0	2	69	167
7 Phoenix Scientist Pete	0	6	0	0	102	0

60+ Desert Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Colorado Buffaloes	5	1	0	10	35	833
2 Colorado Fossils	5	1	0	10	57	833
3 Cal Vets	3	3	0	6	62	500
4 Seattle Rainiers	1	5	0	2	95	167
5 Bonedogs	1	5	0	2	90	167

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18+ Divison

Tucson Athletics	13
Arizona Blue Jays	3
Nassau Pirates	4
Tempe Bandits	8
Arizona Blue Jays	3
Fresno Grizzlies	12

45+ Cactus Playoffs

Puget Sound Twins	9
Blues City Baseball	3
Fresno Hardcor	15
New Jersey Riverdogs	7
So Cal Monarchs	10
Arizona Giants	15
West Coast Sharks	6
Nassau Yankees	15
Puget Sound Twins	16
Sonoma- REBL	1
Fresno Hardor	0
Phoenix Padres	3
Nassau Yankees	6
Ventrua Dodgers	5
Arizona Giants	6
Utah Rockies	13

45 Mountain Semi-finals

KC Brewers	0
Winburg Construction	14
Sacramento Capitals	7
Chicago North TSP's	6

45+ Cactus Consolation

San Deigo Diamond Dogs	0
OC Dodgers	9
Wine Country Blue Jays	10
Texas Scropians	8

60+ Desert Semi-final

Cal Vets	7
Colorado Fossils	2

60+ Central Semi-fiansl

Houston Tigers	6
Chicago MXX Cubs	3

60+ National Semi-finals

Team Victory	4
Sacramento Royals	3
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	7
San Antonio Lonestars	4

60+ Cactus Playoffs

Inland Angels	7
Giltner Logistics	8
Paladin	0
Bandits	16
Sacramento Rays	9
Colorado Angels	10
Arizona Sox	7
Diamond Dream Mustangs	11
Diamond Dream Mustangs	2
South Bay Zephyrs	8
Colorado Angels	0
AZ/CT United	5
Bandits	6
Motor City Firebirds	17
Giltner Logistics	15
Bluff City White Sox	2

75+ Division

Cal Vets	3
Red Sox Classics	7
Red Sox Classics	6
Sacramento Solons	17
South Dakota Rushmores	2
San Antonio Broncos	11

2022 MSBL / MABL**National Tournament Calendar**

January - Palm Springs / Orlando
 March - Las Vegas (2 weekends)
 May - Las Vegas (Memorial Day)
 September - Irvine, CA
 October - MSBL WS (Arizona)
 November - MSBL WS (Arizona)
 November - Fall Classic (Florida)

Many thanks to all of the MSBL and MABL who attended this years World Series tournament. Start making plans now for next year (our 35th in AZ) You simply won't want to miss a single game!

75+ Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Sacramento Solons	4	0	0	8	16	1000
2 San Antonio Broncos	3	1	0	6	11	800
3 South Dakota Rushmores	2	2	0	4	41	500
4 Red Sox Classics	1	3	0	2	50	250
5 Cal Vets	0	4	0	0	83	0

18+ Division

	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Fresno Grizzlies	5	0	0	10	16	1000
2 Nassau Pirates	3	2	0	6	23	600
3 Tempe Banditos	2	2	1	5	55	500
4 Tucson Athletics	2	3	0	4	42	400
5 Arizona Blue Jays	0	5	1	1	72	83

'David vs. Goliath, Christians vs. Lambs... Here Come the Scorpions'

Submitted by Geoff Jacobs, Arizona Scorpions, 73+ Division

As you know, there are some major differences between many of the "have's" and have-nots" teams in the various MSBL World Series divisions. The top and bottom teams are often easy to predict. I played in the 73+ division last week on a traditionally very weak team, the Arizona Scorpions, managed by MSBL Hall of Famer Dohrman Sinclair. The division featured 11 teams this year, with the "top 8" making the playoffs. Our two come-from-behind wins, over the only two teams not to win any games, enabled us to somehow qualify for the playoffs. It was my first time ever making the playoffs. Our first-round playoff opponent on Saturday, October 30th, was the undefeated San Antonio Broncos, one of the 73+ division's only two undefeated teams, and a championship game finalist in 2020.

To me, the prospect of that match-up was like the Christians being fed to the lions. I was anticipating one of those 20-2 sort of shellackings. I would have put the odds of us winning that game at 1000:1. Yes, one thousand to one.

Our starting pitcher was 86-yr old southpaw Dick Fitzgerald. Yes, 86. In his hey-day, he was apparently a very good pitcher. He had played AAA level way back when and a lot of other players seemed to know him well from MSBL tourneys over the years. He was also very well-liked by all. At 86 he could still throw strikes for a few innings, while he was still feeling strong enough. Our team also had a very small roster, as three of our planned 16 players had bowed out shortly before the tourney. We were down to about 11 or 12 warm bodies by playoff time, not all of whom could still run.

Then it happened. Dick threw strikes and our defense played very well. I played third base, as our regular third baseman was en-route back to Puerto Rico. We scored three runs early, as San Antonio scored one run early, but we were mostly keeping them off the scoreboard, inning after inning. All game long we were waiting for "the other shoe to drop" and get our asses kicked.

Somehow, some way, we found ourselves still ahead, 4-3, going into the bottom of the seventh. Dick Fitzgerald was still pitching, by far his longest stint. Their first two batters singled, putting runners on first and second with no outs. The next batter, their power guy, popped out, thus invoking the infield fly rule. However, the runner at second had a brain fart and got picked off second on the catch. We were down to one more out, with a runner at first and another good hitter up. Fitzgerald got to a 2-2 count ... and then struck him out swinging! Our small team and our few fans erupted in indescribable joy. *We'd won!!*

"The bow" on the win was winning it for Fitzgerald, who had been telling everyone during the tourney that "this is it, my last time" playing. He was so beloved and we wanted this win so much for him that several us got tears in our eyes knowing what we had just done. I've played a lot of baseball games over the years and I've played in a lot of other games in other sports, such as basketball and tennis. This was easily the best win that I had ever been part of.

As an aside, I had the game of my life defensively at third base. I was getting a lot of tough outs there and saving Dick from having to throw more pitches. At one point, around the fifth or sixth inning, after I'd just made another very good play at third, as I was handing the ball to him for the next batter, he very casually, and appreciatively, said to me, "You know, when I broke into professional baseball, my roommate was Brooks Robinson. You remind me of him." I was speechless. That was the best compliment that I have ever received in my life in any regard. And I couldn't have been happier that I was playing that well that day for Fitzgerald.

After the game, Fitzgerald filled me in much more on his days playing with Robinson as they worked their way through the minors together. The whole experience *(continued on page 2)*



45+ Mountain Winberg Construction batter, **Brad Hodstad** was red hot in yesterday's semi-final, going 3 for 4 with 3 rbi's for the day.



45+ Cactus Texas Scorpions batter, **Richie Deegan** gets a bead on this ball and rips a single into left field in yesterday's semi-final game



45+ Mountain Chicago runner, **Anthony Arenz** just gets back to the bag before Capitals 1st baseman, **Ever Maldona** gets the baseball.



45+ Mountain Kansas City Brewers batter, **Tony French** crushes this pitch and sends it to the warning track during Friday's semi-final.



45+ Mountain Sacramento Capitals pitcher, **Scott Corlis** was simply outstanding during his team's 7-6 win over Chicago in the semi-final.



45+ Mountain Chicago North TSP batter, **Eric Simon** bounces this pitch in front of the plate and legs out a base hit during 5th inning.

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