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Rob Owens - 35 Year MSBL WS Attendee

By Steve LaMontia,
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Rob Owens remains a full-time lawyer in Pacific Palisade, California and was cited in 2017 for his having attended every MSBL World Series since its inception, all 30 of them, as he continues playing for his Hollywood Stars team. Now Rob is one of a handful of players who can claim attending all 35 editions of the MSBL World Series. He was one of only eleven players to share that honor in 2017 but a couple have dropped off. We called Rob to verify that the streak was still intact through 2022 and found that he was going strong with no plans on stopping anytime soon. "I continue to be happy to be able to play," shared starting shortstop/pitcher Rob. "The body gets older and things happen but I want to keep the streak alive. When I started playing baseball again, I was 36 and thinking how old the people were when they reached my age. (He's 70 now) Rob plays in the 42-year-old division of the Los Angeles MSBL so it is fairly challenging. He has been associated with the Hollywood Stars in the league and at the World Series, where they have been playing since 1988.

"We have kept a lot of the guys together over those years. We have to bring in some players because of the grind of the tournament but they are loyal. This year we are in the Desert division of 65s, which is non-ring. But part of the family is coming because this may be my last World Series. That's how I feel right now, anyway, but things can change. We are all about the team and family experience. We don't come here with a 'ring at all costs' mentality." (Editor's note: *They won the whole darn thing in 2007!*)

Rob was 36 in 1988 and his good friend and Stars manager, Ken Jaffe, talked him into coming to Arizona for the 'new baseball tournament.' "Ken Jaffe deserves all of the credit for my playing with the Stars for so long," said Owens. "Not only for bringing us all along on this journey but it is through his efforts because (continued on page 2)



Good Sportsmanship Leads The Way In F/S World Series!



F/S Rhode Island / Puerto Rico Cardinals pitcher, **Abner Torres** will remember his 25th birthday fondly. He was lights out for 4 scoreless innings in his teams championship victory.

Father & Son Division Endures the Test of Time at the MSBL WS

Playing With Your Kids In A Competitive Environment Just Doesn't Get Any Better!

By Tom Prendergast

When they were little, most dad's took a fairly active roll in their children's athletic sports endeavors. In fact, I'm guessing that most dad's (and certainly some mom's as well) were their kids first coaches for many of their little league teams. Probably from the age of 5 and up, dad was their batting practice coach and chauffer. Let's face, youth league sports remain important in any kids life and having supportive parents is always a plus.

This year's event had so many positive aspects to it that it hard to know where to start. I think at the top of any list would have to be good sportsmanship, which was on display in abundance this week. Of course everybody wants to win, that's human nature. But at this tournament, our dad's led the way by example. When you give it your best and the other team wins, well your hat's off to them. The past 35 years of MSBL baseball has certainly been a blessing for thousands of guys around the country, who without it, would be playing in a rec softball league. So it's heartwarming to see how our players after every game (win or lose) congratulate their opponents with a smile and a handshake. And that's how it should be!

F/S American Championship

Rhode Island / Puerto Cardinals	12
San Jose Giants	1



F/S Central Championship Game

Charros	4
TABU	3



F/S Cactus Championship Game

So Cal Gamecocks	16
Modesto Thunder	10



F/S Zona Championship Game

Utah BSD	8
HEZ Team	7

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Ken collects money, compiles waivers, etc. I am also the field manager now and then. A few years ago, I started managing along with Dale St. John, who has only missed one year of the 35. The first year he went it was only 35-over in 1988. In the second year Steve Sigler added an older division so one of my friends played in the older division. As we watched his game, we all said we couldn't image we'd still be playing when we were 50 years old. How things have changed!" Have there been any close calls that almost ended the streak?

"In 2013 we had a stadium game at HoHo-Kam and right before the game started, I walked to home plate and took some pictures from home plate and was walking back to the dugout and not looking where I was going and the on-deck batter hit me in the head with the bat and I went down in a heap. I was all black and blue and was hurt pretty badly but I stayed and actually pinch hit." What are some special memories?

"About fifteen years ago we were playing against a team out of Houston. I was the starting pitcher and the other pitcher was JR Richard! Someone took a picture of us together in the bullpen and then we beat them! That was quite a memory.

I finally want to thank Steve Sigler because MSBL has honesty and integrity and has truly been a big part of my life. Without MSBL I wouldn't have had the opportunity to keep going. In my 30's I had no idea. Thanks, Steve, for having the vision."

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55+ National / Mountain

Boston Wolfpack	12
Yonder Travelers	1
San Diego North	8
Mustangs Baseball Club	0
Team Victory	30
Tulsa Liners	3

Boston Wolfpack	11
Team Victory	7
FD 21 Bombers	17
San Diego North	2
Yonder Travelers	8
Mustangs Baseball Club	2

Tri Valley Tributes	14
Tulsa Liners	6
Sacramento Rockets	6
All Star Baseball Academy	1
Tri Valley Tributes	9
FD 21 Bombers	8

55+ Cactus Division 1

Connecticut JorEls	6
OC Angels	2
Chicago MXX Cubs	20
Connecticut JorEls	5

Indiana Blue Jays	11
OC Angels	10
3n2 Rangers	5
Waikiki Beach Boys	0
Chicago MXX Cubs	8
Indiana Blue Jays	6
REBL Phillies	5
Utah Pirates	15

55+ Cactus Division 2

Houston Baseball Club	8
Cincinnati Tigers	7
Houston Baseball Club	13
Motor City Firebirds	10

Red Deer Legends	11
Westchester Mets	6
Seattle Naranjeros	13
San Diego Pirates	6
Tri Valley A's	23
Vermont Red Sox	0

65+ Desert Division

Hollywood Stars	8
Seattle Mariners	6
Colorado Stars	8
Cal Vets	6
Milwaukee Braves	22
Cal Vets	14

65+ Central Division

Chicago N. TSP Fire	4
Puget Sound Mariners	3
Dragons	13
Motor City Firebirds	6
Dragons	21
Berry's	6

65+ Cactus Division 1

Kansas City A's	4
Red Deer Legends	4
Inland Angels	11
Arkansas Diamonds	6

Tucson Toros	9
St. Paul Saints	0
Inland Angels	10
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	9

65+ Cactus Division 2

Cal Vets 65CA	11
Chicago Central Northstars	6
Paladin	5
Long Island Yankees	3

So Cal Dodgers	16
Sacramento Pirates	7

65+ Desert Division

Hollywood Stars	8
Seattle Mariners	6
Colorado Stars	8
Cal Vets	6
Milwaukee Braves	22
Cal Vets	14

F/S Cactus Semi-finals

Modesto Thunder	9
San Antonio White Sox	7
So Cal Gamecocks	4
Team Hawaii	2

MSBL WS staff member**Red Thompson update**

On Saturday, longtime WS umpire and staffer, Red Thompson fell on his way into the stadium and ended up in the hospital with a badly sprained knee cap. This was after spending 4 days in the hospital last week for low blood pressure number. But he's in good spirits and looking forward to returning soon.



Modesto Thunder batter Joe Napoli singles home a run in yesterday's game.



Fernando Gonzales drives in 2 more runs on Sunday.



So Cal Gamecocks beat the Modesto Thunder 16-10 to win the F/S Cactus Championship!

55+ National / Mountain		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Boston Wolfpack	N	2	0	0	4	8 1000
2	Tri Valley Tributes	M	2	0	0	4	14 1000
3	Sacramento Rockets	N	1	0	0	2	1 1000
4	FD 21 Bombers	N	1	1	0	2	11 500
5	Team Victory	N	1	1	0	2	14 500
6	Yonder Travelers	M	1	1	0	2	14 500
7	San Diego North	M	1	1	0	2	17 500
8	All Star Baseball Academy	N	0	1	0	0	6 0
9	Tulsa Liners	N	0	2	0	0	6 0
10	Mustang Baseball Club	M	0	2	0	0	16 0
55+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Chicago MX Cubs		2	0	0	4	11 1000
2	3n2 Rangers		1	0	0	3	0 1000
3	Utah Pirates		1	0	0	2	5 1000
4	Indiana Blue Jays		1	1	0	2	18 500
5	Connecticut Jor Els		1	1	0	2	22 500
6	Waikiki Beach Boys		0	1	0	0	5 0
7	REBL Phillies		0	1	0	0	15 0
8	OC Angels		0	2	0	0	17 0
55+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Houston Baseball Club		2	0	0	4	17 1000
2	Tri Valley A's		1	0	0	2	0 1000
3	Red Deer Legends		1	0	0	2	6 1000
4	Seattle Naranjeros		1	0	0	2	6 1000
5	Cincinnati Tigers		0	1	0	0	8 0
6	Westchester Mets		0	1	0	0	11 0
7	Motor City Firebirds		0	1	0	0	13 0
8	San Diego Pirates		0	1	0	0	13 0
9	Vermont Red Sox		0	1	0	0	23 0
65+ National		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Minnesota Bandits		1	0	0	2	11 1000
2	Sacramento Tribe		0	0	1	1	7 0
3	Texas Defenders		0	0	1	1	7 0
4	LA Athletics		0	1	0	0	17 0
65+ Central Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Dragons		2	0	0	4	12 1000
2	Chicago N TSP Fire		1	0	0	2	3 1000
3	Puget Sound Mariners		0	1	0	0	4 0
4	Motor City Firebirds		0	1	0	0	13 0
5	Berry's		0	1	0	0	21 0
65+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Inland Angels		2	0	0	4	15 1000
2	Tucson Toros		1	0	0	2	0 1000
3	Kansas City A's		0	0	1	1	4 0
4	Red Deer Legends		0	0	1	1	4 0
5	St Paul Saints		0	1	0	0	9 0
6	Lehigh Valley Moondogs		0	1	0	0	10 0
7	Arkansas Diamonds		0	1	0	0	11 0
65+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Cal Vets		1	0	0	2	3 1000
2	Paladin		1	0	0	2	6 1000
3	So Cal Dodgers		1	0	0	2	7 1000
4	Long Island Yankees		0	1	0	0	5 0
5	Chicago Central Northstars		0	1	0	0	11 0
6	Sacramento Pirates		0	1	0	0	16 0
65+ Desert Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Colorado Stars		1	0	0	2	6 1000
2	Hollywood Stars		1	0	0	2	6 1000
3	Milwaukee Braves		1	0	0	2	22 1000
4	Seattle Mariners		0	1	0	0	8 0
5	Cal Vets (team 1)		0	1	0	0	8 0
6	Cal Vets (team 2)		0	1	0	0	22 0

40+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Leftovers - Aruba	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Montebello Angels	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Minnesota Diamonds	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Sacramento Braves	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	San Antonio Titans	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	So Cal Snappers	0	0	0	0	0	0
40+ Mountain Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Baseball BBQ Forkballers	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Clancy's Irish	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Indians Organization - Aruba	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Sacramento Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	St Thomas Hurricanes	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	East Coast Phillies	0	0	0	0	0	0
40+ Mountain Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Burlington Herd	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Columbus Spiders	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Ireland Buccaneers	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Dust Devils	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Houston Cyclones	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Dallas Redbirds	0	0	0	0	0	0
73+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	North County Mudcats	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Sacramento Antiques	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Team Cambria	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	USA Volkers	0	0	0	0	0	0
73+ American Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Cal Vets	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Mudville 9	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	New England Red Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	PSSBL Aqua Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Red Deer Legends	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	St Thomas Hurricanes	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Rhode Island / PR Cardinals	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	OKC Dodgers	0	0	0	0	0	0



Father and Son San Jose Giants batter, **Scott Cruse** hits this ball in the sweet spot and singles during his teams game at Tempe Diablo.

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The Rhode Island / Puerto Rico Cardinals bats came alive in the final game and they beat the San Jose Giants 12-1, to win the Father & Son American division championship game at Tempe Diablo.



Congratulations and our admiration for the job RI/PR Cardinal skipper, **Tony LaGreca** did in putting this team together despite some really hard times many players have had to endure in Puerto Rico in the wake of the hurricane. Several areas are still without power and running water.



F/S San Jose Giants batter, **Ezekiel Deleori** went 2 for 4, while pitching two scoreless innings for his team on Sunday



The Charros team completed their tournament with a hard fought - back and forth win over TABU to take home the Father & Son Central division championship trophy at the Maryvale Sports Complex yesterday.



The Utah BSD team defeated HEZ Team 8-7 in an exciting F/S Zona Championship game.



F/S Cactus div So Cal Gamecocks batter, **Andrew Lopez** crushes this ball into the right center field gap and driving in two runs in his teams 16-10 championship win.

Get all of the 2022 MSBL World Series game scores and current standings at: www.msblnational.com