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MSBL WS Manager Spotlight On: Brooks Robinson - Denver Kokopelli's

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

Denver Kokopelli's 25+ baseball team from Colorado have a long MSBL World Series history! **Brooks Robinson** is the manager of the Denver-based team that has won rings at the MSBL World Series and is always in the thick of things. We spoke to Brooks recently about how they became such a model of consistency. There was a bar named **Kokopelli's** in **Denver** and he agreed to sponsor us," explained **Brooks**. "Prior to that we were the **Colorado Cubs** in the **Denver MSBL**. This started somewhere around 2003. Then in 2007 we became the Kokopelli's. We weren't very good. After I took over in 2007 we instigated a program to build and get better. Prior to 2007 we struggled to have a full roster, sometimes barely enough to field a game day team, but since 2007 we have continued to add players and now routinely have an 18-20-man roster in **Arizona** made up mostly of former college players. We actually have zero Division 1 players. Our college players consist of some D3 players and a few Juco guys." We need to fast forward to their many World Series experiences and how it all began.

"We have been going to **Arizona** for the **World Series** for 16 years. In 2018, in our 10th **Arizona MSBL World Series** appearance, we began a run of four consecutive finals appearances, finally winning our first ring in **2019** with an 8-0 record. Then we won again in **2021**. It's funny how trends work. The thing that is most gratifying is that on our way to the championships, we defeated all of the teams that previously knocked us out of the playoffs. Revenge is sweet!" In the **2021 World Series**, which concluded with a second ring, the **Kokopelli's** notched a 2-0 championship victory over the **Tucson Angels**, after another 8-0 run through to the finals. This marked a third consecutive year of going undefeated in pool play. What are some of the secrets to assembling a successful program? "When we first went it was primarily our league guys and then we started to fill in specific needs," explained **Robinson**. "We found throughout the years that it takes a big roster for depth

Week 2 Games Begin As Normal Temperature's Return



25+ National Division San Jose Giants pitcher, **Dylan Hecht** delivers a pitch to the plate during the championship game at Tempe Diablo Stadium on Sunday morning.

Review Of Shared Runner Rules Modified For The 2023 MSBL World Series Top Divisions in 55+ / 65+ Can Decide To Use Either A/B or Shared Batter

By Tom Prendergast

National, American and Mountain division teams can decide to use either the A/B option or Shared Batter. Central, Cactus and Desert divisions must use the Shared Batting Position Rule. This applies to all 55+ divisions and up. Teams must indicate what they are using at the time of the home plate meeting and must stay with it for the entire game. The purpose of this rule is to enable more players to get in the game and the manager uses two players to share one batting position. The manager must notify the opposing manager and opponent scorekeeper when players are being switched for the first time in a game (failure to do so results in a batting out of turn). When a player is used as a base runner in the Shared Position, he must bat the next time this position in the order comes to the plate. After that point, either of the Shared Runners may bat in this position. If either batter in a Shared Batting Position are pinch hit for, then both players occupying that Shared Batting Position are ineligible to return to the offensive lineup and the pinch hitter assumes that batting position for the remainder of the game.

25+ National Championship

So Cal Titans	7
San Jose Giants	2

25+ Central Championship

Twin City Cardinals	15
Denver Kokopelli's	14

25+ Cactus Championship

Antelope Valley Phillies	3
Seattle Pirates	0



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25+ Twin City Cardinals skipper, **Matt Stengel** receives the championship trophy from **Sam Kayae** after an exciting 15-14 come from behind win at Tempe Diablo Stadium Sunday.

25+ National Champions - So Cal Titans



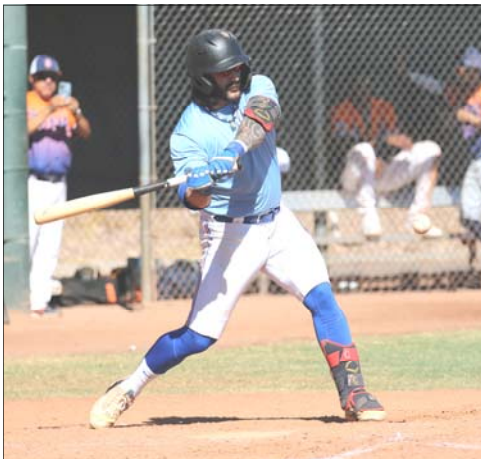
25+ Cactus Champions - Antelope Valley Phillies



25+ Central Champions - Twin City Cardinals



55+ National Division							65+ National / Central						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Boston Wolfpack	3	0	0	6	9	1000	1 Puget Sound Mariners (Central)	2	0	0	5	6	1000
2 Tulsa Liners	1	1	0	2	19	500	2 LA Athletics (National)	2	0	0	4	14	1000
3 Team Victory	1	2	0	2	14	333	3 SA Black Ops / Lonestars (Central)	1	1	0	3	15	500
4 FD 21 Bombers	1	2	0	2	24	333	4 Minnesota Bandits (National)	1	1	0	2	16	500
5 OC Sox	1	2	0	2	24	333	5 Dragons (Central)	0	2	0	1	21	0
							6 Sacramento Tribe (National)	0	2	0	0	17	0
55+ Mountain Division							65+ Cactus Division 1						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Mustangs Baseball Club	3	0	0	6	11	1000	1 Tucson Toros	2	0	0	4	8	1000
2 Yonder Travelers	2	0	1	5	30	833	2 Cal Vets	2	0	0	4	12	1000
3 Tri Valley Tribute	1	1	1	3	20	500	3 Red Deer Legends	1	1	0	2	28	500
4 Sacramento Rockets	1	2	0	2	21	333	4 Paladin	0	1	0	0	21	0
5 Chicago MAXX Cubs	1	2	0	2	27	333	5 Motor City Firebirds	0	1	0	0	8	0
6 San Antonio Reds	0	3	0	0	39	0	6 Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0	2	0	0	24	0
55+ Cactus Division 1							65+ Cactus Division 2						
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Salt Lake Bees	3	0	0	6	15	100	1 Team Mexico	2	0	0	4	6	1000
2 Rochester Redwings	2	1	0	4	17	667	2 Chicago Central Northstars	1	1	0	2	9	500
3 Lehigh Valley Hurricanes	2	1	0	4	19	667	3 Arkansas Diamonds	1	1	0	2	20	500
4 Motor City Firebirds	2	1	0	4	30	667	4 Inland Angels	1	1	0	2	27	500
5 Cincinnati Tigers	1	1	0	2	14	500	5 Mustang Baseball Club	0	2	0	0	31	0
6 REBL Phillies	1	2	0	2	47	333	65+ Cactus Division 3						
7 OC Angels	0	2	0	0	26	0		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
8 3n2 Rangers	0	3	0	0	32	0	1 Kansas City A's	1	1	0	2	8	500
55+ Cactus Division 2							2 Colorado Buffaloes	1	1	0	2	12	500
	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %	3 Long Island Yankees	1	1	0	2	13	500
1 Connecticut	3	0	0	6	21	1000	4 Chicago MAXX Cubs	1	1	0	2	17	500
2 Seattle Naranjeros	2	0	0	4	28	1000	5 So Cal Dodgers	1	1	0	2	22	500
3 Tri Valley A's	2	1	0	4	28	667	65+ Desert Division						
4 Houston Baseball Club	1	2	0	2	27	333		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
5 Red Deer Legends	1	2	0	2	30	333	1 Seattle Mariners	2	0	0	4	13	1000
6 Westchester Mets	0	2	0	0	20	0	2 Cal Vets (team 1)	1	1	0	2	13	500
7 Aussie Aces	0	2	0	0	32	0	3 Bonedogs	1	1	0	2	15	500
							4 Aussie Aces	1	1	0	2	29	500
							5 Cal Vets (team 2)	0	2	0	0	15	0



25+ National Kansas City Royals batter, **Brett Fick** drills this pitch to left for a hit.

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65+ National/Central

SA Black Ops / Lonestars	10
Dragons	3
LA Athletics	11
Minnesota Bandits	3
Sacramento Tribe	3
Puget Sound Mariners	4

65+ Cactus Division 1

Motor City Firebirds	3
Cal Vets	8
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	8
Tucson Toros	9
Paladin	13
Red Deer Legends	21
Cal Vets	15
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	9

65+ Cactus Division 2

Team Mexico	12
Chicago Central Northstars	5
Mustang Baseball Club Div 2)	6
Chicago MAXX Cubs (Div 3)	14
Inland Angels	18
Arkansas Diamonds	5

65+ Cactus Division 3

Colorado Buffaloes	3
Kansas City A's	11
Long Island Yankees	8
So Cal Dodgers	9
Bonedogs	6
Cal Vets (1)	14
Seattle Mariners	24
Cal Vets (2)	7

25+ Cactus Semi-finals

Northwestern Bandits Baseball	1
Seattle Pirates	3
Salt Lake Bulldogs	1
Antelope Valley Phillies	4

55+ Cactus Division 1

Salt Lake Bees	10
3n2 Rangers	7
REBL Phillies	2
Rochester Redwings	18
3n2 Rangers	10
Motor City Firebirds	13
Lehigh Valley Hurricanes	4
Salt Lake Bees	7
Cincinnati Tigers	5
Lehigh Valley Hurricanes	7
OC Angels	4
Rochester Redwings	8
Motor City Firebirds	16
REBL Phillies	8

55+ Cactus Division 2

Houston Baseball Club	4
Seattle Naranjeros	11
Red Deer Legends	19
Aussie Aces	12
Westchester Mets	7
Tri Valley A's	11
Connecticut	14
Houston Baseball Club	13
Tri Valley A's	10
Red Deer Legends	9

55+ Mountain Division

Yonder Travelers	18
Chicago MAXX Cubs	3
Chicago MAXX Cubs	0
Sacramento Rockets	0
San Antonio Reds	3
Tri Valley Tribute	12
Yonder Travelers	16
San Antonio Reds	1

55+ National Division

Mustang Baseball Club	5
Sacramento Rockets	0
Tri Valley Tribute	9
Mustang Baseball Club	10
Boston Wolfpack	5
Team Victory	1
Team Victory	6
OC Sox	7
FD21 Bombers	1
Boston Wolfpack	12

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same goals. As we got older, we found out that too much partying and having a good time can be dangerous. You need to balance it out between winning and partying." Brooks and the Kokopelli's play their league games in the Denver MSBL and went 14-1 this year. Everybody on the team are also friends and we do things outside of baseball. We all hang out together. This is our 21st season together so we are all brothers. Most of the guys are over 35 but we still have a couple of guys that are under that so we can't move up just yet from our 25-over Central division slot. This year we'll be a little thin in Arizona. A couple of guys had kids this year and can't come, some had injuries, so we'll have to fill in a little and see what happens."



25+ Kansas City Royals pitcher, **Emilio Gonzales** got the start in the semi-final



25+ Central Denver Kokopelli's first baseman, **Luigi Dolenti** watches the ball



25+ Central Denver Kokopelli's batter, **Alex Dunn** fights off this inside pitch and singles to right field.



25+ Antelope Valley Phillies manager, **Chuck Grantham** accepts the championship trophy.



25+ Twin City Cardinals hurler, **Sam Nelson** delivers a pitch.



25+ So Cal Titans manager, **Enrique Rodriguez** accepts the trophy from WS staffer, **Sam Kayae**.



25+ National San Jose Giants 1st baseman, **Chris Chambers** gets ready to catch the ball and tag out So Cal Titans, **Argenis Aldazoro**.



25+ Central Denver Kokopelli's pitcher, **Skylar Smith** was on the mound during his teams championship game against the Cardinals.