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Early MSBL World Series Memories From My First Two Years 1989 and 1990

By Tom Prendergast

Steve Sigler started the concept of the Men's Senior Baseball League World Series in the fall of 1988. That first year, 38 teams participated in a week-long tournament, held in November. The Kansas City MSBL sent a team, and when the guys returned to KC, that's all they could talk about. After hearing these glowing reviews, I decided that I wanted to attend the 1989 MSBL World Series. I started recruiting players to be on my 30+ team, and in no time at all, I had put together a 20-man All-Star caliber team. I was pretty sure we were going to win a championship based on the talent level of the guys I had on my roster. Sixty-nine teams participated that year in 4 separate divisions. 30+ / 40+ National and American divisions. My team was in the 30+ American Division. I arrived in Phoenix on Sunday morning, and at 3:00 pm that afternoon, we had a team practice at Scottsdale Community College, which at the time was the Spring training home of the Oakland A's. At 7:00 pm that night, I attended the MSBL WS manager meeting, held in one of the conference meeting rooms at the Buttes Hotel, located right next to Tempe Diablo Stadium. The room was packed and the atmosphere was electric. Steve Sigler addressed the managers and, for the next two hours, went over the tournament rules and answered questions. Our schedule was perfect. We had a doubleheader on Monday and Wednesday, with single games on Tuesday and Thursday. I set up our pitching to make sure that two of our best pitchers would be able to throw on Friday and saved our ace for the championship game on Saturday. Our lineup was set, as I would play second base and bat leadoff. The Kansas City league was wood bat only, so when we got to use aluminum bats in the tournament my batting average went up about 200 points! I was a punch-and-judy hitter, but I got on base a ton and had some speed, so I stole a lot of bases. The highlight of that tournament for me was batting .600 with an on-base percentage of around 70%. Unfortunately, my managing debut in Arizona didn't go so *(continued on page 2)*

Outstanding Pitching Performances Standout



60+ National Division Boston Wolfpack pitcher, **Edwardo Mercado** delivers a pitch during his teams first game, against the North County Waves on Tempe 1 yesterday morning.

Monday Games Played In Ideal Weather Conditions For the Valley Fewest Runs Allowed Will Make A Difference In Which Teams Advance

By Tom Prendergast

The old saying in baseball is "**Good pitching will always stop good hitting**"! This quote is often attributed to Casey Stengel. The phrase suggests that a strong pitching staff will always neutralize a good offense. That was certainly true yesterday during day one of week 3 games. In most games the pitchers seemed to have the upper hand. Several games came down to a teams last at bat. These games were exciting and fun to watch. And speaking of watching, a number of games during this World Series have been, "lived streamed", through a Game Changer app. This adds a whole new dimension to the game on a couple different levels. First this is a pretty cool thing for the folks back home, who didn't make the trip, this gives them an opportunity to follow the games on their computer, iPad or phone. Once the game is over a team can replay the game while they are sitting around the hotel pool or barbeque bit. Some teams even has a video guy, whose job is to edit these games and come up with a highlight video for the team. While it's not ESPN quality, on occasion you might want to use it to overturn a call on the field, which you can't. In a few extreme cases (like the Kiss Cam) you might want to keep your head up!

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well. It can be tough to be a player / manager with lots to think about, and so my team ended up 0-6. Despite that, everybody on the team had a great time, and we committed to returning the next year. And why not! We were playing baseball on incredibly manicured fields, relaxing in the sun, and having the time of our lives. This was like spring break for grown-ups! The next year (1990), I was determined not to repeat the same mistakes I made the previous year, and so I doubled down on our pitching staff and increased our roster to 25 players, which included 10 pitchers! This year, there was no doubt we were going to win the championship. And as an extra bonus, the 30+ National Championship game was going to be televised on Sports Channel America. That was so cool that we could hardly stand it. Not only were we going to be playing baseball in Arizona while there was a foot of snow back in Kansas City, but we were going to be on TV to boot! That was just icing on the cake. Needless to say, things didn't quite work out like I had planned. Once again, we had a great schedule 2-1-2-1, and our lineup was stacked. As a player, I had an even better tournament this year, with a batting average of around .650, 12 runs scored, and 10 stolen bases. But my managerial record remained the same. Once again, the team went 0-6 and instead of playing in the championship game, we were sitting in the stands at Tempe Diablo Stadium, watching it. While we got to play on a lot of great fields, my favorite was Apache Junction High School. At the time, this was considered the #1 high school field in the nation. The grass was incredibly lush, and there wasn't a bad hop in the entire infield. And the Superstition Mountains provided the backdrop, and the setting was just fantastic. This was my 'Field of Dreams'. When Friday rolled around, my team was on the golf course, and I was a volunteer field monitor at Scottsdale Community College, calling the playoff game scores into the World Series office. *(continued on page 3)*

45+ National

So Cal Snappers	1
Montebello Angels	7
East Bay Epress	7
Bakersfield Heat (Cactus)	6
So Cal Snappers	12
The Tribe (Cactus)	0
Montebello Angels	10
East Bay Express	1

45+ Cactus Div 1

Utah Rockies	7
Baseball BBQ Forkballers	9
Colt 45's	17
Sonoma - REBL	4
Houston Cyclones	19
Sacramento Sox	13
Baseball BBQ Forkballers	22
Colt 45's	6
Sonoma - REBL	13
Houston Cyclones	1
Sacramento Sox	13
Utah Rockies	1

45+ Cactus Div 2

East Bay Epress (National)	7
Bakersfield Heat	6
Dallas Redbirds	7
Tucson National	7
So Cal Snappers (National)	12
The Tribe	0
Tucson National	5
Spokane Bandits	9
Bakersfield Heat	6
Des Moines Bruins	7
Connecticut Navigators	11
Dallas Redbirds	12
Spokane Bandits	26
Des Moines Bruins	5

75+ National / American

Sacramento Solons	3
USA Volkars	14
Tri Valley Antiques	17
75 Vets	7
OKC Dodgers	4
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	13
Arizona Storm	3
Mudville 9	5
PSSBL Aqua Sox	0
RI / PR Cardinals	15

60+ National

Boston Wolfpack	3
North County Waves	7
Mustangs Baseball Club	7
Sacramento Royals	9
North County Waves	3
Tulsa Liners	4
Boston Wolfpack	17
Sacramento Royals	2

60+ Cactus Division 1

Vancouver Angels	5
Sonoma County Cardinals	16
Arizona Stallions	8
Chicago MAXX Cubs	11
Sonoma County Cardinals	1
Arizona Stallions	14
Chicago MAXX Cubs	11
Vancouver Angels	1
Tri Valley Tribute	0
Dallas Rangers	8

60+ Cactus Division 2

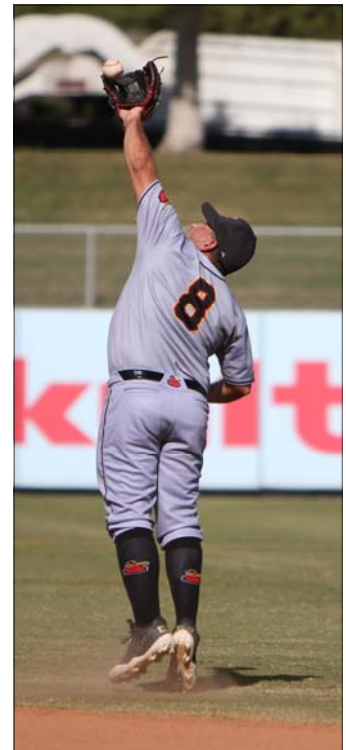
Mustangs Baseball Club	22
Kansas City	7
OKC Classics	3
Sacramento Rays	1
Tri Valley Braves	4
Kansas City	9
Sacramento Rays	3
Mustangs Baseball Club	8

60+ Desert Division 1

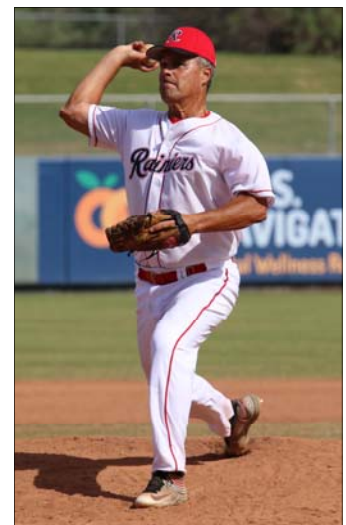
Colorado Falcons	11
Vegas Blues	5
Saskatchewan Sportsman	6
Seattle Raiders	24
Westchester Mets (Div 2)	11
Colorado Falcons	21
Vegas Blues	13
Seattle Raiders	10
LA Sharks	7
Saskatchewan Sportsman	1

60+ Desert Division 2

Aussie Aces	12
Colorado Fossils	11
Seattle Pilots	16
Saskatchewan Sportsman	4
60+ Vets	2
Westchester Mets	12
60+ Vets	13
Aussie Aces	6
Colorado Fossils	5
Seattle Pilots	9



45+ Cactus Dallas Redbirds 2bd baseman, **Mark Tierney** makes on outstanding grab yesterday at Tempe Diablo.



60+ Desert Seattle Rainiers pitcher, **Andre Kaluna** was on the mound yesterday for his team at Tempe Diablo.

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75+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	USA Volkers (National)	2	0	0	4	8	1000
2	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	2	0	0	4	11	1000
3	Mudville 9	1	1	0	2	16	500
4	RI / Puerto Rico Cardinals	1	1	0	2	17	500
5	OKC Dodgers	1	1	0	2	18	500
6	Tri Valley Antiques	1	1	0	2	20	500
7	75 Vets	1	1	0	2	21	500
8	Sacramento Solons	1	1	0	2	30	500
9	Arizona Storm	0	2	0	0	17	0
10	PSSBL Aqua Sox	0	2	0	0	29	0

60+ National		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Tulsa Liners	1	0	0	2	3	100
2	North County Waves	1	1	0	2	7	500
3	Boston Wolfpack	1	1	0	2	9	500
4	Sacramento Royals	1	1	0	2	24	500
5	Mustangs Baseball Club	0	1	0	0	9	0

60+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Chicago MAXX Cubs	2	0	0	4	9	1000
2	Dallas Rangers	1	0	0	3	0	1000
3	Arizona Stallions	1	1	0	2	12	500
4	Sonoma County Cardinals	1	1	0	2	19	500
5	Tri Valley Tribute	0	1	0	0	8	0
6	Vancouver Angels	0	2	0	0	27	0

60+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Mustangs Baseball Club	2	0	0	4	10	1000
2	OKC Classics	1	0	0	2	1	1000
3	Kansas City	1	1	0	2	26	500
4	Tri Valley Braves	0	1	0	0	9	0
5	Sacramento Rays	0	2	0	0	11	0

60+ Desert Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Colorado Falcons	2	0	0	4	16	1000
2	Seattle Rainiers	1	1	0	2	19	500
3	Vegas Blues	1	1	0	2	21	500
4	Sask Sportsmen	1	1	0	2	23	500
5	LA Sharks	0	2	0	0	35	0

60+ Desert Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Seattle Pilots	2	0	0	4	9	1000
2	60 Vets	1	1	0	2	18	500
3	Westchester Mets	1	1	0	2	23	500
4	Aussie Aces	1	1	0	2	24	500
5	Colorado Fossils	0	2	0	0	21	0

45+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Montebello Angels	2	0	0	4	2	1000
2	So Cal Snappers	1	1	0	2	7	500
3	East Bay Express	1	1	0	2	16	500

45+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Baseball BBQ Forkballers	2	0	0	4	13	1000
2	Sonoma - REBL	1	1	0	2	18	500
3	Sacramento Sox	1	1	0	2	20	500
4	Colt 45's	1	1	0	2	26	500
5	Houston Cyclones	1	1	0	2	26	500
6	Utah Rockies	0	2	0	0	22	0

45+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Spokane Bandits	2	0	0	4	10	1000
2	Dallas Redbirds	1	0	1	3	18	750
3	Des Moines Bruins	1	1	0	2	32	500
4	Tucson Nationals	0	1	1	1	16	250
5	The Tribe	0	1	0	1	12	0
6	Bakersfield Heat	0	2	0	1	14	0
7	Connecticut Navigators	0	1	0	0	12	0



60+ Desert Division Saskatchewan Sportsman pitcher, **Jeff Logan** was on the mound for his team yesterday against the Seattle Rainiers.



60+ Desert Seattle Rainiers batter, **Larry Davis** crushes this ball and hits an inside the park - 2 run homer at Tempe Diablo stadium yesterday

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 Good news – bad news. First of all, I hold, or share, an MSBL World Series record for a manager, as my record is 0-12. That's the bad news. If my teams had won, I would never have had the chance to join the MSBL WS staff. In 1991, Steve Sigler offered me the opportunity to be the World Series Umpire-In-Chief. We had formed our own umpire association in Kansas City , and so I was a logical choice. It was during this time that I had the good fortune to meet one of the nicest guys, who would later become one of my closest friends, Lou Myers. Without a doubt, Lou had a huge impact on improving our World Series umpires. He was a larger-than-life presence and not just because he towered over everybody else at 6'6", he was our John Wayne. When Lou spoke, people listened. I have very found memories as a MSBL WS player and manager, regardless of my win / loss record. Well actually just losses!



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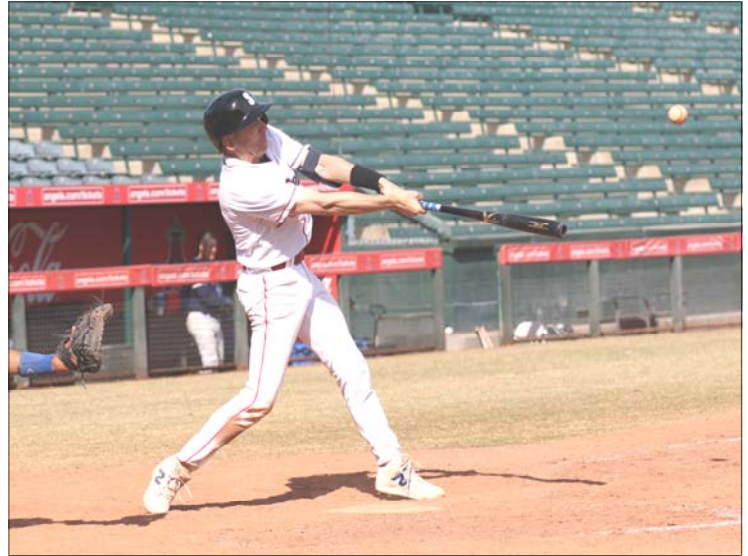
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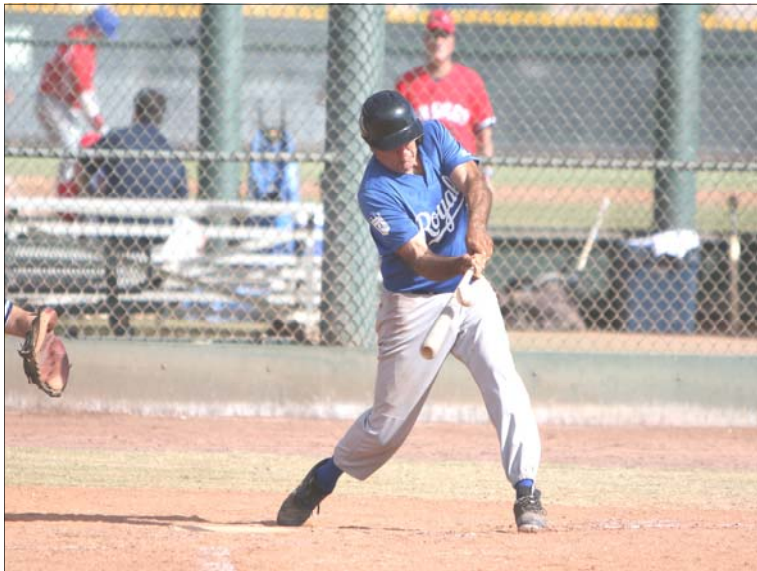
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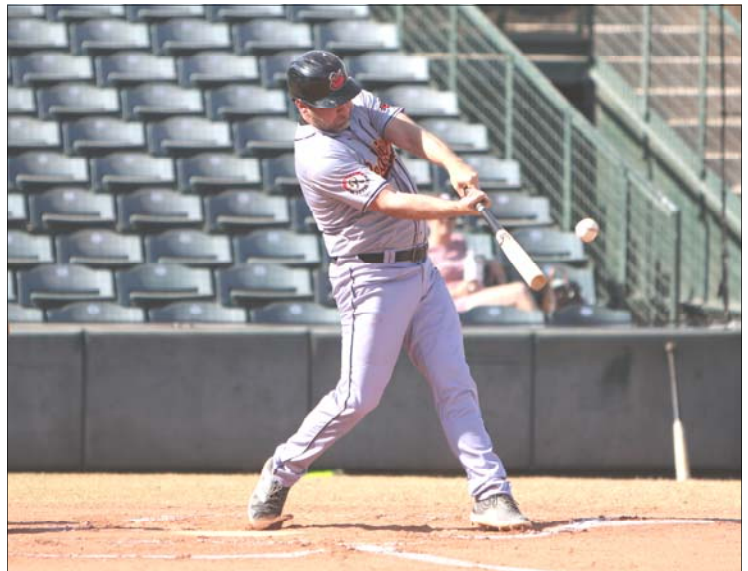
60+ National Mustangs Baseball Club batter, **Robert Calvert** hits this ball squarely and singles in a run against the Sacramento Royals



60+ Desert Seattle Rainiers batter, **Robert Polakoff** lifts this ball into center field during his teams 24-6 win over Saskatchewan.



60+ National Sacramento Royals batter, **Brian Garias** hits this ball into left field for a sacrifice fly against the Boston Wolfpack.



45+ Cactus Dallas Redbirds batter, **Dustin Harrison** lifts this ball over a drawn in infield against the Tucson Nationals in a 7-7 tie.



60+ National Nor County Waves batter, **Billy Fera** hits this ball on the end of the bat in his teams 7-3 win over the Boston Wolfpack.



60+ National Boston Wolfpack batter, **Michael Kalfopoulos** hits this ball on the sweet spot during his teams 17-2 win over the Royals