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Spotlight On - Vince Overfeldt 70+ Paladin Team

By Steve LaMontia - Director of Communications

MSBL Hall of Fame member and MSBL Honor Roll inductee Vince Overfeldt rides herd over Paladin, an MSBL World Series team with a long history in Arizona. The past New Mexico MSBL league president can also be found with his Paladin teammates in Las Vegas for the Las Vegas Kick-off Classic and Las Vegas Open, among other regional tournaments, including past appearances in San Diego. Why the name Paladin? "For those of you old enough to remember, I loved the TV show 'Have Gun Will Travel' with Richard Boone," explained Vince. "He was called Paladin so, what the heck?" Vince was an avid softball player and attended New Mexico State University. But like many of us, there was something missing. "I returned to the real game at the age of 48." One of my slow pitch teammates was playing in the Albuquerque MSBL and invited me to play. I've been playing ever since. We formed Paladin as an MSBL tourney team in 2007. We actually won the American Division 55+ ring that year at the World Series! It's been a long time between rings but we hope to capture another one soon. Before that, as a player I won a ring in 2003 with the Phoenix 50's in 48+ wood Federal division. I owe a big thanks to Wally Kopp, who was manager of Phoenix 50's and a past Paladin player, for getting me going in MSBL baseball tournaments."

Paladin is usually in the thick of it but Vince makes no bones about being placed where they are. "Playing the Sacramento Tribe and LA Athletics isn't a lot of fun and we can't compete with their endless list of quality players. But we still take them on. We'll be in the 70-over Cactus division this year and look to be competitive. We'll only have 13 or 14 guys, including maybe a half dozen new guys. I use the player pool, too. We'll stay in the 70s a couple of more years and then dive into the 73s or 75s when we all come of age." What is the secret to recruiting new players? "I am always on the lookout, like most teams are. I start in May watching people and start contacting them. If they can commit and like what we have to offer, we'll bring them along. (continued on page 3)

Parity Is A Key Component In Our Divisional Match Ups



50+ Cactus Division Chicago Pinch Hitters batter, **Scott Eggener** hits this pitch right on the sweetspot for an rbi double in his teams 10-4 win over the Wine County Blue Jays yesterday.

Setting Up The Divisions Is A Herculean Task For The National Office Team Rosters Vary From Year To Year And It's Challenging Finding The Right Mix

By Tom Prendergast

When we first started playing MSBL WS tournament games in 1988, the 38 teams that were participating fell into two divisions; 30+ and 40+. The excitement of participating in a real baseball tournament was beyond belief. This was just about the coolest thing any of us had ever played in since high school. We were playing meaningful games with our buddies on the best fields most of us had ever played on. And win or lose, we didn't care (for the most part) because it was October. Snow covered the ground back home and we were living large in the Valley of the Sun! Well life was good, until you stepped into the batter's box and the pitcher, who was a former minor league journeyman, was throwing the ball 80 miles an hour. At least it sounded that fast because we couldn't see it. Never mind that some of these early games looked like the varsity vs the junior varsity. No matter, the guys had a blast and what's more, we couldn't wait to come back and do it all over again the next year!

Early on it became apparent, that some levels needed to be put in place, to separate the really good players from the other guys. For example, a guy who played professional baseball after college, wasn't going to enjoy matching up against players, whose last real game was in high school - twenty years ago. So the concept of the National and American division was born. Each year as the tournament expanded, we added more divisions, Mountain and Central and this really worked well. Our top divisions played pretty much regular baseball, 10 batters in the offensive lineup and unlimited substitution on defense. We added a minimum number of batters, 14 in our participation divisions, and this was certainly needed. So well in fact that the number of former professional players attending the tournament skyrocketed. We added the Cactus division. This was the equivalent of our entry level league (continued on page 3)

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Important Information For Teams at Hohokam Stadium & Fitch Park Fields and Red Mountain & Gene Autry Park

Gates open 1 hour prior to 1st game

Teams must stay of the grass when warming up or taking practice swings

Men's & Women's restroom will be open on the third base side (on the lower concourse)

Dugouts will be accessible - not the clubhouse

No players maybe on the field while the ground crew is working on preparing the fields

After the game, please make sure the trash is picked up and the dugout is like you found it

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	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
70+ National Division						
1 LA Athletics	2	0	0	4	9	1000
2 Sacramento Tribe	1	1	0	2	17	500
3 Minnesota Bandits	1	1	0	2	8	500
70+ Central Division						
1 MBI	2	0	0	4	17	1000
2 Chicago North TSP Fire	1	1	0	3	16	500
3 Fresno Grizzlies	0	2	0	1	22	0
4 Rhode Island Salty Dogs	0	2	0	1	30	0
70+ Cactus Division 1						
1 Mudville 9	2	0	0	4	16	1000
2 Red Deer Legends	2	0	0	4	26	1000
3 Colorado Stars	1	1	0	2	15	500
4 So Cal Dodgers	1	1	0	2	21	500
5 Kansas City A's	1	1	0	2	23	500
6 Aussie Aces	1	1	0	2	30	500
7 Milwaukee Rattlers	0	2	0	0	31	0
8 Cal Vets 2	0	2	0	0	34	0
70+ Cactus Division 2						
1 Tucson Cool Arrows	2	0	0	4	4	1000
2 North County Mudcats	2	0	0	4	12	1000
3 Lehigh Valley Moondogs	1	1	0	2	12	500
4 Paladin	1	1	0	2	18	500
5 Oklahoma Sooners	1	1	0	2	18	500
6 Cal Vets 1	1	1	0	2	30	500
7 Sacramento Pirates	0	1	0	0	34	0
8 PSSBL Aqua Sox	0	1	0	0	53	0
50+ National / Central						
1 Dupage Angels	4	0	0	8	13	1000
2 Mustangs Baseball Club	3	1	0	6	19	667
3 Phoenix Padres	1	1	1	3	14	500
4 San Antonio Bombers	1	1	1	3	17	500
5 Chicago North TSP's	1	2	0	2	22	333
6 Tri Valley Tribute	1	2	0	2	30	333
7 Yonder Travelers	0	3	0	0	28	0
50+ Cactus Division 1						
1 Chicago Pinch Hitters	3	0	0	6	14	1000
2 Arizona Cubs	2	1	0	5	24	667
3 Dallas Spirits	2	1	0	4	28	667
4 Hudson Valley Bears	2	1	0	4	29	667
5 Madison Blues	1	2	0	2	31	333
6 Wine Contry Blue Jays	0	2	0	0	19	0
7 Saskatchewan Sportsmen	0	3	0	0	65	0
50+ Cactus Division 2						
1 Ventura Dodgers	3	0	0	6	15	1000
2 Fresno Hardcor	3	0	0	6	21	1000
3 Connecticut Navigators	2	1	0	4	31	667
4 So Cal Indians	1	2	0	2	30	333
5 Indiana Blue Jays	1	3	0	2	46	250
6 Limeport Milkman	0	4	0	0	59	0
50+ Cactus Division 3						
1 Colorado Springs Thunder	3	0	0	6	14	1000
2 Austin Express	2	1	0	4	22	667
3 Utex Warriors	2	1	0	4	35	667
4 Seattle Steelheads	2	2	0	4	58	500
5 Sonoma County Cubs	1	2	0	2	31	333
6 Sacramento Capitals	1	2	0	2	36	333
7 NSEW Connection	0	3	0	0	39	0
50+ Desert Division						
1 Nationals	3	0	0	6	16	1000
2 Red Deer Legends	2	1	0	4	22	1000
3 Cal Vets	1	2	0	2	51	0
4 Wild Things	0	3	0	0	82	0

50+ National / Central	
Dupage Angels	10
San Antonio Bombers	5
Yonder Travelers	2
Dupage Angels	5
Phoenix Padres	4
Chicago North TSP's	7
Mustangs Baseball Club	13
Tri Valley Tribute	11
50+ Desert Division	
Cal Vets	9
Red Deer Legends	22
Wild Things	3
Nationals	25
Nationals	10
Red Deer Legends	7
Wild Things	15
Cal Vets	24
50+ Cactus Division 1	
Hudson Valley Bears	13
Madison Blues	1
Chicago Pinch Hitters	10
Wine Country Blue Jays	4
Dallas Spirits	33
Saskatchewan Sportsmen	10
Arizona Cubs	13
Dallas Spirits	2
50+ Cactus Division 2	
So Cal Indians	6
Connecticut Navigators	7
Indiana Blue Jays	8
Ventura Dodgers	9
Fresno Hardcor	23
Limeport Milkmen	4
Indiana Blue Jays	9
So Cal Indians	22
Limeport Milkmen	4
Ventura Dodgers	19
50+ Cactus Division 3	
Sacramento Capitals	7
Colorado Springs Thunder	17
Austin Express	19
Seattle Steelheads	0
Seattle Steelheads	16
Sacramento Capitals	12
Austin Express	13
Sonoma County Cubs	10
Utex Warriors	1
Colorado Springs Thunder	19
Sonoma County Cubs	14
NSEW Connection	12

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70+ National / Central

RI Salty Dogs (Cen)	3
Minnesota Bandits (Nat)	16
Sacramento Tribe (Nat)	11
MBI (Cen)	13
Chicago No TSP Fire (Cen)	14
Fresno Grizzlies (Cen)	7

70+ Cactus Division 1

Cal Vets (2)	2
Colorado Stars	13
Kansas City A's	15
Red Deer Legends	17
Mudville 9	19
Aussie Aces	6
So Cal Dodgers	17
Milwaukee Rattlers	6

70+ Cactus Division 2

PSSBL Aqua Sox	0
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	33
North County Mudcats	13
Sacramento Pirates	3
Oklahoma Sooners	10
Paladin	7
Tucson Cool Arrows	20
Cal Vets (1)	10

40+ National Division

AJW White Sox	7
Montebello Angels	5
So Cal Snappers	11
San Jose Bees	4
San Jose Bees	8
AJW White Sox	5

Montebello Angels

Montebello Angels	2
So Cal Snappers	9

40+ Mountain Division

Dust Devils	17
Missouri Stars	7
San Antonio Titans	2
Clancy's Irish	13
Baseball BBQ Forkballers	1
Clancy's Irish	2

San Antonio Titans	11
Dust Devils	3

40+ Central Division

Columbus Spiders	4
Silverton Red Sox	6
BTOP Ballers Baseball	10
Burlington Herd	10
Sacramento Sox	19
Seattle Royals	12

Texas Marauders	4
Virgin Islands Waves	17
Cen Cal Nuts	20
Houston Cyclones	3

Yetis	16
BTOP Ballers Baseball	4
Virgin Islands Waves	12
Sacramento Sox	9
Seattle Royals	11
Texas Marauders	4
#shegone	2
Utah Dodgers	6
Burlington Herd	5
Yetis	7



50+ Cactus Div Madison Blues first baseman, Sean Michael Dargan camps under this high fly ball on the infield yesterday at Tempe Diablo Stadium.



70+ Cactus PSSBL Aqua Sox pitcher, John Jury delivers a pitch yesterday.

40+ National		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	So Cal Snappers	2	0	0	4	16	1000
2	AJW White Sox	1	1	0	2	13	500
3	San Jose Bees	1	1	0	2	16	500
4	Montebello Angels	0	2	0	0	16	0

40+ Mountain Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Clancy's Irish	2	0	0	8	3	1000
2	Dust Devils	1	1	0	2	18	500
3	San Antonio Titans	1	1	0	2	16	500
4	Baseball BBQ Forkballers	0	1	0	0	2	0
5	Missouri Stars	0	1	0	0	17	0

40+ Central Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Yetis	2	0	0	4	9	1000
2	Virgin Island Waves	2	0	0	4	13	1000
3	Utah Dodgers	1	0	0	2	2	1000
4	Cen Cal Nuts	1	0	0	2	3	1000
5	Silverton Red Sox	1	0	0	2	4	1000
6	Seattle Royals	1	1	0	2	23	500
7	Sacramento Sox	1	1	0	2	24	500
8	Burlington Herd	0	1	1	1	17	0
9	BTOP Ballers Baseball	0	1	1	1	26	0
10	#shegone	0	1	0	0	6	0
11	Columbus Spiders	0	1	0	0	6	0
12	Houston Cyclones	0	1	0	0	20	0
13	Texas Marauders	0	2	0	0	28	0

2024 MSBL World Series Dates

Week # 1

50+ Divisions	Sun - Fri	October 13th - 18th	6 games
70+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	October 13th - 19th	5 games
45+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 14th - 19th	6 games
25+ Divisions	Wed - Sun	October 16th - 20th	5 games

Week # 2

55+ Divisions	Sat - Thur	October 19th - 24th	6 games
65+ Divisions	Sat - Fri	October 19th - 25th	5 games
35+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 21st - 26th	6 games
73+ Divisions	Mon - Sun	October 21st - 27th	5 games
Father / Son	Thur - Sun	October 24th - 27th	4 games

Week # 3

75+ Divisions	Sun - Sat	October 27th - Nov 2nd	5 games
40+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 28th - Nov 2nd	6 games
60+ Divisions	Mon - Sat	October 28th - Nov 2nd	6 games

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Parity In The MSBL WS Essential to the tournament's success *(continued from page 1)*

and a place where a regular guy could play with other players with similar baseball abilities. Every team who attends the WS each year gets a scorebook with our rules inside the front cover. Our ex-pro guidelines / requirements are very specific and spelled out in black and white.

So you might ask; how do we identify "illegal players" in a pay to play tournament? Last year we ended the "special exemptions category", meaning - no more waivers would be granted for age or ex pro status.

This year, we are offering 12 separate age divisions, with multiple options for teams of all skill levels. Like the NFL, our goal is to have competitive games, in which both teams have an equal chance to win. Using players whose skill level or age doesn't meet the requirements of the division a team selected to participate in will result in forfeits, suspension or in some cases - expulsion. This is a special time of year for guys who like to play baseball and have been doing it their whole lives. It's easier to conform to the rules than not.

Spotlight On - Vince Overfeldt 70+ Paladin Team *(continued from page 1)*

We go to Arizona to win but we want to have a good time along the way. Winning is good but you have to enjoy yourself. If they agree with our philosophy, they're in." Are there any special person or Paladin moments to share and any people to thank along the way? "The ring we won in 2007 is the highlight of my personal and team World Series career so far. The final out still looks like slow motion in my memory. That is what sticks out. Karl Quebe and Roland Azcuy have been with me and the Paladins since the beginning. They are two of my closest friends. The MSBL regional and national tournaments are great, since you get to play against other teams your age from throughout the country. It's just a great time. Paladin and I look forward to the competition and camaraderie every year. I don't plan on stopping anytime soon."



Lost Baseball Glove found on Tempe 2

The ground crew turned in a baseball glove that they found after the practices on Sunday on Tempe 2. We have this glove in our WS office if your looking for it.





50+ Cactus Division Hudson Valley Bears pitcher, **Damian Padilla** was sharp on the mound yesterday against the Madison Blues .



70+ Cactus Division Sacramento Pirates batter, **Bill Sherbert** connects with this pitch and lifts it over the 2nd baseman for a hit.



50+ Cactus Div Wine County Blue Jays pitcher, **Edgar Vasquez** was on the mound Monday at Tempe Diablo Stadium against Chicago.



50+ Cactus Division Chicago Pinch Hitters batter, **Tedd Projansky** watches this ball run out of steam at the warning track yesterday.



70+ Cactus Division North County Mudcats pitcher, **Barry Mann** picked up the win against the Sacramento Pirates Monday morning.



70+ Cactus Division North County Mudcats batter, **Jack Valentine** gets a good look at this pitch before driving it to left for a base hit.