

DAILY NEWS



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Today's Playoff Game Schedule

45+ American Semi-final

Chicago North TSP's vs Utah Rockies
1:15pm Fitch 3

45+ Cactus Playoffs (round 1)

Bakersfield Heat vs Des Moines Bruins
9:15am Maryvale 6

Sonoma REBL vs Arizona Giants
9:15am Maryvale 7

45+ Cactus (semi-finals)

4 seed vs So Cal Monarchs
1:00pm Maryvale 6

3 seed vs Colt 45's
1:00pm Maryvale 7

60+ National (semi-finals)

Boston Wolfpack vs San Antonio Stars
10:00am Maryvale 4

Envision NW vs Tri Valley Tribute
10:00am Maryvale 5

60+ Cactus Playoffs (round 1)

South Bay Zephyrs vs Mustang Baseball
9:15am Hohokam Stadium

Arizona Stallions vs Motor City Firebirds
9:15am Fitch 1

Saints of Circumstance vs N County Waves
9:15am Fitch 2

Sonoma County vs Vancouver Angels
9:15am Fitch 3

60+ Cactus Playoffs (semi-finals)

4 seed vs 3 seed
1:30pm Fitch 1

3 seed vs 2 seed
1:30pm Fitch 2

60+ Desert Playoffs (round 1)

Cal Vets vs Seattle Rainiers
9:15am Tempe 1

SP Orioles vs Aussie Aces
9:15am Tempe 2

60+ Desert Playoffs (semi-finals)

4 seed vs Red Deer Legends
1:15pm Tempe 1

3 seed vs Racine Blues
1:15pm Tempe 2

75+ Division Playoffs (listed on next page)

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Playoffs Start Today As MSBL WS Winds Down



45+ Division Des Moines Bruins pitcher, **Jon Merrigan** was outstanding during his teams 11-4 (playoff clinching) win over the Minnesota Bruins yesterday at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

No Matter The Age, MSBL Players Enjoy The Game And the Competition!

80+ Exhibition Game Postponed Because Too Many Players Were In the Playoffs
By Tom Prendergast

Regardless of a player's age, the desire to win is always there. This year our WS tournament hosted teams starting with Father and Son divisions (so let's say 16 years old) all the way to our 75+ division. In this division, the minimum age was 75. The medium age for players in this 11 team division was probably closer to 84. Before the tournament began, we had kicked around the idea of an 80 year old exhibition game. We had plenty of guys interested but we had to drop the game when most of the guys who were over 80, were going to be playing in playoff games with their 75 year old teams.

In 1992, we hosted a 50 and over exhibition game (which was met with plenty of skepticism), but several guys came out and played a pretty spirited game. Hey I was 34 at the time and felt like if the old guys wanted to play a game, no problem. Needless to say I'm looking at that a little differently now as a 65 year old player. This is peer group ball. We are still playing against the same guys who were here thirty years ago. We wanted to beat them then and we still want to beat them now. Some things never change. The umpires strike zone is still not consistent and the other team's manager can't understand how many courtesy runners his team gets. But we are still playing baseball. For three hours a day, five days a week, the MSBL WS players are transported back their youth, when playing baseball was a way of life. Our endless summers were spent on a baseball field, and our hopes and dreams were about someday wearing a big league uniform. Who knew we'd still be playing ball at our age!

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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

Today's Playoff Game Schedule

75+ National Semi-final

Tri Valley Antiques vs USA Volkers Group
 9:00am Tempe Diablo Stadium (2 hr - 30 min)

75+ American Semi-finals

Arizona Scorpions vs Team Cambria
 12:00pm Tempe Diablo Stadium (2 hr - 30 min)

San Antonio Sox vs Mudville 9

3:00pm Tempe Diablo Stadium (2 hr - 30 min)

75+ Division Consolation Games

Red Deer Legends vs Canton Captains
 1:30pm Maryvale 5

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75+ National	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Sacramento Solons (N)	5	0	0	10	17	1000
2 USA Volkers (N)	4	1	0	8	25	800
3 Tri Valley Antiques (N)	2	2	0	4	22	500
4 RI/Puerto Rico Cardinals (N)	0	5	0	0	68	0

75+ American	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Team Cambria	5	0	0	10	21	1000
2 Mudville 9	3	1	0	6	19	750
3 San Antonio Sox	3	1	0	6	29	750
4 Arizona Scorpions	1	3	0	2	53	250
5 Canton Captains	1	3	0	2	74	250
6 Red Deer Legends	1	4	0	2	56	200
7 Cal Vets	0	5	0	0	92	0

45+ American Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Sacramento Redbirds	5	1	0	10	38	833
2 Utah Rockies	5	1	0	10	39	833
3 Chicago North TSP's	3	3	0	6	62	500

45+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 So Cal Monarchs	6	0	0	12	16	1000
2 Des Moines Bruins	4	2	0	8	44	667
3 Spokane Cubs	1	5	0	3	64	167
4 Minnesota Bruins	1	5	0	3	91	167
5 East Coast Phillies	0	6	0	1	90	0

45+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Colt 45's	5	1	0	10	39	1000
2 Arizona Giants	3	3	0	7	38	400
3 Sonoma REBL	3	3	0	7	45	500
4 Bakersfield Heat	3	3	0	7	58	500
5 Tucson Nationals	2	4	0	5	64	400
6 OC Dodgers	1	5	0	3	48	167

60+ National / Mountain	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 San Antonio Lonestars	4	2	0	8	29	667
2 Tri Valley Tribute	4	2	0	8	29	667
3 Envision NW Emeralds	4	2	0	8	32	667
4 Boston Wolfpack	4	2	0	8	44	667
5 Team Victory	2	4	0	4	49	333
6 Chicago MAXX Cubs	2	4	0	4	79	333
7 Sacramento Royals	1	5	0	2	57	167

60+ Cactus Division 1	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Mustangs Baseball Club	6	0	0	12	25	1000
2 North County Waves	4	2	0	8	36	667
3 Sonoma County Cardinals	4	2	0	8	53	667
4 Arizona Stallions	3	3	0	6	45	500
5 Las Vegas 60's	1	5	0	2	111	167
6 St Louis Pirates	0	6	0	0	101	0

60+ Cactus Division 2	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Motor City Firebirds	6	0	0	12	43	1000
2 Vancouver Angels	4	2	0	8	62	667
3 AAHS Saints Circumstance	3	3	0	6	55	500
4 South Bay Zephyrs	3	3	0	6	37	500
5 Inland Angels	2	3	1	5	69	400
6 Sacramento Rays	1	4	1	3	56	250
7 AZ/ CT United	1	5	0	2	89	167

60+ Desert Division	W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1 Red Deer Legends	5	1	0	10	41	833
2 Racine Blues	4	1	1	9	53	750
3 Seattle Rainers	4	1	1	9	74	750
4 Aussie Aces	4	2	0	8	50	667
5 SP Orioles	3	3	0	6	65	500
6 Cal Vets	3	3	0	6	65	500
7 Colorado Fossils	3	3	0	6	77	500
8 LA Sharks	2	4	0	4	66	333
9 OKC Classics	1	5	0	2	112	167
10 Bonedogs	0	6	0	0	135	0

45+ American/Cactus	
Chicago North TSP's	16
Tucson Nationals	13
Sonoma REBL	6
OC Dodgers	5
Bakersfield Heat	15
Spokane Cubs	7
East Coast Phillies	5
Utah Rockies	11
Des Moines Bruins	11
Minnesota Bruins	4
Sacramento Redbirds	5
So Cal Monarchs	10
Arizona Giants	13
Colt 45's	3
60+ Cactus 1	
North County Waves	0
Arizona Stallions	10
Sonoma County Cardinals	8
Las Vegas 60's	7
Mustang Baseball Club	22
St Louis Pirates	7
60+ Cactus 2	
Sacramento Rays	2
AZ/CT United	17
Inland Angels	5
AAHS Saints of Circumstance	14
Sacramento Rays	3
Vancouver Angels	16
South Bay Zephyrs	10
Motor City Firebirds	11
60+ Desert	
OKC Classics	2
Aussie Aces	17
Bonedogs	2
SP Orioles	17
Cal Vets	0
Racine Blues	16
LA Sharks	8
Colorado Fossils	16
Red Deer Legends	20
Seattle Rainiers	6
60+ National	
San Antonio Lonestars	5
Boston Wolfpack	11
Envision NW Emeralds	12
Chicago MAXX Cubs	0
San Antonio Lonestars	8
Tri Valley Tribute	4
Team Victory	14
Sacramento Royals	1

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USA Volkers World Series Team Profile

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

Those of us of a certain age have an ever-present fear while competing annually in the MSBL World Series; seeing the USA Volkers from Terre Haute, Indiana filing into the other dugout. I have been there and it is no fun. MSBL World Series Hall of Fame member and Texas resident Billy Jacobs began managing the Volkers in 2014 after many years of playing for San Antonio teams at the World Series. "I began playing in the MSBL World Series in 1992 and have returned every year since," stated Billy. "I have played under several different team names, including the USA Volkers, US Patriots, and the San Antonio Rangers.

I've played mostly shortstop over the 30+ years of MSBL but moved to third about a half dozen years ago. I became a player/manager in 1999 primarily because nobody else wanted the responsibility. 2013 was the last year with the Rangers and was fortunate enough to win a ring. San Antonio had a league rule at that time that you had to play with their league teams in Arizona (World Series) but that changed in 2014 so I took a few players/friends with me and we started to play with Frank Volker and the Volkers."

Added Billy, "I'm especially proud of the fact that our teams have always entered the highest competitive division available over our journey through the 35/40/45/50/55/60/65/70/73 divisions and now the 75+ division for 2023. We've been fortunate to win 12 National tournaments over this time between Phoenix and Las Vegas but the numerous World Series titles truly stand out in retrospect. The most recent World Series championships were all with the USA Volkers. We won the 65+ National division in 2016 and also won the 70+ National division championships in 2018 and 2019, with my co-manager Pat Fynes, and the 73+ National division championships in 2021 and 2022 with co-manager Rick Park. We lost the title in the 2020 Covid year, coming in second to the LA Athletics by a 5-4 score." Billy said that an injury has slowed him down recently so will concentrating on managing the 75s in Arizona, once again with co-manager Rick Park. Some of their best players are only 74 this year and can't come along with Billy and the crew into the upper division so they will be playing for the MBI team in the 73+ National division.

"We would like to defend our 73 championship, but we thought we'd try something new. We are still able to put together a pretty good 75-over team so we'll see what happens. It should be fun! We were also able to secure Dick Fitzgerald as one of our pitchers. He played Triple A with Baltimore and Cincinnati in the mid-50s to 1960 and is 88 years old! His catcher, Ken Combs, is 82. That could be the oldest battery in the history of the World Series." We asked Billy where the name USA Volkers came from. "Back in 2014 we changed the name because there were too few Terre Haute guys who could make it so we had to start recruiting from around the country, just like so many teams down there. The USA in our name represents the fact we cover a lot of area in the United States with our players." In closing, Billy and I were discussing our mutual history of playing in older divisions and I was bemoaning the fact that when I now am looking straight up to catch a pop-up, it represents new challenges. I loved his comeback: "Bright skies and aging eyes!" How true...

Thanks, Billy!

Connecticut Navigators World Series Team Profile

By Steve LaMontia, Director of Communications

Greg Schiendia isn't about World Series championships being the measuring stick of success. He should know. The league president of the Connecticut North MSBL has been going to Arizona for the World Series since 1991 as a member of the Connecticut North team. In 1994 he started the Farmington Savings Bank. From there the Connecticut Navigators were born a few short years later. "I just played at first," explained Greg. "Then I sort of helped him recruit some players and we entered the 30+ division. We teamed up with some players from Alaska. Then in 1995 the Alaska players put their own team together so I went with them. In 1996 I started running the Farmington team and changed the name to the Navigators, which was the name of a Yankee minor league affiliate in Norwich. We have had a Navigator team entered every year since." Greg and the Navigators stayed in the 30-over division until 2002 and then put a second team together to test the competition in the 38+ division. From there the Navigators moved to the 38+ division until 2007 when they entered the 45+ as the guys got older.

In 2013 Greg merged with the local team Jorels and created a 50+ Navigators team and 55+ Jorels team. Greg ran these two teams through 2018. "Since 2019 we have had three teams, the 50+ Connecticut Navigators, 55+ Connecticut Jorels, and the 60+ AZ/CT United. In 2022 Rob Kandro took over the 50+ CT Navigators and Greg is now running the 55+ and 60+ teams. Shaun Wyman has created a 35+ Connecticut Navigators younger team and they will soon be merged with the others as we all get older." Greg added, "We made the playoffs occasionally but hadn't won until we teamed up with Michael Dimino from Arizona and fellow Arizona players in 2019 and in 2020 we won the 60+ Cactus championship. That was the CT/AZ United team and we're still out there competing. Then in 2021 the 50+ Navigators won the Desert Division championship. Previously our best finishes were getting beaten in the finals, reaching the final-four a couple of times, but we did make the playoffs a lot."

I asked Greg if he had a favorite memory. "The most memorable is the first year. We were a bunch of naïve kids in 1991 but went 5-1 and lost in the first round of playoffs. We were hooked. I even hit .500 that year!" Greg was quick to mention a journey like this is not achieved alone. "Dave Sacco has been my right-hand man since 1994 and John Bennett was essential in the early years. John unfortunately has passed away. Michael Dimino is our Arizona connection on the CT/AZ United team and also helps run things. Also, I need to send a shout-out to some longtime players who have been going to Arizona as Navigators for many, many years: Dave Sacco, Paul Sciano, Steve Roberts, Jon Beady, Chris Loughlin, Matt Ryan, Jorge Torres, Michael Dimino, Greg Price, Glenn Klare, Steve Needleman, and Rob Kandro. We wouldn't be nearly as successful without these wonderful players and great friends."



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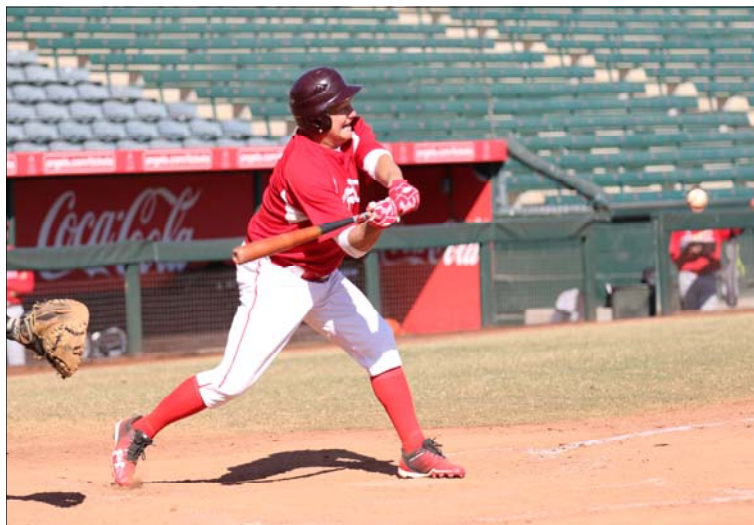
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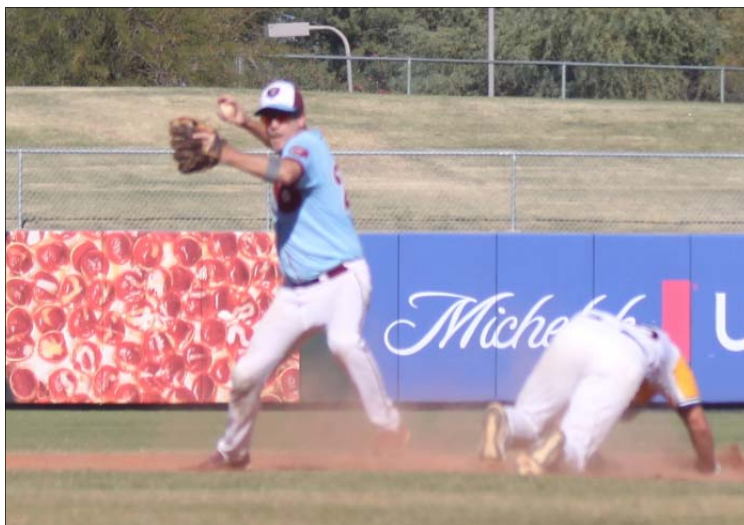
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75+ Division San Antonio Sox batter, **Tory Cory** gets a bead on this pitch during his teams game with the Rhode Island / PR Cardinals.



45+ Minnesota Bruins shortstop, **Brett Hughes** makes this double play look easy during his teams game at Tempe Diablo Stadium.



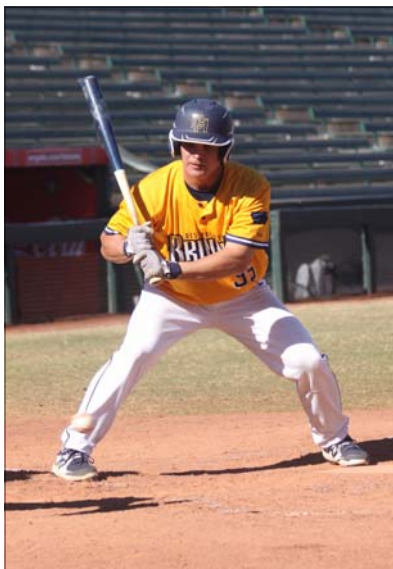
45+ Minnesota Bruins batter, **Dave Lehto** gets a good look at this pitch and singles to right during yesterday's game with Des Moines.



75+ Division San Antonio Red Sox pitcher, **Skip Bradley** delivers a pitch to the plate in his teams 10-5 victory over the RI / PR Cards.

75+ Division

Cal Vets	6
Team Cambria	19
RI / Puerto Rico Cardinals (Nat)	5
San Antonio Sox	10
USA Volkers (Nat)	21
Canton Captains	1
Red Deer Legends	2
Sacramento Solons (Nat)	12
Tri Valley Antiques (Nat)	16
Arizona Scorpions	1



45+ Bruins batter, **Brian Schueller** watches ball four, low and inside.



75+ Rhode Island / Puerto Rico Cardinals pitcher, **Angel Claudio** shows a high leg kick delivery in his teams game with San Antonio.

Keep up to date on what's happening at the MSBL / MABL WS!