

DAILY NEWS



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Today's Championship Games**73+ National Championship**

MBI vs LA Athletics
9:00am Autry 1

73+ American Championship

TSP Fire vs Tucson Oldtimers
9:00am Autry 2

F/S National Championship

Charros vs Sacramento Capitals
9:00am Goodyear Stadium

F/S American Championship

Tabu vs San Diego Legends
12:45pm Goodyear Stadium

F/S Cactus Championship

Maine Diamond Dogs vs Blue Dogs
9:00am Tempe Diablo Stadium

F/S Desert Championship

Utah Pelicans vs Utah BSD
1:00pm Tempe Diablo Stadium

F/S Zona Championship

Utah Yutes vs Heritage Baseball
10:00am Tempe 1

Note - all of today's championship games are 9 innings - with no time limit

Era of the Heavy Bat: Heavy versus Light

By Ron 'The Grizz' Williams, Sacramento MSBL



(Editor's note) Ron Williams is a Sacramento MSBL and MSBL World Series institution. He has more rings than Saturn, and I can personally attest that he is one of the toughest outs I face in Arizona from 60 feet away. Sacramento League President Alan Van Ness sent us this story that Ron took the time to share. Alan also included a personal introduction as a way of introducing you to the Sacramento legend.

"Ron "Grizz" Williams is a longtime SMSBL Board Member and Sacramento HOF, said Van Ness. "This year at the MSBL World Series, he is playing in the 73+, 75+ and 80 divisions,

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Father and Son WS Play Wraps Up Today!



35+ Cactus Seattle Ravens pitcher, Kyle Conwell picked up the championship game victory
Following is an excerpt from 'A Whole New Ballgame,' as written this past summer by **Barbara Barreille** from the **Saturday Evening Post**.

"I never dreamed [the league] would get to where it is today, but I am so gratified at the mark it has left on tens of thousands of players across the country," **Steve Sigler, MSBL Founder and President June 26, 2025...Thwack! Thwack! Thwack!** Players running from base to base, dodging tags, diving into home plate. Spectators shouting, chanting, cheering, and occasionally jeering. The sights and sounds of summer. Lazy sunny days spent at the ballpark that we never want to end. Growing up, **Steve Sigler** played baseball in high school and college and then switched to softball, but grew tired of the game. In 1985, he was coaching his sons' **Long Island Little League** team when he organized a game for Little League fathers. That one game, he says, "ignited the spark to play baseball again." In 1988, **Sigler** founded the **MSBL**, which he ran out of his Long Island home, to provide an opportunity for adults eager to get back in the game, stay in shape, and enjoy the camaraderie of a team. What began as four teams has grown into a national organization, with 3,200 teams, 325 local affiliates, and almost 50,000 members who play in leagues across the country. **MSBL** is a serious sports league with structure, dedicated managers, uniforms, tournaments, travel, fans, stadiums, drafts, and a **World Series**. And, yes, rings — and they are enormous! The World Series rings are big, shiny, jewel-encrusted rings much like those given to the pros in the Big Leagues.

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35+ Cactus Championship

Seattle Ravens	10
Houston Gamblers	6

80+ Division Championship

Sacramento Solons	17
South Dakota Rushmores	6

80+ Consolation Game

San Antonio Red Sox	25
80 Vets	3

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while here at home, he plays in our Golden 60+ League. I don't have enough time to list how valuable this guy is to SMSBL. It's people like Grizz that make me continue to run this league. He is a long-time Sacramento Solon down in Arizona. He is one incredible person and does so much for so many others. I am proud to call him an SMSBL Board Member and player here in Sacramento." Alan Van Ness

Is the era of the heavy bat gone or is it still here? We still have some die-hards out here that will not give up the heavy bat. The Babe is the first name that comes to mind when heavy bats come up in conversation. Our hero back in the days of growing up was the Babe, even though we never got the chance to see him play. We grew up with Mantle, Mays, and McCovey but the king was still the Babe. Anytime we had a chance to use a big bat we were the Babe! The old timers were and still are our heroes in this wonderful game of baseball. I get kidded a lot about my bat, but there's nothing better than the feeling of the ball flying off the barrel of that tree trunk when you connect.

My heavy bat era started about fifteen years ago. My friend and fellow teammate, Billy Clause, came to me and handed me a 34×40 ounce bat and said "This is way too heavy for me. I cannot use it. Do you want to try it?" I used the bat the next time up and hit a double, so I decided to keep using it. I used the bat for about four years.

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35+ Cactus Semi-finals

Seattle Ravens	15
Long Island Twins	7
Houston Gamblers	3
Minnoka Grays	1
73+ American Semi-finals	
Tucson Oldtimers	9
Red Deer Legends	8
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	0
TSP Fire	0
80+ Division Championship	
Sacramento Solons	17
South Dakota Rushmores	6
80+ Division Consolation	
San Antonio Red Sox	25
80 Vets	3
F/S National Semi-finals	
Arizona Wolves	0
Charros	9
F/S American Semi-finals	
TABU	3
Rhode Island Red Sox	2
F/S Cactus Playoffs	
Blue Dogs	14
Lehigh Valley Moondogs	9
Albuquerque Pirates	9
Pro Bat Yankees	21
Terre Haute Volkers	10
Maine Diamond Dogs	13
The Tides	11
OC Scorpions	6
F/S Cactus Semi-finals	
Blue Dogs	11
Pro Bat Yankees	9
The Tides	5
Maine Diamond Dogs	11

F/S Desert Playoffs

Utah Pelicans	17
Colorado Springs Thunder	3
Utah BSD	15
Team Guam	3
Las Vegas	12
Tri Valley Giants	22
Texerado Hackers	7
Chicago North TSP's	13
F/S Desert Semi-finals	
Utah BSD	10
Tri Valley Giants	9
Utah Pelicans	21
Chicago North TSP's	2
F/S Zona Semi-finals	
Heritage Baseball	21
Underhill Mavericks	3
Utah Yutes	11
Aussie Aces	2



35+ Cactus Houston Gamblers batter, **Jimmy Rivera** delivers a clutch rbi single yesterday.

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35+ Cactus Houston Gamblers pitcher, **Colter Zoch** delivers a pitch to the plate yesterday.



35+ Cactus Seattle Ravens batter **Joe Clancy** gets an rbi base hit..

A Whole New Ballgame (from the Saturday Evening Post) continued from page 1

The **MSBL World Series** takes place in **Arizona** over three weeks every fall, when 6,000 men and their wives, children, grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and fans descend on **Phoenix**, **Scottsdale**, **Tempe**, and **Mesa**. Teams take over the spring training fields that Major League Baseball won't start using until February. The MSBL motto is "don't go soft, play hardball," and, at 76 years old, Sigler is still playing baseball, although he's so busy building the league that he usually just finds time to play in the World Series in Arizona. "Last year, I played a father/son tournament with my son **Brian** and grandson **Wesley**," Sigler says. "I never dreamed [the league] would get to where it is today, but I am so gratified at the mark it has left on tens of thousands of players across the country." "The 80+ divisions started as a one-game exhibition, and we will have six teams for 2025," he points out. "The passion these players have for the game and each other is unmatched."

F/S National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Sacramento Capitals	4	0	0	8	13	1000
2	Charros	4	0	0	8	22	1000
3	Arizona Wolves	2	2	0	4	31	500
F/S American Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
4	San Diego Legends	2	2	0	4	35	500
5	TABU	2	2	0	4	47	500
6	Rhode Island Red Sox	1	3	0	2	35	250
7	Sacramento Dirtbags	1	3	0	2	31	250
8	3n2 Rangers	0	3	0	0	40	0
F/S Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Blue Dogs	4	0	0	8	11	1000
2	Terre Haute Volkers	3	1	0	6	29	750
3	OC Scorpions	2	2	0	4	32	500
4	Pro Bat Yankees	2	2	0	4	35	500
5	Kansas City A's	1	3	0	2	22	250
6	Antelope Valley Dodgers	0	4	0	0	58	0
F/S Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Albuquerque Pirates	4	0	0	8	29	1000
2	The Tides	4	0	0	8	40	1000
3	Maine Diamond Dogs	3	1	0	6	21	750
4	Lehigh Valley Moondogs	2	2	0	4	39	500
5	Hammerheads	1	3	0	2	55	250
6	Midwest Marauders	0	4	0	0	45	0
7	Cal Tex Reds	0	4	0	0	67	0
F/S Desert Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Utah Pelicans	3	1	0	6	36	750
2	Las Vegas	2	2	0	4	22	500
3	Chicago North TSP's	2	2	0	4	27	500
4	Team Guam	2	2	0	4	29	500
5	Colorado Norseman	2	2	0	4	40	500
6	Seattle Rainiers	1	3	0	2	37	250
F/S Desert Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Utah BSD	4	0	0	8	11	1000
2	Texarado Hackers	3	1	0	6	34	750
3	Tri Valley Giants	2	2	0	4	31	500
4	Colorado Springs Bigfoot	2	2	0	4	31	500
5	Yonder Travelers	1	3	0	2	31	250
6	The Northern Knights	0	4	0	0	79	0
F/S Zona Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Heritage Baseball	3	0	1	5	11	875
2	Utah Yutes	3	0	1	5	13	875
3	Underhill Mavericks	1	3	0	2	82	250
4	Aussie Aces	0	4	0	0	46	0

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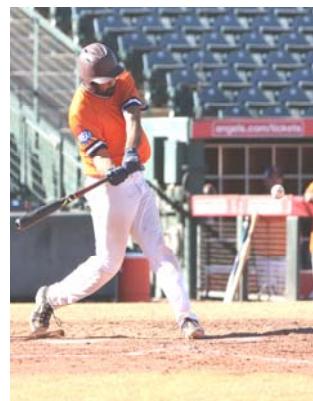
In our local leagues, I have found only one other person that swings a bat close to mine. His name is Zach Jones, and he swings a 40 oz bat. Zach is a good player and hitter. He plays for Denny Brown in the Tri Valley league in the Bay Area, and he can slap that 40 oz. into some unpredictable places for sure.

As I said, my bat is a 34×46 oz bat with a 1 1/4" handle, and the barrel is 2 3/4". I use this bat for batting left-handed. My right-handed bat is a 36x38oz made by Axis Bat Company, a Ryan Kalish maple

35+ Cactus Division 1		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Seattle Ravens	6	0	0	12	25	1000
2	Minnoka Grays	5	1	0	10	37	833
3	Oakland Oaks	5	1	0	10	31	833
4	Chicago Cyclones	3	3	0	6	42	500
5	Utah Blues	3	3	0	6	61	500
6	Liga Del Oeste	3	3	0	6	66	500
7	Sonoma County Rebels	2	4	0	4	48	333
8	San Antonio River Bums	0	6	0	0	72	0
9	Arizona Rebels	0	6	0	0	91	0
35+ Cactus Division 2		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Houston Gamblers	6	0	0	12	34	1000
2	Long Island Twins	4	2	0	8	36	667
3	USA Biscuits	4	2	0	8	45	667
4	Arizona Heat	4	2	0	8	48	667
5	Tucson White Sox	3	3	0	6	50	500
6	Sonoma County Diamondbacks	2	4	0	4	45	333
7	San Diego Brewers	2	4	0	4	61	333
8	Nuevo Mexico Conquistadores	2	4	0	4	68	333
9	Connecticut Navigators	0	6	0	0	70	0
73+ National Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	LA Athletics (National)	5	1	0	10	19	833
2	MBI (National)	4	1	0	8	39	800
3	Sacramento Solons (National)	3	2	0	6	37	600
73+ American Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Tucson Old Timers	4	1	0	9	31	800
2	Rhode Island Salty Dogs	4	1	0	9	49	800
3	TSP Fire	4	1	0	8	29	800
4	Red Deer Legends	3	2	0	7	56	600
5	PSSBL Aqua Sox	2	3	0	5	45	400
6	So Cal Dodgers	2	3	0	4	38	400
7	Virgin Island Reds	1	4	0	3	83	200
8	Fresno Grizzlies	1	4	0	3	58	200
9	Lehigh Valley Moondogs	0	5	0	1	74	0
10	73 Vets	0	5	0	1	82	0
80+ Division		W	L	T	Pts	RA	Win %
1	Sacramento Solons	2	1	0	4	12	667
2	South Dakota Rushmores	2	1	0	4	15	667
3	San Antonio Red Sox	2	1	0	4	17	667
4	80 Vets	0	3	0	0	28	0



35+ Seattle Ravens 1st baseman, DJ Penick camps under this popup.



35+ Cactus Div Houston Gamblers batter, Matt Reeder drills this pitch into the left center field gap.

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model. Studies show that doubling the mass of the bat increases the velocity of the ball leaving the surface of the bat @ 12 MPH faster. The umpires make jokes about me using my kitchen table legs to play baseball and putting them back on the table when I get home! Like all baseball players, we want to play this game as long as we can with pride and integrity. We play against friends and familiar faces every year, and even newer faces every year. We want to play baseball more than anything else, and anytime we can. Our hearts and souls are definitely afflicted with this great disease. Lanny Ropke said he even had a 50-ounce bat! Yep, you guessed it! My 46-ounce was getting tired and needed a few repairs, so I told Ropke to let me try the 50. I now swing a 50-ounce bat and it seems to be working just fine. The boys call it *The Grizz Bat*. The only thing I love more in life than baseball is my wife and kids, although that can be quite a race sometimes! I also want to convey a huge thank you to MSBL and the Sacramento MSBL for making it possible for us old timers and younger guys to come out and play this thing we call baseball.



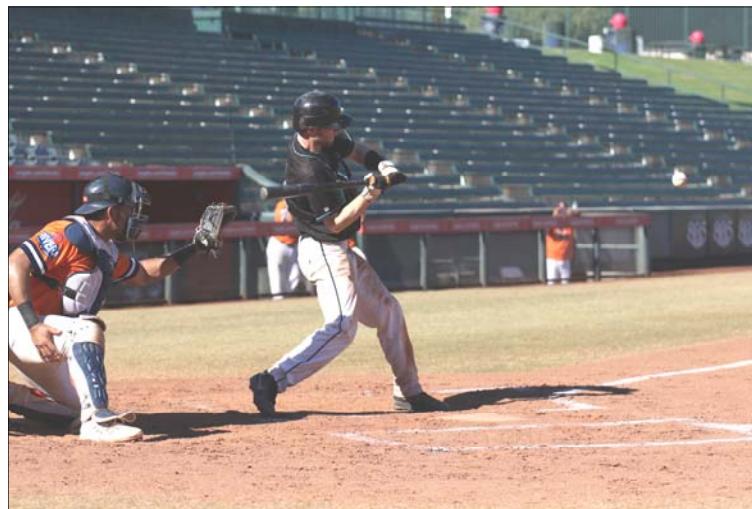
35+ Cactus Champions - Seattle Ravens



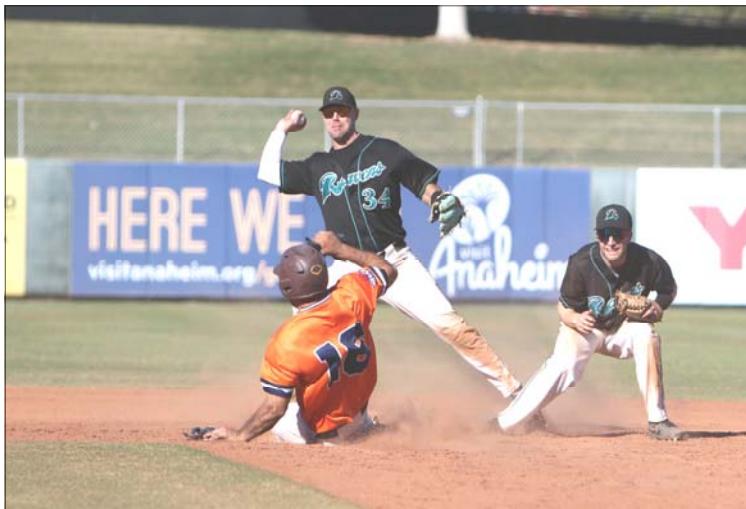
73+ Chicago Fire 2nd baseman,
Dan Drake records a force out
yesterday. Photo Diane Rovner



80+ National Champions - Sacramento Solons



35+ Cactus Seattle Ravens batter, **Kellen Dalrymple** gets a good
look at this pitch before driving it to left field for a standup double.



35+ Cactus Seattle Ravens shortstop, **Shane Kessell** doubles up
Houston Gamblers runner, **Roy Pena** during yesterday's game.