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AROUND THE BASEBALL PATH

From our Commissioner

Four more weeks to the conclusion of the summer regular season and the divisional races are starting to heat up! On the Maryland side, the Brewers are leading the pack with only one loss and the Pirates and Angels are right on their heels with only two losses each. There is also a dogfight between the Royals, Red Sox and Vince & Dominic's. On the Virginia side excluding the Senators with an unblemished record (12-0), the rest of the teams, Mudhen's A's, Cubs, Rebels and Braves, are all in a tight race for second place. The final games of the regular season are slated for August 25, barring any rain-outs. The post-season playoffs will start on Tuesday, August 27. This year the format for the tournament will have a qualifying round for the 9th and 9th place teams in each division, i.e., 8Nd vs. 9Va, 8Va vs. 9Md. The two winners will advance to the opening round of the 16 team tournament. From there, it will be a single elimination tournament with the championship game slated for Sunday, September 15th.

Besides all of the divisional races going on during the month of August, the league is in the planning stages for scheduling the Fall League. Any team interested in playing in the Fall league, please contact Larry Lombardi ASAP! The Fall League will commence on Wednesday, September 12th and end on Wednesday, October 30th with the All-Star game. Each team in the Fall League will play 6 games. The games will be played on either a Wednesday or Thursday night with a possibility of a Saturday game if the league

cannot schedule enough fields during the week. The estimated cost for the Fall League is \$25.00 per player. Further information and schedules will be provided to the managers before the end of August.

One final note: The Fourth Annual MSBL World Series will be held from November 4th - November 9th in Tempe, Arizona. A detail package will be given to each manager before the end of August to distribute among their players. The entry fee per player is \$144. After September 15th, the fee rises to \$155 and any fees received after that date is \$165. Over 110 teams are expected to participate this year. This year, the Soviet Union is sending a team in the 30-39 A National Division, which will be comprised mainly of their 1992 Olympic team players (their ages are 19-30). This year, as in the previous years, we are having players submit a \$25 deposit by Tuesday, September 3rd to our treasurer, Roger Stanley. We need to have a commitment early because of a few factors, i.e., selecting the teams for each division, uniforms to be ordered, airline and hotel reservations.

Since Washington is the capital of the free world, our 30-39 A team has been scheduled to play in the same division as the Soviets (see Matt Cary's article). It is imperative that we send a competitive team, i.e., at least have a 4-5 bonafide pitchers!, if we are going to be competitive playing the Soviets and the other teams in the 30-39A division. Also, the cable network Sports Channel America will be taping the 40 & Over A division championship game on Saturday, November 9th and it will be televised

nationally by all its affiliates and to SCA's 15 million subscribers on Saturday, November 15th, from 3PM-6PM!

WORLD SERIES ALERT!!!

If you're going to the World Series in Tempe we need a commitment - Send a \$25.00 deposit to our treasurer - Roger Stanley no later than September 3rd to reserve your spot on the roster.

BANQUET CORRECTION

Our July newsletter stated the awards banquet would be held in August - OOPS! it was supposed to be November (after the World Series) - we will let you know the date in NOVEMBER shortly.

SPONSOR'S DUGOUT

We managed to miss mentioning a sponsor last month! The Mudhens are sponsored by **OLSON PHOTOGRAPHY** which specializes in Team and Group Photographs. They can be reached by calling Jim Olson at (703)830-4544. If you have any thoughts of a Team Picture give them a try.

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TEAM TRIVIA

Each month this column will feature some facts about the various teams in our league (manager: don't forget to send something in).

MUDHENS - This is the first year for the Mudhens in our league and are in the Virginia Division - Team Manager, Jim Harris reports that Robert Trewiler has 4 wins and no losses with 31 K's in 33 2/3 innings of pitching. Their leading hitters are:

Chris Lutz	583 avg.
Duane Willoughby	513 avg.
Dave Prokop	487 avg.

BREWERS - In their second year of play, coming off an exciting first year in which they edged out many formidable opponents in the playoffs.

The 1990 champions are a cohesive team comprised of players from many and varied backgrounds. Don Cooper is an active duty Air-Force Master Sergeant stationed at Andrews AFB, who lives in Southern Maryland. Also from that area are Glen De Vinney, Karl Hinshaw and John Dunlap. Glenn, a veteran bricklayer, holds a third degree black belt and taught Karate at his own school. Karl Hinshaw, who owns a real estate office found out about the league selling a house to Don Cooper. John Dunlap, a building manager, humiliates fellow teammates at the annual Brewer Golf Outing with his scratch performances. Residing in Rockville are Roger Hansen and John Kelly. John, a printing manager, joined the Brewers this year and has played more positions than anyone. Roger is a computer programmer for the Treasury Department and leads the team in pitching. Current batting leaders Scott Martin, Paul Kelleher, and Ken Kropkowski are all Naval Academy grads who have Navy experience riding submarines, airplanes and aircraft carriers. Gary Mona, a well known business owner, is a new addition to the Brewer attack this year. Greg Henegar, a fellow scratch golfer, and Dan Marinelli are computer analyst for the NASA Goddard Space Center in Beltsville. Bruce Palmer, a DOD program director holds the astute honor of being the most experienced player on

the team. Finally the only player who has won the league championship each year of existence is a computer software salesman in Baltimore. the answer to this trivial comment is Stewart Wright.

The Brewers don't limit their enthusiasm to between the white lines. this year they sold more raffle tickets, 20%, than any other club with Tammy and Gary Mona leading the effort. The team hosts a family picnic annually, featuring games, food, drink and awards. John Dunlap organizes the annual Brewer Golf Outing allowing many of the players utilization of the entire course. Glenn De Vinney got the most swings for his greens fee last year.

This team has squeaked its way into first place in the Maryland division as of the end of July beating the Pirates 4-3 after suffering a lop-sided loss earlier in the year. They hope to again finish at the top of the heap, but realize in this very competitive division they have too many games left to think about championships.

PRESIDENT'S PRESS BOX

From your MD/DC President

Congratulations to the Washington MSBL All-Star Team that participated in the LONG ISLAND MSBL REGIONAL TOURNAMENT JULY 4-7, 1991. 19 players from the Maryland/D.C. and Virginia divisions made the trip to Plainview, New York. The Team played excellent defense and there were stellar pitching performances from Dan Huber of the Senators, Pete Gerrity of the Pirates and Matt Cary of the Royals. In the first game, Dan Huber of the Senators pitched a 3 hitter and struck out 12 batters in leading the Washington Team to a 2 to 1 victory over a very talented Syracuse, N.Y. club. The Washington Metro All Stars came up short in their next two games losing 5 to 4 in 12 innings to Sussex County, New Jersey and 5 to 0 to the Long Island Athletics who eventually won the Tournament. Lack of hitting hurt the Washington team and kept them from winning this very good tournament, Matt Cary was the Manager and Jim Beck was the Assistant Manager. The following players participated: Craig Bauroth (Angels), Tom Cardamone (Dukes) Matt Cary (Royals), John Crow (Senators), Dan

Florio (Vince & Dom.), Louis Evans (Astros), Pete Gerrity (Pirates), Dan Huber (Senators), Howie Markowitz (Red Sox), Phil Martin (Red Sox), Ray Morley (Knights), Bruce Palmer (Brewers), Jonathan Price (Cubs), Paul Ramos (A's), Barry Robinson (Knights), Bill Selby (Red Sox), Bill Wolle (Dukes), John Zendarski (Dukes), and Jim Beck (Braves). Steve Sigler, President MSBL International, complimented the Washington Metro Team as being the best he had seen over the last three years in tournament play. Let's hope these guys go to Arizona.

On July 13th & 14th, I traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana to observe the visiting Soviet baseball team from the Tiraspol region of the Ukraine in Russia. The event was part of a Soviet/American Baseball Exchange and covered 3 days in which the Soviet team made up of players ranging in age from 19 to 34 played the Indianapolis MSBL. The Soviet team won all three games with good pitching, reliable defense and many stolen bases. Steve Sigler and representatives from Kansas City, Missouri and the Cincinnati, Ohio MSBL's were also observing the Soviet Team. The purpose of the trip was to secure the selection of Washington, D.C. as one of the MSBL cities to be included in next year's tour of Eastern and MidWest cities. The Soviet Team will play 3 games in each city selected and would most likely play against an all-star group from our league. Time would be made available for cultural and social exchange with the Russian players through several receptions being planned. Potential field sites being considered for the end of July visit in 1992 include George Mason University Baseball facility, Prince William Stadium, and a final game at RFK Stadium. Steve Sigler was pleased with the Washington Metro proposal and indicated approval of our application as one of the sponsoring cities. More news about this exciting event will appear as plans progress with approval of the MSBL Board of Directors. In addition, the Soviet National Team will be participating in the MSBL World Series in Phoenix, Arizona November 4th to the 10th and will play in the 30-39 A Division bracket. This should definitely encourage the following pitchers from the

Washington Metro division to participate in the World Series. They are Al Owens, Pete Gerrity and Opie Dimock of the Pirates, Dan Huber of the Senators, Paul Kelleher and Roger Hanson of the Brewers and definitely Mark Johnson of the Angels.

NAME THAT NEWS LETTER

You might notice that our news letter has a name "HARDBALL TIMES" - this was suggested by Jim Harris, Manager of the Mudhens. In fact, it was the only suggestion so Jim's was used - with all of the creative play calling and arguments from the managers during the games we were sure there would be hundreds.

PUBLICITY???

So far we have received 0 copies of write ups since the last news letter - does that mean the press has forgotten about us? If anyone out there is interested in helping with media relations let us know, we stand a much better chance of getting fields, sponsors, etc. if there is some MSBL name recognition in our area.

BB TRIVIA

By: Jim Beck

(1) Who's place did Lou Gehrig take when he started his consecutive game streak (he never came back)?

(2) When Babe Ruth when to the Yankees from Boston, who's spot did he take?

SCORES AND STANDINGS

Winning Managers need to call scores in to Roger Stanley's Voice Mail System (202) 296-1770 the day following the game. He is going to attempt to provide standings each week in this mail system by Wednesday of that week - Once you have called and hear the initial message press 200 on your touch tone key pad to access that part of the mail system. If you have any articles you would like included in the news letter, that number also has the ability to receive a fax.

STANDINGS & STATS

MARYLAND/

<u>DC</u>	WON	LOST
Brewers	11	1
Angels	11	2
Pirates	10	2
Red Sox	7	5
Cacklers	7	6
Royals	7	6
Candance	5	9
Astros	3	12
Yankees	2	9
<u>VIRGINIA</u>	WON	LOST
Senators	12	0
Athletics	8	6
Mudhens	7	6
Braves	6	6
Rebels	5	5
Cubs	6	9
Dukes	4	9
Knights	2	9
Orioles	1	12

PITCHING

While not all teams have reported their winning pitchers, the leaders that have been reported are:

WITH 7 WINS

Al Owens - Pirates

WITH 6 WINS

Roger Hansen -Brewers

Dan Huber - Senators

AND THE OLDEST WINNER

Dave Wheeler - Dukes (age 52)

A SPECIAL THANKS

Our local MSBL logo (patches and upper right hand corner of page 1 of this news letter) was designed by Kurt Mulholland (Candance). Kurt also provided the graphic of the logo for the news letter.

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Send your articles, suggestions, copies of press, requests for advertising, etc. to:

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LAST MONTHS TRIVIA ANSWERS

(1) Homerun Baker hit 12 home runs and the answer can be found on the 1955 Bowman Cards.

(2) Gavy Cravath.

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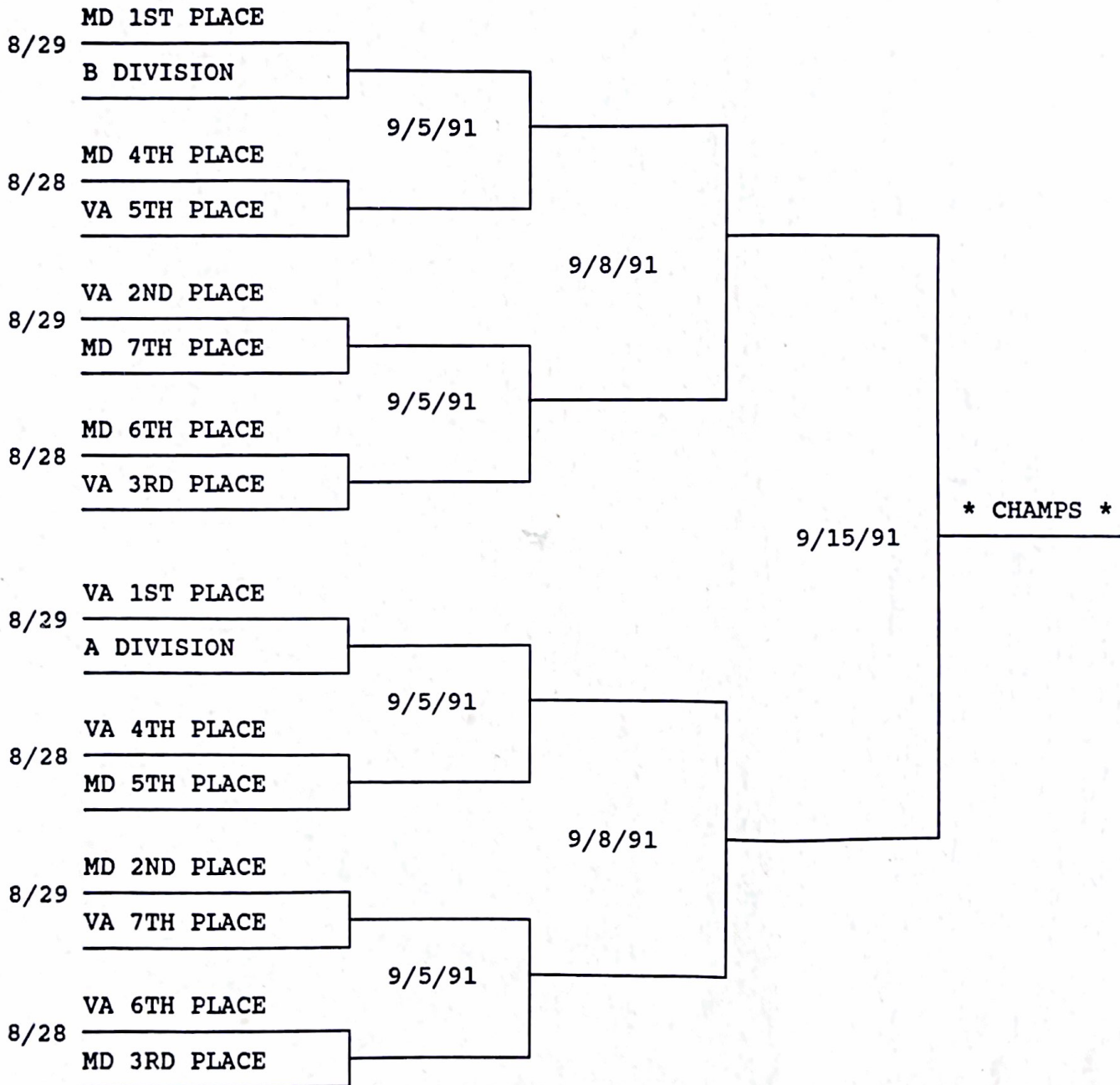
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