

## 2005 MSBL/MABL Season Recap Questionnaire

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### 1. FINAL STANDINGS PRIOR TO PLAYOFFS

DIVISION	W	L	T
Open			
1 Barons	19	6	1
2 Double C Bucks	19	6	1
3 Pirates	16	10	0
4 Colt 45s	13	11	2
5 Yankees	8	18	0
6 Orioles/Indians	3	23	0
7			
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9			
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DIVISION 28+ National	W	L	T
1 M&W Energy Giants	21	5	1
2 Rangers	20	6	1
3 Yankees	14	2	2
4 CareerBuilder.com Orioles	14	13	1
5 Red Sox	13	14	1
6 Cubs	9	19	0
7			
8			
9			
10			

DIVISION 28+ American	W	L	T
1 Cardinals	17	6	1
2 Premier Health Indians	14	8	1
3 Rangers	12	11	1
4 Athletics	11	13	0
5 Cort Furniture Pirates	7	17	1
6 Astros	7	17	0
7 Phillies	1	23	0
8			
9			
10			

DIVISION 38+	W	L	T
1 Diamondbacks	16	2	0
2 Caribeños	15	3	0
3 Akibia Blue Stars	9	9	0
4 Phillies	8	10	0
5 Angels	5	12	1
6 Cubs	5	12	1
7 Athletics	4	14	0
8			
9			
10			

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II. 2005 League Championship Game Results (if your league had more than 4 championship games, copy this form).

DIVISION Open	R	H	E
Barons	9	13	0
Double C Bucs	8	14	0

WP: Michael McGowan LP: Scott Ralph HR: None

DIVISION 28+ National	R	H	E
M&W Energy Giants	6	10	1
Yankees	4	6	1

WP: Rick Clough LP: Frank McClendon HR: John Mahalik (1)

DIVISION 28+ American	R	H	E
Cardinals	12	14	0
Rangers	8	9	0

DIVISION 38+	R	H	E
Caribeños	8	9	0
Diamondbacks	0	0	0

WP: Bobby Newton LP: Doug Doyle

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III. 2005 Statistical Leaders (do not List more than three players per category). Use full names, and check spellings.

Name of Division: Open

HR: Travis Hitzeman, Double C Bucks, 8

Wins: Todd Kinney, Double C Bucks; Travis Arbogast, Barons; Shawn Onley, Pirates, 8

Name of Division: 28+ National

HR Bill Hanley, CareerBuilder.com Orioles, 6

Wins: Eddie Tatum, Rangers, 10

Name of Division: 28+ American

HR: Gabe Friare, Athletics; Adam Levine, Cort Furniture Pirates; Scott Wambsganss, Cardinals; Garrett Ferguson, Cort Furniture Pirates; Jeff Anderson, Rangers; Allan Tritt, Rangers, 2

Wins: Kevin Simmons, Premier Health Indians, 6

Name of Division: 38+

HR: Jim Kronk, Caribeños, 3

Wins: Rick Tudor, Phillies & Jim Lee Caribeños, 8

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#### IV. 2005 Season Highlights

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#### IV. 2005 Season Highlights *(Type here, or type separately and attach to form)*

2005 Marked another year of change for the NTMSBL. The 38+ Division had its strongest competition to date and is poised for growth in 2006. Furthermore, the league is pondering adopting the newest trend in amateur baseball forming 25+, 35+ and 45+ Divisions, which points to even more change and more realignment. Also in 2005, the NTMSBL has officially merged with Irving Men's Baseball and Arlington MSBL and continues to align itself with other area amateur leagues as the Texas Collegiate league and growing Independent League franchises encroach on the player pool.

NTMSBL continues to set the standard for MSBL Community Relations efforts completing another year where it raised thousands of dollars for the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF) through its Annual PCF Golf Tourney but also teaming up with the Texas Rangers and Major League Baseball to raise nearly \$30K for Habitat for Humanity. The reward: many NTMSBL players realized a dream of playing in a Major League Stadium in front of their families.

League competition continues to intensify. Dating back to the 2004 World Series, NTMSBL member teams produced two World Series Champions and two Texas Cup Champions further emphasizing their prominence in the MSBL.

In 2005 Division play, the elite Open Division, the Dallas Barons won their 2nd title in the last four years. The Barons edged the Dallas Bucks in the third and deciding game of an incredibly exciting championship series 9-8. They finished the season with a 23-7-1 record, the best in the league. The Barons were led by a number of veterans including long time player and first year manager James Gardner. Offensive leaders throughout the year included Scott MacArthur (.481), Brent Huddleston (.409), Mike Cohen (.368) and Dave DePaul (.357). Pitching was a key to the Barons success in 2005 and their staff was deep with both veterans and newcomers. Veterans Travis Arbogast and Dave Balcer had 9 and 4 wins respectively while newcomer Pete Terrana and second year star Robbie Estill combined for 7 wins, 100 IP and a combined ERA of less than 1.50. In the championship series, two veteran Barons, Jake Bade and Brad Bevill had pivotal performances. The SS/2B duo both excelled at the plate and made outstanding defensive plays leading the team to the title.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, the M&W Energy Giants swept their playoff opponents in winning the 28-National Division of the North Texas MSBL. In the championship game, Rick Clough went all 9 innings in picking up the win. John Mahalik had a big 2 run home run in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning to put the Giants ahead for good in the 6-4 victory over the Yankees. Troy Haugen paced the offense with 3 hits and 4 stolen bases, while picking up Giant playoff MVP honors. In the semi final championship game, Troy went 5-5 with 2 home runs, driving in 9 runs. One of the home runs was a grand slam. He also played outstanding defense from his shortstop position during the playoffs. "Manager Rick Clough said afterward, " Troy was an animal out there with his base stealing and stick." Regular season MVP honors for the Giants went to Derek Vaughn, a former minor league AAA player for both the Angels and the Padres. Derek, mostly playing center field, batted over .600 for the season with 6 home runs. Giant team owner and player

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Martin White had this to say: "The past 2 years have been a blast!" "The Giants have been blessed with luck, talent, and great competition."

Returning to the league after a brief hiatus, perennial champions the Caribeños posted a 16-3 regular season record in the resurgent 38+ Division and went on to go undefeated through the playoffs. The season had numerous great moments including winning the Texas Cup in Austin and culminated with Bobby Newton's Championship Game no-hitter against the Diamondbacks.

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