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Session 3 (40s) of the 2020 World Masters Championships heads down Route 66 to Kingman, AZ this weekend, Sept. 25-27.

## From the Dugout: When COVID-19 Strikes



## By Terry Hennessy

 SSUSA CEOThis week, two 60 AA Colorado players and a girlfriend reported feeling sick after leaving the tournament and tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, three 60 Major Plus and three 55 Major Plus players, all from Texas, also tested positive for COVID-

# Two Triple Grand Slam Winners Highlight Session 1 of the 2020 WMC 



ST. GEORGE, Utah - The 2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships (WMC) began with the Men's 55 and 60 age divisions on Sept. 17 here at The Canyon's Complex, The Fields at Little Valley, Bloomington Park, and Archie H. Gubler Park.
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As soon as we found out about the cases, we contacted all the 55 and 60 division managers of teams and we strongly recommended their players be tested as soon as possible. We also asked that they let us know as soon as possible if there were other cases.

The hotels in which the players stayed were contacted, as well.

To put this in perspective, this is nine people out of more than 2,000 players in the first session. However, we could not take any chances.

We found out about the first reported cases on Monday afternoon, and Tuesday morning we dramatically tightened the restrictions on the fields in hopes of staving off any spread of the virus during the second and third sessions of the WMC.

All spectators were moved out of the complex and required to watch the games from outside the outfield fence. Masks in the complex were strictly enforced.

We have been asked why we don't just stop holding tournaments until there is a vaccine.

We believe the nature of the sport, the good health of players, and the pandemic rules we put into place make the tournaments as safe as possible for those players who want to compete.

We have been able to run 27 of the 90 tournaments we normally hold. Thousands of players have competed and only a handful of those have contracted COVID19 - and almost all of those cases resulted from family gatherings, not the tournaments.

More importantly, there have been no serious cases or deaths reported from our tournaments.

There is still a risk.
Players and their families need to make up their own minds on that risk: We cannot and do not pretend to guarantee that no

A total of 136 teams, representing 26 states, played across eight divisions over a four-day span.

All but one division featured a U.S. National Game - which pits the winner of the Eastern National Championships against the winner of the Western National Championships.

In the seven games, the Western Champs held a 4-3 advantage over the Eastern Champs.

Winners of the Eastern/Western National Championships, the U.S. National Championship Game, and the World Masters Championship, complete the elusive Triple Grand Slam.

Two teams, Michael's Automotive Group 55 (WA) and LPC/Dudley 60 (CA), went on to complete the Triple Grand Slam; while three others posted runner-up finishes, falling just short.

## Men's 55 Major Plus (9 teams)

In the nine-team Men's 55 Major Plus Division, San Antonio Softball (TX) defeated Ohio Elite/R Sports 37-32 to win the U.S. National Championships. The win locked up the top seed for the Western National Champs.

In bracket play, San Antonio Softball would go on to reach the championship game; however, the team would come up just short, falling to Sommerville Softball (CA) 31-25 in the championship game.

Sommerville completed a perfect tournament, going 2-0 in seeding, and 4-0 in bracket play. For Sommerville, this marks the team's third straight World Masters Championship win.

Kelleher Firm/LeMay/Blue Mountain (FL) finished in third place after winning four straight elimination games, while Ohio Elite rounded out the top four.
Men's 55 Major ( 25 teams)
one will contract COVID-19 at a tournament. Our goal is to make the tournaments as safe as possible for those who recognize the risks and still want to compete.

I played in the second session of the World Masters, just like several hundred other players. I will not ask anyone to take a risk that I am not willing to take myself. Having said that, I can't wait to get back to tournaments when we don't need all of these pandemic rules!

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## SSUSA Directors, UICs and Umpires Shine

Officials at the first two sessions of the World Masters Championships here in St. George had to take on added weighty responsibility during the pandemic in an effort to make the tournament safe for players and spectators.

In the first session, they constantly patrolled the park reminding spectators to wear their masks. In the second session, after SSUSA was informed about COVID cases from players in the first session, directors and UICs had to move spectators outside the park, to watch from outside the outfield.

Most spectators understood and complied, but a few were rude and belligerent.

This is not in any director or UIC job description in a normal year, and SSUSA deeply appreciates the professionalism of the WMC directors and UICs in protecting players and spectators -- even when some resist their efforts.


Pope Transport (WI) player trots home to score.
The 25-team Men's 55 Major Division featured a bit of déjà vu in the U.S. National Championship, as WPI/Wilson Auto (ID) and Ameriprise FL Legends slugged it out for a second straight year.

In 2019, WPI edged out Ameriprise, 17-16; while this year, Ameriprise returned the favor, with a thrilling one-run win of their own, 16-15.

Neither team would make it to Championship Sunday, as Scrap Iron/Rocky Mountain Thunder (CO) polished off a perfect four-day stretch, going 2-0 in seeding and 6-0 in bracket play, including a 33-16 win over Pope Transport (WI) in the championship game.

Pope Transport won three straight elimination games to reach the championship game, before running out of gas.

Vandals (CA) finished in third place, while Bad Seed (CA) made a valiant run through the elimination side of the bracket with six straight wins, en route to their fourth place finish.
L.A.F (CA) and Rock $N$ Legends 9 (TX) rounded out the six teams that advanced to Sunday.

## Men's 55 AAA (31 teams)

East Meets West in 10 U.S. National Championship Games

Ten U.S. National Championship Games were held in the first two sessions of the 2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships in St. George, UT, Sept. 17 - 23.

The U.S. National Championship Game is the second leg of the Triple Grand Slam and takes place during seeding play, pitting the winners of the Eastern National Championships and Wester National Championships.

The Triple Grand Slam consists of winning the Eastern/Western National Championship, the U.S. National Championship Game, and the World Masters Championship.

Because the U.S. National Game is a guaranteed seven-inning game, the winner earns the top seed in bracket play, while the loser takes the second seed.

Overall, teams from the East held a 6-4 advantage in the games.

## U.S. National Championship Game Results

Men's 55 Major Plus
San Antonio Softball Club (TX) def. Ohio Elite/R Sports, 37-32

Men's 55 Major
Ameriprise Florida Legends def. WPI/Wilson Auto (ID), 16-15

Men's 55 AAA
Michael's Automotive Group (WA) def. Old Stars (IN), 19-8

Men's 60 Major Plus
LPC/Dudley (CA) def. Omega IT Services, LLC (VA), 24-8

Men's 60 Major:
Chicago Prime (IL) def. Vegas Elite (NV), 16-11

Men's 60 AAA:
Vecter Scorpions (FL) def. Sidewinders (AZ), 20-19

Men's 60 AA:
Full Throttle (AZ) def. NoVa Storm (VA), 27-21


Bond 1234/OSS/Phil's Painting (MA) firstbaseman awaits the throw.

In the 31-team Men's 55 AAA Division, Michael's Automotive Group (WA) completed the Triple Grand Slam. The Western National Champs defeated Old Stars (IN), 19-8, in the U.S. National Championship Game, and then went on to post a perfect 5-0 record in bracket play, including a 16-2 in in the championship game over Bond 1234/OSS/Phil's Painting (MA).

After dropping their first game in bracket 19-17 against Graywolves (NM), Bond 1234/OSS/Phil's Painting rattled off an incredible eight straight victories to reach the championship game.

Trachsel Auto Body (OR) finished in third place, while Old Stars rounded out the top four.

Overall, eight teams advanced to Championship Sunday, with Six Five O's (CA), KC Vintage (MO), Texas Heat, and STL Road Dogs (MO) accounting for the other four.

## Men's 55 AA (4 teams)

So Cal Riptide (CA) posted a perfect 3-0 record in bracket play, including a thrilling 14-13 win over top seed Arizona Blaze in the championship game of the Men's 55 AA Division.

Spin Tees (WA), the U.S. National Champion by default, finished in third place.

Morris Clark Roofing \& Siding (WA) rounded out the fourteam division.

Men's 65 Major:
New Jersey Hitmen def. Top Gun Elite (CA), 21-20

Men's 70 Major Plus:
Venom (FL) def. OMEN (CA), 17-13
Men's 75 Major:
Venom (FL) def. Tharaldson's (NV), 21-17

## Final Standings - 2020 LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters Championships

Below are the final standings from Sessions 1 \& 2 (Men's 55-85) of the World Masters Championships.

Congratulations to all winners!
Men's 55 Major Plus (9 teams)

1. Sommerville Softball (CA) - TOC
2. San Antonio Softball Club (TX) - U.S. National Champ
3. Kelleher Firm/LeMay/Blue Mountain (FL)
4. Ohio Elite/R Sports

Men's 55 Major (25 teams)

1. Scrap Iron/Rocky Mountain Thunder (CO) - TOC
2. Pope Transport (WI)
3. Vandals (CA)
4. Bad Seed (CA)
*Ameriprise FL Legends - U.S. National Champ

Men's 55 AAA (31 teams)

1. Michael's Automotive Group - TOC /
U.S. National Champ / Triple Grand Slam
2. Bond 1234/OSS/Phil's Painting (MA)
3. Trachsel Auto Body (OR)
4. Old Stars (IN)

Men's 55 AA (4 teams)

1. So Cal Riptide (CA) - TOC
2. Arizona Blaze
3. Spin Tees (WA) - U.S. National Champ (default)
4. Morris Clark Roofing \& Siding (WA)

Men's 60 Major Plus (4 teams)

1. LPC/Dudley (CA) - TOC / U.S.

## CLICK HERE for full game-by-game scores of the <br> Men's 55 Divisions (make sure to refresh your page).

## Men's 60 Major Plus (4 teams)

The Men's 60 Major Plus Division featured a Triple Grand Slam winner.

Western Champ LPC/Dudley (CA) defeated Eastern Champ Omega IT Services, LLC (VA) 24-8 in the U.S. National Championship Game to complete the second leg.

In bracket play, LPC/Dudley cruised to the championship game, where they dropped a slugfest, 48-46, against Omega. The Western Champs would avenge that loss with a 29-14 victory in the "if" game.

The win continues a dominant run for LPC/Dudley, as the win marks the team's fourth straight victory in the Men's 60 Major Plus Division (2017-2020), and second Triple Grand Slam title (2017). The team also won the Men's 55 Major Plus Division in 2016.

Texas Crush Sixties finished in third place, while Samurai (CA) rounded out the four team division.

## Men's 60 Major ( 20 teams)



In the U.S. National Championship game in the 20 -team Men's 60 Major Division, Chicago Prime (IL) knocked off Vegas Elite (NV), 16-11.

Setting its sights on the Triple Grand Slam, Chicago Prime

## National Champ / Triple Grand Slam

2. Omega IT Services, LLC (VA)
3. Texas Crush Sixties
4. Samurai (CA)

## Men's 60 Major (20 teams)

1. Minnesota Merchants - TOC
2. Chicago Prime (IL) - U.S. National Champ
3. Scrap Iron/Rocky Mountain Thunder (CO)
4. Dudley Lightning Midwest (MO)

## Men's 60 AAA (27 teams)

1. 50 Caliber Silver St. Louis (MO) - TOC
2. Weekend Warriors (CA)
3. Scrap Iron Heavy Metal (CO)
4. Vecter Scorpions (FL) - U.S. National Champ

Men's 60 AA (16 teams)

1. Texas Legends - TOC
2. Full Throttle (AZ) - U.S. National Champ
3. Buck Run Farms (NE)
4. MN Lumberjacks

Men's 65 Major Plus (3 teams)

1. Timberworks/Adidas (CA) - TOC / Triple Grand Slam
2. Minnesota Masters/Ancell
3. Arizona Ancient

Men's 65 Major (18 teams)

1. Top Gun Elite (CA) - TOC
2. BlueSpeed AV (MO)
3. Ted Todd Insurance (FL)
4. KC Kids (MO)
*New Jersey Hitmen - U.S. National Champ

Men's 65 AAA (17 teams)

1. North Idaho Softball Club (MT) - TOC
2. Team Texas San Antonio
3. Chicago Prime (IL)
4. Cut Loose (CA) - U.S. National Champ (Default)

Men's 65 AA (8 teams)

1. Bags Softball (IA) - TOC
2. Oklahoma Street Outlaws
3. Scrap Iron Diamonds (CO) - U.S.

National Champ (Default)
4. Duke City Dynamite (NM)

Men's 70 Major Plus (2 teams)

1. OMEN (CA) - TOC
advanced to the championship game, but fell just short, losing 31-26 against Minnesota Merchants.

After going 0-2 in seeding play to enter bracket play as the No. 18 seed, Minnesota Merchants regrouped and posted a perfect 6-0 record en route to the championship victory.

The No. 19 seed, Scrap Iron/Rocky Mountain Thunder (CO) finished in third place following an impressive run through the elimination side of the bracket with six straight wins.

Dudley Lightning Midwest (MO) finished in fourth place.
Six teams in total advanced to Championship Sunday, as Houston Fire (TX) and Arizona Elite were the other two teams.

## Men's 60 AAA (27 teams)



Weekend Warriors (CA) player up at bat in the championship game.

In the 27 -team Men's 60 AAA Division, the U.S. National Championship Game was a nail-biter, as Vecter Scorpions (FL) squeaked out a 20-19 win over Sidewinders (AZ).

In bracket play, Vecter Scorpions would eventually finish in fourth place, falling short of the Triple Grand Slam.

Coming from the No. 18 spot, 50 Caliber Silver St. Louis (MO) went 6-0 in bracket play, including a 14-9 win over Weekend Warriors (CA) in the championship game.

Scrap Iron Heavy Metal (CO) finished in third place.
Eight teams advanced to Championship Sunday, as Yeahoos (WA), Scrap Iron Xplosion (CO), Trachsel Auto Body (OR) and Sidewinders were the others.

## 2. Venom (FL) - U.S. National Champ

Men's 70 Major (8 teams)

1. Animals (CA) - TOC
2. Sidewinders (AZ) - U.S. National Champ (Default)
3. So Cal Guys
4. San Antonio Silver Streaks (TX)

Men's 70 AAA (11 teams)

1. Codgers/BCT (ID) - TOC
2. USA Patriots (OK)
3. Scrap Iron 5280 (CO) - U.S. National Champ (Default)
4. Relentless (TX)

Men's 70 AA (5 teams)

1. Valley Fog (CA) - TOC
2. Franklin Loan Center (CA) - U.S. National Champ (Default)
3. STL Vision (MO)
4. California Oaks

Men's 75 Major Plus (2 teams)

1. OMEN (CA) - TOC / Triple Grand Slam 2. Sidewinders (AZ)

## Men's 75 Major (5 teams)

1. Venom (FL) - TOC / U.S. National Champ / Triple Grand Slam
2. Tharaldon's (NV)
3. Tri-State Diamondbacks (NM)
4. Las Vegas Coyotes (NV)

Men's 75 Silver ( 7 teams)

1. St. George Raptors (UT) - TOC
2. Minnesota Masters
3. Arizona Outlaws - U.S. National Champion (Default)
4. Chicago Gray Sox (IL)

Men's 80/85 Gold (6 teams)

1. Git-R-Done 80 (CA) - Triple Grand Slam
2. ProHealth Care 80 (WI)
3. ProHealth Care 85 (MN)
4. Redwood City Gold Rush (CA)

Men's 80 Platinum (2 teams)

1. Top Gun 80 Gold (CA)
2. Scrap Iron Gray Berets (CO)

## Men's 60 AA (16 teams)

In the 16-team Men's 60 AA Division, Full Throttle (AZ) defeated NoVa STORM (VA) 27-21 in the U.S. National Championship Game.

Full Throttle reached the championship game; however, they would fall short of the Triple Grand Slam, losing the 16-5 against Texas Legends.

Texas Legends went $2-0$ in seeding, and completed the perfect weekend going 5-0 in bracket play.

Buck Run Farms (NE) won four elimination games to eventually finish in third place, while MN Lumberjacks rounded out the top four finishers.

Scrap Iron Rockies (CO) and Tri City Legends (WA) were among the six teams that advanced to Championship Sunday.

## CLICK HERE for full game-by-game scores from the Men's 60 Divisions (make sure to refresh your page).

## Elder Statesmen Flourish During Session 2 of 2020 WMC



ST. GEORGE, Utah - The World Masters Championships continued here with session two on Sept. 21, as the elder statesmen of the game, the Men's $65-85$ age divisions, took to the fields.

A total of 94 teams, representing 22 states, played across 13 divisions on four complexes over a three-day span.

Three U.S. National Championship Games were played,

## 2020 Women's World Cup Postponed



The inaugural Women's World Cup Championship, scheduled for next month, October 30 - November 1, in Valdosta, GA, at Freedom Park (2018 SSUSA Complex of the Year), has been postponed.

The event has been re-scheduled to next year, October 29-31, 2021 in Valdosta.

The 2021 Women's World Cup will give even more women's teams (aged 40-75) the opportunity to win a FREE ENTRY!

Play in any four (4) SSUSA Tournaments listed below and get free entry into the SSUSA 2021 Women's World Cup Championships.

Play in three and get \$200 off the entry.
Play in two and get $\$ 100$ off the entry.
The following tournaments from the 2020 season count towards 2021:

- 2019 Winter Worlds (2020 roster event), Phoenix, AZ
- Spring Nationals, Polk County, FL
- Eastern National Championships, Loudoun, VA
- Western National Championships, St. George, UT

Here are the 2021 Tournaments:

- 2020 Winter Nationals (2021 roster event), Ft. Myers, FL
- 2020 Winter Worlds (2021 roster event), Phoenix, AZ
- Spring Nationals, Polk County, FL
- Tidewater Classic in Virginia Beach, VA
- Spring Worlds in St. George, Utah
- Southwest Championships in Las Vegas
- High Desert Duel, Albuquerque, NM
with the Eastern National Champs going 3-0.
Of the three teams, Venom (FL), 75 Major, would go on to complete the Triple Grand Slam.

Joining Venom 75 in the Triple Grand Slam club included: Timberworks/Adidas (CA) - 65 Major Plus, OMEN (CA) - 75 Major Plus, and Git-R-Done (CA) - 80 AAA.

Timberworks 65, OMEN 75, and Git-R-Done 80 entered the tournament as default U.S. National Champions.

## Men's 65 Major Plus (3 teams)

There was no surprise winner in the three-team Men's 65 Major Plus Division, as Timberworks/Adidas (CA) once again claimed the World Masters title.

Timberworks entered bracket play as the \#2 seed, and posted a perfect 3-0 record, including a $25-10$ win over top seed MN Masters/Ancell in the championship game.

For Timberworks, this is the team's fifth straight WMC title.
Additionally, as the Western National and U.S. National Champion, both by default, this is the team's fourth straight Triple Grand Slam title as well.

AZ Ancient finished in third place.

## Men's 65 Major (18 teams)

The largest division of the second session was the 18-team Men's 65 Major Division.

The division featured a U.S. National Championship game, as the New Jersey Hitmen edged out a thriller, 21-20, over Top Gun Elite (CA).

Earning the top seed, NJ Hitmen was unable to advance to Championship Wednesday, going 1-2 in bracket play.

Bouncing back from its lost in the U.S. National Championship Game, Top Gun Elite regrouped and rattled off four straight wins to advance to the championship game.

Meeting Top Gun in the championship game was red hot BlueSpeed AV (MO), who had won five straight elimination games to punch their ticket into the championship game.

BlueSpeed AV would make it six straight wins with a 29-18 victory, forcing the decisive "if" game.

However, Top Gun avoided the dreaded double-dip, cruising

- Atlantic Coast Championships in Raleigh, NC
- Rock 'n’ Reno Challenge Cup
- Midwest Championships in Rogers, AR
- CT Masters
- Crabtown Classic, Glenn Burnie, MD
- War of the Roses, York, PA
- Eastern National Championships, Loudoun, VA
- Western National Championships, Sacramento, CA


## Oktoberfest Classic Updated - 2020 TOC Qualifier



The inaugural Oktoberfest Classic, originally scheuduled to be a 2021 roster event, has been changed to a 2020 roster event, with winners eligible for the upcoming Tournament of Champions (TOC) in January 2021.

The Oktoberfest Classic will be held in Polk County, FL, home of the TOC, October 24 - 25. Games will be played at Auburndale Sports Complex and Walker Road Softball Complex.

## Entry deadline is October 9!

## 2021 Season Right Around the Corner

SSUSA will host its annual Winter National and World Championships in Novemnber to jump start the 2021 season.

The
Winter
National
to a 28-13 win in the final game to claim the WMC title.
Ted Todd Insurance (FL) finished in third place, while KC Kids (MO) rounded out the top four finishers.

Eight teams advanced to the final day of play, as Last Call (NV), Wisconsin Masters, Arizona Scorpions, and Oregon Crabs and were the others.

Men's 65 AAA (17 teams)


Action from the Men's 65 AAA Championship Game.
In the 17-team Men's 65 AAA Division, North Idaho Softball Club (MT) posted a perfect 7-0 record on the week, going 20 in seeding, and $5-0$ in bracket play, including a 17-10 win over Team Texas San Antonio in the championship game.

Top seed Chicago Prime (IL) won four straight elimination games en route to a third place finish.

Cut Loose, the U.S. National Champion by default, rounded out the top four finishers.

Eight teams advanced to the final day of play, as Los Vatos Vlejos (AZ), Texas Thunder, Fierce Firearms (UT), and Carriage Homes (AR) were the others.

## Men's 65 AA (8 teams)

In the eight-team Men's 65 AA Division, the top two seeds battled it out for the championship.

Coming out of the elimination side of the bracket, Oklahoma Street Outlaws defeated Bags Softball (IA), 15-10, in the championship game, to force the "if" game.

Championships is scheduled for November 10 - 15, in Ft. Myers, Fla. The entry deadline is October 25.

The Winter World Championships is scheduled for November 17 - 22, in Phoenix, AZ.
The entry deadline is October 27.
Be sure to contact SSUSA (916-326-5303 / info@seniorsoftball.com) to enter your team into either touranment.

Managers, you can go ahead and register your team online for 2021 and begin building your 2021 annual roster.

OBITUARIES - 9/24/20


William "Bill" Joseph Esler
Bill Esler, 60, of Westfield, N.J., died on Sept. 14.

In SSUSA, Esler was a long-time member of Phoenix Tube 50 and 55 (formerly Cryans and Willie McBrides). He played with the 50s team from 2010-2013, and then the 55s team from 2016-2017.

At the 2013 Tournament of Champions (TOC), Esler earned All-Tournament honors, helping to lead his Phoenix Tube team to a runner-up finish in the 50 AAA Division.
"Bill was a great guy, and a true gentleman," said Michael Boone, SSUSA National Director. "I really enjoyed playing against him over the years, in both leagues and tournaments."

Avoided the double-dip, top seed Bags Softball avenged its lone loss of the tournament with a $25-19$ win in the rubber match.

Scrap Iron Diamonds (CO), the U.S. National Champion by default, finished in third place, while Duke City Dynamite (NM) rounded out the top four finishers.

CLICK HERE for game-by-game scores in the Men's 65 Divisions (make sure to refresh your page).


Action from the Men's 70 Major Plus Championship Game.

The Men's 70 Major Plus Division featured a best of three game series between OMEN (CA) and Venom (FL).

The opening game of the series was the U.S. National Championship game, which Venom took 17-13.

OMEN answered back with an offensive onslaught, winning 36-19.

In the rubber match, OMEN completed the comeback, winning 25-13, to take home the WMC title.

## Men's 70 Major ( 8 teams)

In the eight-team Men's 70 Major Division, Animals (CA) went unbeaten, going 3-0 in seeding and 4-0 in bracket play, including a 33-20 win over Sidewinders (AZ) in the championship game.

Outside of senior softball, Esler was dedicated to High Expectations Inc., an organization committed to the Special Needs community, where he served as the Director of the NJ Hawks Soccer League. He also coached numerous Special Olympics teams.

Additionally, Esler spent weekends as a referee for the Westfield Basketball Association, and coached his daughter's youth softball and soccer teams.

Esler earned a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science from Monmouth College, and worked for CR Bard in Information Technology for over 30 years.

## In Memoriam

Charles (Charlie) Bell, 68, of Rancho Cordova, Calif., died on May 15.

The championship game was a re-match of the Western National Championship game, which Sidewinders won 18-6.

So Cal Guys finished in third place, while San Antonio Silver Streaks (TX) rounded out the top four finishers.

## Men's 70 AAA ( 11 teams)

In the 11-team Men's 70 AAA Division, Codgers/BCT (ID), the No. 8 seed in the bracket, posted a flawless 5-0 record in bracket play, including a 17-7 win over USA Patriots (OK) in the championship game.

USA Patriots had won three straight elimination games to reach the title game.

Scrap Iron 5280 (CO), the U.S. National Champion by default, finished in third place.

Relentless (TX) rounded out the top four finishers.

## Men's 70 AA (5 teams)

In the five-team Men's 70 AA Division, Valley Fog (CA went 3-0 in bracket play, including a 30-13 win over Franklin Loan Center (CA) in the championship game.

Franklin Loan Center entered the default U.S. National Championship.

Top seed STL Vision (MO) finished in third place, while California Oaks finished in fourth.

## CLICK HERE for game-by-game scores in the Men's 70 Divisions (make sure to refresh your page).

Men's 75 Major Plus (2 teams)


OMEN (CA) - Men's 75 Major Plus Champions
OMEN (CA) and Sidewinders (AZ) played a best of threegame series for the Men's 75 Major Plus Division.

OMEN swept the series by scores of $13-9$ and $16-8$, respectively, to win the WMC and earn the Triple Grand Slam.

## Men's 75 Major ( 5 teams)

Every game counted in the five-team Men's 75 Major Division, with a full four-game round robin determining the champion.

With a perfect record of 4-0, including a 21-17 win over Tharaldon's (NV) in the U.S. National Championship Game, Venom (FL) took home the WMC and the Triple Grand Slam.

Tharaldon's finished second with a 3-1 record, while TriState Diamondbacks (NM) finish third. Las Vegas Cotoyes (NV) rounded out the top four finish.

## Men's 75 Silver (7 teams)

The seven-team Men's 75 Silver Division also featured fullgame round robin with best record determining the champion.

With equal 5-1 records, St. George Raptors (UT) and Minnesota Masters tied for first place.

Benefiting from home field advantage, St. George Raptors earned the tie-breaker via its 7-6 head-to-head win over Minnesota Masters.

There was also a tie for third place, as Arizona Outlaws and Chicago Gray Sox (IL) tied with identical 4-2 record.

With its head-to-head win over Chicago Gray Sox, 32-26, Arizona Outlaws earned the tie-breaker to take third place. Arizona Outlaws entered the tournament as the default U.S. National Champion.

## Men's 80/85 Gold (6 teams)

Another full-game round robin with best record wins was used to crown the champion of the six-team Men's $80 / 85$ Gold Division.

With a 4-1 mark, Git-R-Done 80 (CA), the default U.S. National Champion, took the top spot for the WMC title and Triple Grand Slam title.

With identical 3-2 records, ProHealth Care 80 (WI) and ProHealth Care 85 (MN) tied for second place.

Breaking the tie was ProHealth Care 80's $16-15$ win over ProHealth Care 85.

There was a also a tie for fourth, as Redwood City Gold Rush (CA) and Top Gun Diamond (CA) posted equal 2-3 records.

With its head-to-head win over Top Gun Diamond, 19-16, Redwood City Gold Rush finished fourth.

## Men's 80 Platinum (2 teams)

The best of three game series between Top Gun 80 Gold (CA) and Scrap Iron Grey Berets (CO) in the Men's 80 Platinum went the distance. The series featured a rematch of the Men's 80 Platinum Division at the Western National between the same two teams. Scrap Iron Gray Berets swept that series by scores of 26-13 and 24-16, respectively.

In game one, Top Gun 80 Gold struck first with a 23-17 win.
Looking to even the series, Scrap Iron Grey Berets evened things out with a thrilling 24-23 win.

In the rubber-match, Top Gun 80 Gold secured the title with a $16-10$ win.

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