

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 SUMMER SEASON

*Baseball and softball, they say, are games of statistics. While the **Montgomery County Senior Softball League** does not keep individual statistics, we do, however, recognize the outstanding accomplishments and notable events that keep us all brimming with pride. Here are only some of the things that have occurred or that have been accomplished by players and teams that make for fond memories in the season that has passed.*

The 2018 Summer Season

- Tuesday, April 23rd, 2018 – *OPENING DAY...* As the Magics and the Mavericks game kicked off the MCSSL season, a fitting moment of silence was held for our recently deceased members: Stan Schwartz, Ed Rutter, and Dante Guerra.
- Saturday, June 16th, 2018 – *The MCSSL vs. the Phillies Ball Girls...* It was the fourth year in a row that the MCSSL hosted the Phillies Ball Girls in a star-studded charity event. Most of the stars, however, were playing for the girls. The first star of the game was Ray Forlano, one of our original founding fathers and still active as a player, and who was given the honor of throwing out the first pitch.
- Saturday, June 16th, 2018 – *The MCSSL vs. the Phillies Ball Girls...* Despite some spectacular playing by this great gang of young ladies, The Travel Team Marauders hung in there by winning both games of the doubleheader by scores of 11-2 and 6-4.
- Saturday, June 16th, 2018 – *The MCSSL vs. the Phillies Ball Girls...* It was the first time in recorded MCSSL history that the Travel Team Marauders, while playing a doubleheader, had eight double plays turned against them by the opposing team. These young ladies had one super infield that kept gunning down our runners in perfect combo fashion.

- Tuesday, June 19th, 2018 – Mountaineers vs. Missiles – Tom Levins accomplished a rare feat in the MCSSL by hitting back-to-back HR’s over the fence in his first two at bats.
- Thursday, June 21st, 2018 – Mountaineers vs. Musketeers – Bob Miller equaled an earlier feat of the season by hitting back-to-back HR’s over the fence in his first two at bats.
- Thursday, August 30th, 2018 – The MCSSL celebrated another milestone birthday as Missiles’ teammates honored John Packel on his 80th birthday following the game.
- Monday, September 17, 2018 – The MCSSL celebrated yet another milestone birthday. Blue Division Director, Jim Binsberger, had teams come onto the field between games to sing “Happy Birthday” to the Magics’ Tony Galli, who turned 90 years old and has been playing in the league since the 2007 season.
- *The Long Ball* – Hats off to all our guys who managed to sock at least one home run over the fence during regular or travel team league play at the Hatfield School Road Park field or Sellersville Field. They are: Bob Miller (Musketeers); Ron Geib (Missiles); Tom Levins (Missiles); Ted Hoffman (Missiles).

“It ain’t over ‘til it’s over!” – Yogi Berra

Here a few memorable games from our summer season that demonstrate why we have so much fun playing senior softball.

- Wednesday, June 13th, 2018 – Maniacs vs. Magicians. It was a classic tight game between two equal teams. By the time the dust settled in the bottom of the seventh inning, the score stood tied at 6 all. The visiting Maniacs came up to bat in the top of the eighth inning, starting the extra inning under league rules with a runner on second base. This game is never over, as Yogi reminded us. The Maniacs scored an amazing eight runs to run the score up to 16. The Magicians came back in the bottom half of the inning but could only manage to score two more runs. The final score at the end of eight was Maniacs 16 against the Magicians 8.

- Tuesday, June 26th, 2018 – Monarchs vs. Mountaineers. A well-played defensive game by both sides saw the Mountaineers holding onto a commanding 5-1 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning. The Mountaineers managed to get one out before the Monarchs exploded with a barrage of hits that resulted in pushing five runs across the plate for an impressive 6-5 victory, proving once again that the game isn't over until it's over.

AND...

THE NUMBER ONE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SEASON – We've got two great highlights!

- Tuesday, June 21st, 2018 – *The MCSSL goes to Washington...* To everyone's delightful surprise, U.S. Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick, R-PA 8th District (Doylestown, Levittown, Quakertown) when on the floor of the House of Representatives, recognized the 20th anniversary of the Montgomery County Senior Softball League. Congressman Fitzpatrick specifically recognized Ray Forlano (age 80) and Angelo Malizia (age 90), both original members of the league, and both still actively playing in this, their twentieth year!
- Wednesday, June 20th, 2018 – *Out of the mouths of babies...* It was at Citizens Bank Park, Home of the Philadelphia Phillies, during an afternoon MLB game vs. St. Louis Cardinals. Midway through the televised game, roving Phillies announcer Gregg Murphy conducted a candid interview with one of the Phillies Ball Girls. Gregg asked what the ladies had been doing so far this season regarding the charity events. The young lady responded with a few interesting comments, but the one that stood out the most was this. She said they had just played last weekend against a gang of, "...Hatfield old-timers, and they were pretty good! They beat us two games!"