

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2020 WINTER 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 just a few 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 2020 Winter Season

- The MCSSL Winter League restructuring was one of the new highlights of the season. A total of 111 players were signed up for the seasonal indoor play. This year, the league was split into two divisions, the White Division consisting of six teams, and the Blue Division consisting of four teams. All agreed that the restructuring made the competition even more fun than previous years.
- One big highlight of the season was the full cooperation of Mother Nature, who in years past, caused many games to be either postponed or cancelled because of inclement weather. How about that ground hog? This year, Puxatony Phil seemed to get it right. Snow and ice weren't in Mother Nature's equation for the senior softballers, who went through the season's schedule right into early March with no games interrupted by inclement weather. However...
- ... The biggest highlight of the year wasn't Mother Nature, but Mother Gaia (the mythical goddess who inhabits the earth giving it life nourishment, and who occasionally takes it away when necessary). With only one week remaining in the season, the historical coronavirus pandemic hit home here in Pennsylvania. The XL sports facility closed its doors, but the MCSSL had already responded to the safety and health concerns for the league's members by officially cancelling the remainder of the winter indoor season.

- Quite a feat of hitting! Hats off to the four guys who managed to hit a home run off the back wall at the XL Indoor Sports Center: Bob Miller of the White Shirt Team (1); Steve Dimitry of the Black Shirt Team (1); Tom Levins of the Gray Shirt Team (1); Jack Hart of the Gold Shirt Team (1).

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

Here is one memorable game from our winter season that demonstrates why we have so much fun playing senior softball.

- Thursday, February 12th, 2020: The Black Shirt Team held a solid 6-3 lead over the Blue Shirt Team going onto the top of the seventh inning. Then the bottom fell out, as only it could happen in the senior league. The Blue Shirts, combining some timely and solid hitting plus a few mis-played balls by the Black Shirts, jumped out scoring six runs to take a comfortable 9-6 lead going into the bottom of the seventh. The Black Shirts, however, weren’t out of it yet. Pounding out a few key hits, they scored two more runs. The tying run was on second with two down. Ron Clemens, playing for the Blue Shirts, snagged a hard-hit grounder up the middle and gunned down the runner at the plate for the final out, giving the Blue Shirts a come-from-behind seventh inning 9-8 win.