

Rojo Mojo Wins Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball Fall 2019 Season

MVUDSS League Champions - Rojo Mojo



Back Row (L to R): Butch Newman, Pepe Siniard, Harold Halldorson, Jim Roach, Steve Jankowski, Donnie Sternberger, Eric Morrison
Front Row (L to R): Hank Alonzo, Bob Olsen, Jeff Millard, Steve Baranick, Rick Kurianski

MVUDSS Tournament Champions - North County



Back Row (L to R): Jeff Blakeman, Bob Miller, Jim Teeter, Mark Aumann, Ken Perez, John Woolsey, Don Chandler
Front Row (L to R): Richard "Stitch" Fearn, Nick Basta, Dan "Milo" Milakovich, Bobby Jones

In the league championship race, Hank Alonzo's Rojo Mojo team, behind an 11-3 record, clinched the regular season league championship one week before the end of the season. They were followed in 2nd place by Robb Braun's A Lotta Braun, A Little Brain team.

Whoa! It was like deja vu all over again. For the second consecutive season the post-season 8-team single-elimination tournament saw the top two seeds eliminated in the first round after being upset by the bottom two seeds. This time it was #8 TEAM E over #1 Rojo Mojo and #7 Top Banana over #2 A Lotta Braun, A Little Brain. The championship game saw #5 seed Ed Rushing's Blues Brothers team go up against #3 seed Don Chandler's North County team. Holding on to a slim 3-run lead going into the top of the 8th inning (extra inning), North County held its opponent to 1 run for a 22-20 victory and the tournament championship. Back-to-back tournament championships for North County, Congratulations to both teams!

MVUDSS league games are played on Monday mornings at the Big League Dreams Sports Park in Perris. The league offers tournament-caliber senior softball players 55 and older an opportunity to participate in a highly competitive, well-balanced, tournament-style league. Players turning 55 in calendar year 2020 are eligible to play in the upcoming Spring 2020 Season.

The league consists of players and teams from the Temecula Valley, Riverside, Ontario, and North San Diego County areas. Traveling teams have the option of playing once a week or playing bi-weekly doubleheaders.

League President Steve Baranick said, "Our league consists of six local teams and two out-of-area teams from North San Diego County and Ontario and continues to attract new players from around Southern California." As we celebrate our 10th year of existence, a seventh local team will be added in the upcoming spring season.

The 2020 Spring Season will start on January 13, 2020 and run through May 18, 2020. Players and teams interested in participating should contact Steve Baranick, 951-870-0114, stephenbaranick@gmail.com or visit the league website <http://www.mvudss.org/>.