

Blue Bolts Wins Menifee Valley Upper Division Senior Softball 2022 Fall Season

MVUDSS League Champions - Blue Bolts



"BLUE BOLTS" 2022 MVUDSS Fall Season Champions

**Back Row (L-R): Dario DelaRosa, Eric Brasch, Nate Randolph, Ed Rushing,
John Prybylla, Jason Medeiros, Jack Brunschmid**
Front Row (L-R): Mike Kerby, Dennis Hunt, Joe Hansell, Robert Carreon

In the longest season in the league's history, which extended the schedule 2 months, due to cancellations from excessive heat, strong winds, and rainouts, the fall season's regular season ended on February 13, 2023 (originally scheduled to end on December 19, 2022). But, there was more to come --- a playoff.

With only 2 games left, 4 (of the 9) teams were still in the running for the league championship. With only 1 game left, 3 teams were still in the running. And at the end of the season, Ed Rushing's Blue Bolts and John Leavitt's Greyhounds, both with an 11-5 record, were headed for a winner-take-all one-game playoff. With 6 runs in the bottom of the 7th on a walkout single by Eric Brasch, Blue Bolts emerged victorious defeating the Greyhounds by a score of 23-22 to clinch the 2022 MVUDSS Fall Season Championship. The league leaders were closely followed by Glenn Stevenson's Marooned team (9-7).

MVUDSS league games are played on Monday mornings at the Big League Dreams Sports Park in Perris, CA. 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 2023 are eligible to play in the upcoming Spring 2023 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 seven 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."

The 2023 Spring Season will start on February 27, 2023 and run through June 5, 2023. 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/>.