



THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 2

MASTERS

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Rhino's Gerald Davis is the Epitome of a Journeyman

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

Gerald Davis' baseball odyssey began when the New York Yankees selected him in the 57th round of the 1989 draft out of Detroit's Chadsey High School.

Davis, 46, is now with the Rhino Baseball Club and playing in the Roy Hobbs World Series.

He has also played for the Yankees Gulf Coast League team in Florida and the Elmira Pioneers of the Class A New York-Penn League.

Then came independent teams such as the San Antonio Tejanos, Beaumont Bullfrogs, Newburgh Night Hawks, Yonkers Hoot Owls, Bangor Blue Sox, Massachusetts Mad Dogs and the Bridgeport Bluefish.

His odyssey includes three years of pro ball in Mexico. Davis met legends such as Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski and Jim Rice when he played in the Red Sox organization. The Elmira team was a Boston affiliate.

"Ted Williams just told me to stay behind the ball," Davis said. "Ted said see it and hit it. Stay behind the baseball."

His managers and coaches in independent ball included former big-league standouts Paul Blair, Willie

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Photo By: Meg Giffen
Gerald Davis

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Chicago Giants left fielder making a catch on the run.



Expanding RHWS or PDC Growth?

Roy Hobbs is holding off on expanding the World Series to 5 weeks as we have not seen enough evidence to do that.

Couple that with plans to expand the Player Development Complex to 8 adult fields by 2019, and Roy Hobbs is shelving those discussions for the time being.

It is simpler, Roy Hobbs believes, to utilize the Charlotte County Complex on a very limited basis as needed. Roy Hobbs anticipates doing that during the week of the Legends, Vintage and Forever Young divisions, especially on playoff Friday.

This year there are 85 teams in Week 3. With 83 in 2016, there were only 2 open field times, so we survived with no rain! With 85, there is no fudge factor on scheduling at all, and we may need to grab a HS field to get 2-3 games played to make it work with 85 teams until we get to Friday.



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RESULTS

AAAA Division

- #1 Orlando Brewers 9, #6 Staten Island Bombers 7
- #2 HPK Oilers 10, #3 Minnesota Bandits 0
- #2 HPK Oilers 9, #5 Harry Young Builders 7
- #3 Minnesota Bandits 9, #4 Chicago Woodpeckers 5
- #5 Harry Young Builders 7, #6 Staten Island Bombers 3

Pool Play

- Baltimore Thunder 15, Chicago Colts 1
- Boston GoodFellas 13, Tidewater Drillers 2
- Carolina Thunder 15, Jet Box 7
- Chicago Giants 10, Glory Days 5
- Chicago Knights 15, BrewBirds 9
- Dallas Orioles 15, Maine Indians 2
- Dayton Wolves 15, Lake Erie Blue Jays 2
- DuPage Indians 13, DuPage Indians 13
- Kent Mudhens 15, Chicago North Redhawks 14
- Lansing Blue Jays 11, Kodak Reds 7
- Long Island Yankees 15, Nova Scotia Monarchs 0
- Midwest Pirates 20, Cincinnati Colt .45s 9
- Minneapolis Millers 16, Minneapolis Millers 16
- New England Indians 15, New England Indians 15
- New England Red Sox 18, Ft Myers Brewers 0
- Orlando Blazers 10, Oakville Golden A's 4

- Rhino Baseball Club 11, Dayton Cardinals 1
- Salem-Pitt Warlocks 11, NW Indiana Dogs 7
- St. Paul Senators 4, Chesapeake Redwings 1
- Tallahassee Bombers 17, Tennessee Dirtbags 12
- UTEK 12, Huntsville Havoc 10
- Washington All-Stars 13, PSOF Rangers 3
- Windy City Warriors 14, Canton Tigers 1



Hall-of-Famer Bart Leathers pitching for the Tennessee Dirtbags at jetBlue Stadium.

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STANDINGS

AAA Division

	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1 Salem-Pitt Warlocks	5	0	1.000	35	24
2 Orlando Blazers	5	0	1.000	39	26
3 Rhino Baseball Club	4	1	0.800	19	3
4 Ft Myers Brewers	4	1	0.800	29	11
5 Dallas Orioles	4	1	0.800	25	14
6 NW Indiana Dogs	4	1	0.800	29	18
7 Maine Indians	4	1	0.800	35	20
8 Kent Mudhens	4	1	0.800	41	24
9 Minneapolis Millers	4	1	0.800	44	24
10 Chicago North Redhawks	4	1	0.800	41	26
11 Washington All Stars	3	2	0.600	19	14
12 Oakville Golden A's	3	2	0.600	25	15
13 New England Red Sox	3	2	0.600	56	34
14 Dayton Wolves	2	3	0.400	32	20
15 Glory Days	1	4	0.200	40	29
16 UTEK	1	4	0.200	55	42

AA Division

	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1 BrewBirds	3	2	0.600	34	19
2 Carolina Thunder	3	2	0.600	34	24
3 Chicago Giants	3	2	0.600	40	24
4 Chicago Knights	3	2	0.600	45	24
5 New England Indians	3	2	0.600	41	27
6 Jet Box	3	2	0.600	44	29
7 New Jersey Thunder	3	2	0.600	49	33
8 Tallahassee Bombers	3	2	0.600	58	33
9 DuPage Indians	3	2	0.600	52	37
10 Ft Myers Hooter's Blues	2	2	0.500	37	24
11 Tennessee Dirtbags	2	3	0.400	39	22
12 Windy City Warriors	2	3	0.400	41	24
13 St Paul Senators	2	3	0.400	48	26
14 Lansing Blue Jays	2	3	0.400	49	29
15 Boston GoodFellas	2	3	0.400	50	32
16 Baltimore Thunder	2	3	0.400	47	33



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Chicago Giants batter making solid contact.

A Division

	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1 PSOF Rangers	2	3	0.400	53	34
2 Chicago Colts	1	4	0.200	58	43
3 Lake Erie Blue Jays	2	3	0.400	54	37
4 Canton Tigers	1	4	0.200	59	40
5 Midwest Pirates	1	4	0.200	47	31
6 Jersey Shore Baseball	2	3	0.400	57	36
7 Chesapeake Redwings	1	4	0.200	52	35
8 Dayton Cardinals	2	3	0.400	65	49

B Division

	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1 Huntsville Havoc	1	4	0.200	75	53
2 Crystal Clinic Indians	1	4	0.200	59	41
3 Kodak Reds	1	4	0.200	59	42
4 Tidewater Drillers	1	4	0.200	66	48
5 Long Island Yankees	1	4	0.200	59	40
6 Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	5	0.000	87	61
7 Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	5	0.000	78	53



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DIVISION SETUP

Three Divisions - 45+, 53+, 60+

All divisions may have 5 players up to 5 years younger than age limit, but they may not pitch or catch.

MINIMUMS

Four teams needed for each division.

GUARANTEED 4 GAMES

Three pool games plus Championship game on Monday.



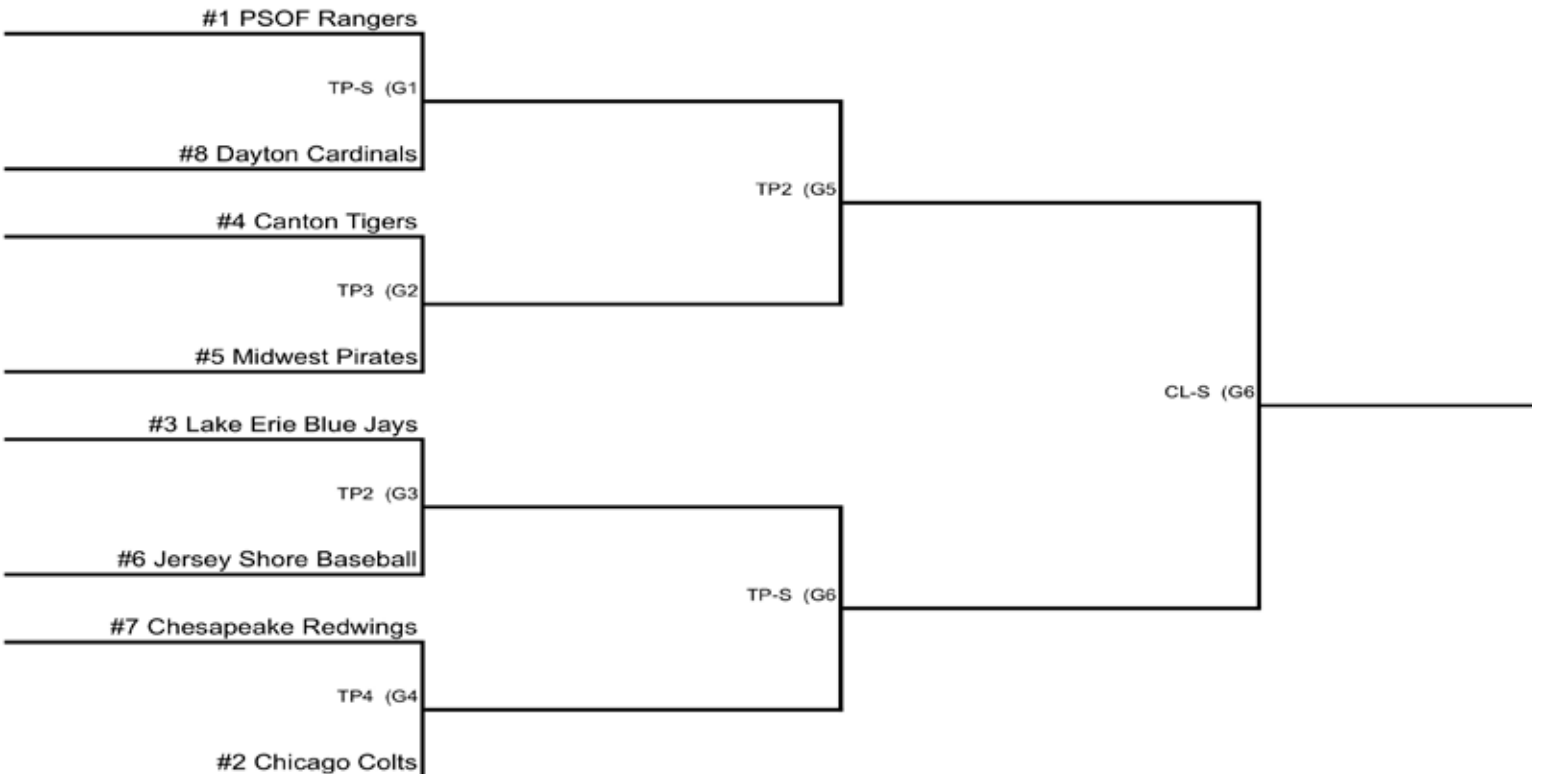
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MASTERS A

Friday
10:00 AM

Friday
2:00 PM

Saturday
10:00 AM



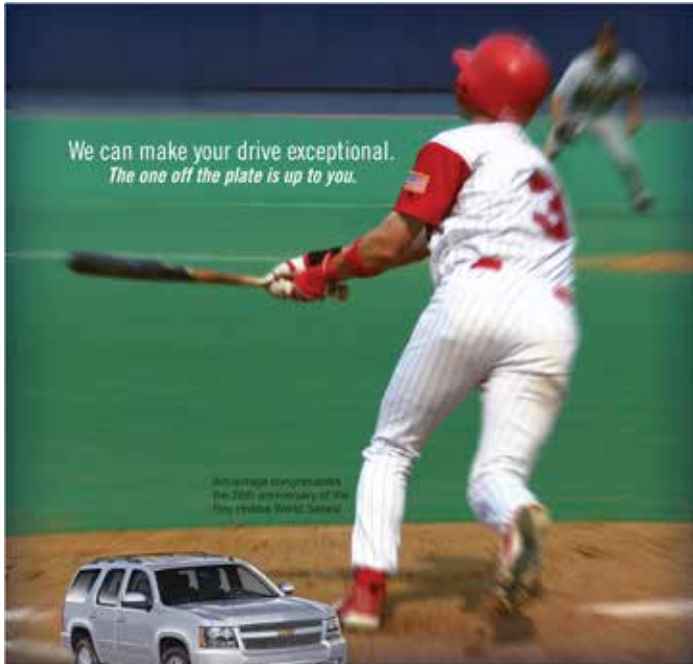
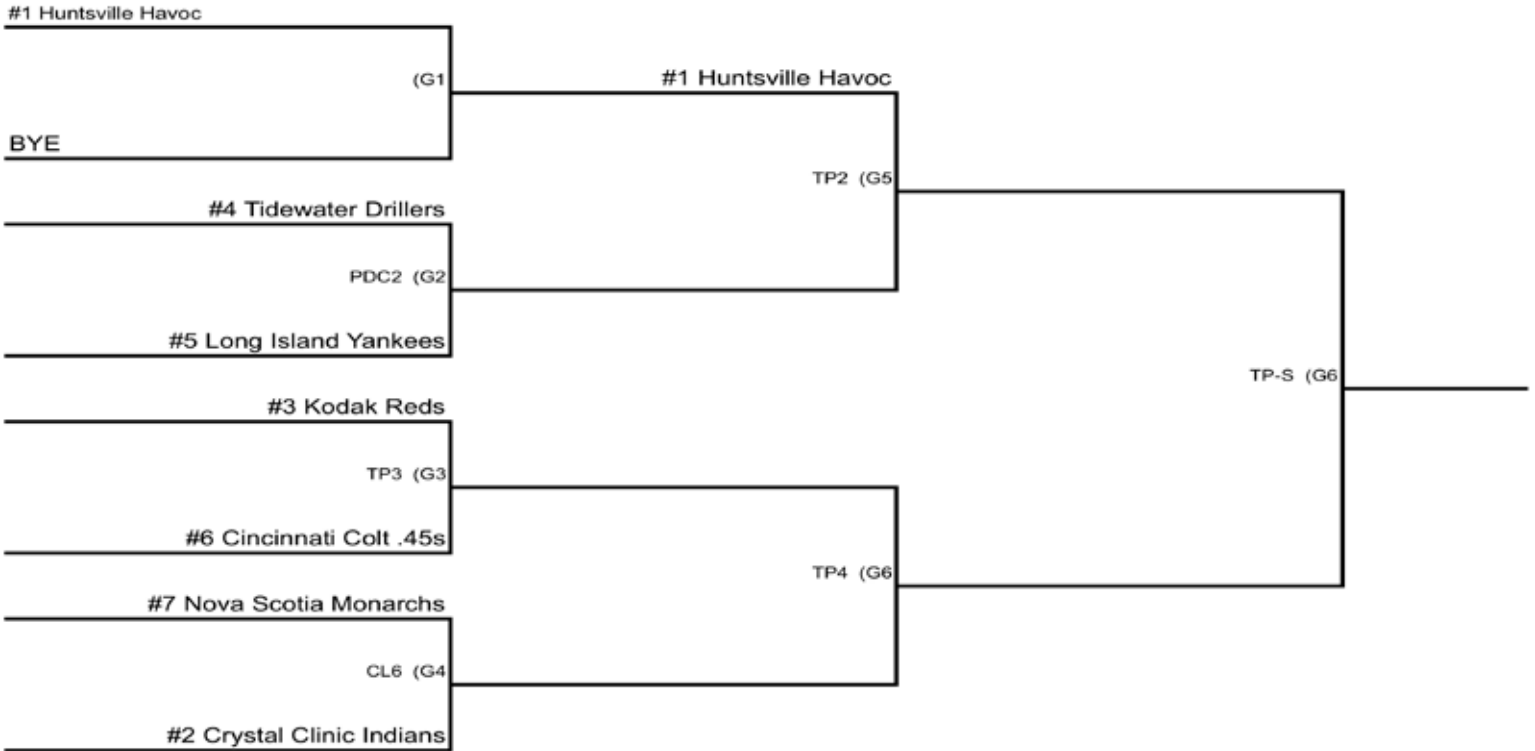


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Friday
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1:30 PM



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HIGHLIGHTS

Maine Indians 17, Crystal Clinic Indians 7: Maine Indians - WP: Ed Simmons; BATTING: Jay Hoyt - 2/4, 1 2b, 1 HR, 2 R

Chicago North Redhawks 19, Canton Tigers 9: North Redhawks - WP: Mike Falagarino; BATTING: Bill Zanon - 2/ 3, 2 R, 1 2B, 2 RBIs; Wally Czarny - 3/3, 4 R, 1 2b, 1 SB, 1 BB, 3 RBIs; Ed Phillips - 3/3, 4 R, 1 2B, 1 SB, 1 BB, 3 RBIs; Todd Larson - 3/4, 1 R, 2 RBIs; Jeff Daniels - 3/ 4, 4 RBIs

Dayton Cardinals 18, Crystal Clinic Indians 15: Cardinals - WP: Schreier; BATTING: Fultz - 4/4, 2 2B, 3 R, 1 RBI; Leist - 2/4, 1 2B, 3 R, 2 RBI; Fry - 2/ 3, 1 R, 2 SB, 1 RBI

Orlando Blazers 10, Oakville Golden A's 4: A's - BATTING: David Sorichetti - 2/2, 1 R, 1 SB, 1 RBI; Aaron Kashin - 1/1, 1 H, 1 R, 1 RBI

Chicago North Red Hawks 17, Canton Tigers 7: Tigers - BATTING: Mark Marlett - 2/4, 2 DBL, 2 RBI; Dan Hansen - 2/4, 4 RBI; Cal Baker - 2/3; Lou Petit 2/4 .

Maine Indians 11, Canton Tigers 1: Tigers - BATTING: Dan Hansen 2/3, RBI. RHINO Baseball 11, Dayton Cardinals 1: WP: Fournick; BATTING: Fultz 1/3, RBI, DBL

Chicago North Red Hawks 16, Dayton Cardinals 6: WP: Falkstrom; BATTING: Hillis 3/3, RBI; Leist 3/3, RBI; Fry 1/1, 1R, TRPL

Baltimore Thunder 15, Chicago Colts 1: WP: Rob Breedon; BATTING: Bill Gerczak - 1/2, 2R, 3 RBI, SB, SAC, BB; Ric Lester: 3/3, 2R, 2 RBI, 2 DBL, BB; PITCHING: 7 IP, 1R, 9H, 1 SO, 1BB

Journeyman

Upshaw, Jose Cruz and George Scott.

Davis recalls Scott's hitting advice during batting practice.

"I can hear his voice now," Davis said Monday before a game at CenturyLink. "George Scott: 'Stay in the middle of the field, son.' He said it all the time."

Davis' manager with the Hoot Owls of the Northeast League in 1995 was former big-league centerfielder Paul Blair.

"What I learned from him was about outfield play," Davis said. "He taught me a lot about angles and getting started low and getting that first jump."

He recalls Blair's reaction when he heard that Mickey Mantle had died. Davis was standing on third base and Blair was in the coach's box when the public-address announcer informed the crowd of Mantle's death.

"He loved Mickey and I remember that moment," Davis said. "I saw a tear in his eye about the Mick."

Davis also heard about sluggers such as Dick Allen from Blair.

"He said he never heard anybody hit a ball like Dick Allen," Davis said.

Davis said Blair passed along the observation of baseball legend Buck O'Neill that only Mantle, Bo Jackson and Josh Gibson hit a ball with the same explosive pop as Dick Allen.

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