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CLASSICS/TIMELESS

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Every Roy Hobbs Event Needs a Wonderboy

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

It's fitting, perhaps, that a baseball organization named after the fictional Roy Hobbs features a team called the Wonderboys. Roy Hobbs' bat was called Wonderboy.

The team is the New Jersey Wonderboys, who are playing this week in the Timeless Division.

Wonderboy Joe Knazek pointed out something Monday before a game at Terry Park. "Wondermen might be better," Knazek said, referring to the fact these Wonderboys haven't been boys in decades.

The Wonderboys owe their name to Roy Hobbs founder Ron Monks.

Wonderboys Manager Tommy Faherty, a Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer, said the origin of the name goes back to when the World Series was held in Baseball City in 1990. Monks contacted him and said he was putting together a team and was going to call it the Wonder Boys.

At the time, Faherty said, the name was spelled with two words. Faherty said Monks wanted a "tough, little Irish guy" to manage the new team.

"I said I know a tough, little Irish guy," said Faherty, who became the manager and remains the manager.

Faherty changed the spelling to one word the following year. The team didn't play in the World Series again until 1994 and it has been a regular participant ever since.

The fictional bat created by author Bernard Malamud for his 1952 novel "The Natural" is now best known for its role in the 1984 film of the same name. Robert Redford played Hobbs and used the mythical Wonderboy, a bat carved out of wood from a tree struck by lightning.

Is Faherty a fan of the movie?

"No," he said, simply.

Veteran Wonderboy Tom Peranteau likes the team name.

"Absolutely," Peranteau said.

But he has remained a Wonderboy since 1990 for the same reason so many players remain on other teams, even ones with pedestrian names.

"I don't need to play anymore," Peranteau said. "The only reason I play is because of these guys. I love these guys."

Why does he love his teammates?

"First of all, they're loyal guys," Peranteau said. "They've got great senses of humor and we've shared a lot. We know each other's families. There's a lot of history."

It's camaraderie more than a nifty team that keeps Peranteau on the Wonderboys.

"That's exactly right," Peranteau said.



Photo By: Greg Wagner

Tommy Faherty putting the ball in play.





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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 were 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.

Lending a helping hand at home plate

Roy Hobbs will place collection boxes at the security stations at each of our playing sites.

Please fill those with non-perishable food items or medical items ... Roy Hobbs will match what you donate.

Non-perishable food items will go to the Harry Chapin Food Bank of SW Florida, to the ACT battered women's shelter and to pantry programs that are helping to feed our community in need. Non-perishable food items include canned goods, or glassed items like peanut butter, bags of rice, pasta, beans, etc.

Medical items will be boxed and shipped through one of a variety of networks to Puerto Rico. Iran Negrón, manager of the Miami Marlins in Veterans week, is spearheading one of those operations.

Medical items include band-aides, rolled gauze,

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MONDAY RESULTS

CLASSICS DIVISION

Asheville Sox 13, Tropical Thunder 7
Atlanta Heat 7, Kansas City Blues 6
Baltimore Orioles 4, Cecil's Margin Service 0
Border City Brewers 11, Minnesota Bees 5
Chesapeake Blue Claws 22, St Louis Dodgers 16
Cincinnati Colt .45s 9, Minnesota Goats 3
DC Mets 10, Philadelphia Cutters 6
DuPage Lugnuts 8, Midwest Nine 6
Houston Colt .45s 27, Kent Mudhens 5
Livingston Dodgers 9, Tampa Sharks 3
Long Island Yankees 14, Tex-a-Can Blue Jays 2
Massachusetts Chiefs 12, Bergen Yankees 1
New England Red Sox 10, Minnesota Bandits 0
Nova Scotia Monarchs 16, Long Island Braves 5
Orlando Wrinkles 16, Comox Valley Cubs 6
PSOF Rangers 7, St Louis Knights 6
Rhode Island Rockies 18, Cleveland Spiders 7
San Antonio Texans 16, Philadelphia Brewers 3
Tidewater Drillers 5, Michigan Stars 4
Toledo McGuire Insurance 5, Bahama Breeze Bandits 3
Washington Titans 9, Huntsville Stars 1
Youngstown A2Z 11, Bronx Cardinals 3

TIMELESS DIVISION

Avengers 5, Boston Braves 2
Detroit 70s 7, San Diego Padres 6
Minnesota Saints 21, Toledo McGuire Insurance 2
New England Red Sox 13, Key West All Stars 11
New Jersey Wonderboys 12, DC National Spirit 1
South Dakota Rushmores 14, USA Volkers Group 0
Team America 14, Chicago Spirit 4



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Youngstown A2Z runner taking a lead.



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TUESDAY SCHEDULE

CLASSICS DIVISION

10:00AM

PSOF Rangers @ Cleveland Spiders - CL-S
 DC Mets @ Houston Colt .45s - JB-S
 Washington Titans @ Massachusetts Chiefs - JB5
 St Louis Knights @ Tampa Sharks - JB6
 Cecil's Margin Service @ Long Island Yankees - CP-S
 Bergen Yankees @ Atlanta Heat - PDC2
 Kent Mudhens @ Philadelphia Cutters - PDC3
 Orlando Wrinkles @ Chesapeake Blue Claws - PDC4
 Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Toledo McGuire Insurance - PDC5
 Tropical Thunder @ Minnesota Goats - TP-S

1:45PM

Huntsville Stars @ Minnesota Bandits - CL-S
 Tidewater Drillers @ DuPage Lugnuts - CL2
 Michigan Stars @ Philadelphia Brewers - CL3
 Minnesota Bees @ New England Red Sox - CL4
 Comox Valley Cubs @ St Louis Dodgers - CL6
 Baltimore Orioles @ Bronx Cardinals - JB-S
 Midwest Nine @ Livingston Dodgers - JB2
 San Antonio Texans @ Rhode Island Rockies - JB3
 Long Island Braves @ Bahama Breeze Bandits - JB4
 Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Asheville Sox - JB5
 Youngstown A2Z @ Tex-a-Can Blue Jays - CP-S
 Kansas City Blues @ Border City Brewers - TP-S

TIMELESS DIVISION

10:00AM

San Diego Padres @ Avengers - CL2
 USA Volkers Group @ Detroit 70s - CL3
 Minnesota Saints @ South Dakota Rushmores - CL4
 Boston Braves @ Toledo McGuire Insurance - CL6
 Kent Mudhens @ New Jersey Wonderboys - JB3
 Key West All Stars @ DC National Spirit - JB4
 New England Red Sox @ Chicago Spirit - PDC1



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Mudhens 60s 2nd Baseman turning for the double play.



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STANDINGS

CLASSICS DIVISION

AAAA	W	L	PCT	RA
Washington Titans	2	0	1.000	2
New England Red Sox	2	0	1.000	3
Border City Brewers	2	0	1.000	11
Atlanta Heat	2	0	1.000	14
Massachusetts Chiefs	1	1	0.500	11
Minnesota Bees	1	1	0.500	13
Huntsville Stars	0	2	0.000	13
Kansas City Blues	0	2	0.000	19
Bergen Yankees	0	2	0.000	23
Minnesota Bandits	0	2	0.000	25

OVERALL	W	L	PCT	RA
Long Island Yankees	2	0	1.000	3
Youngstown A2Z	2	0	1.000	4
Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	0	1.000	6
Livingston Dodgers	2	0	1.000	7
Orlando Wrinkles	2	0	1.000	8
Tidewater Drillers	2	0	1.000	10
DC Mets	2	0	1.000	11
DuPage Lugnuts	3	0	1.000	12
Houston Colt .45s	3	0	1.000	12
Rhode Island Rockies	2	1	0.667	19
Bahama Breeze Bandits	1	1	0.500	5
Cecil's Margin Service	1	1	0.500	8
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	1	0.500	9
Baltimore Orioles	1	1	0.500	11
Asheville Sox	1	1	0.500	13
San Antonio Texans	1	1	0.500	15
Toledo McGuire Ins	1	1	0.500	18
Philadelphia Brewers	1	1	0.500	21
Tex-a-Can Blue Jays	1	1	0.500	21
PSOF Rangers	1	1	0.500	22
Minnesota Goats	1	1	0.500	23
Tampa Sharks	1	1	0.500	29
Chesapeake Blue Claws	1	1	0.500	29
Kent Mudhens	1	1	0.500	31
Michigan Stars	0	2	0.000	16
Bronx Cardinals	0	2	0.000	20
St Louis Knights	0	2	0.000	23
Philadelphia Cutters	0	2	0.000	24



Greg Wagner Photo
Kent Mudhens runner sliding in for the score.

Long Island Braves	0	2	0.000	28
Tropical Thunder	0	2	0.000	29
Comox Valley Cubs	0	2	0.000	30
Midwest Nine	0	2	0.000	30
Cleveland Spiders	0	2	0.000	33
St Louis Dodgers	0	3	0.000	53

TIMELESS DIVISION

TIMELESS	W	L	PCT	RA
Avengers	2	0	1.000	5
Kent Mudhens	2	0	1.000	8
Team America	2	0	1.000	10
Detroit 70s	2	0	1.000	12
New England Red Sox	2	0	1.000	17
Minnesota Saints	1	1	0.500	6
New Jersey Wonderboys	1	1	0.500	9
South Dakota Rushmores	1	1	0.500	10
Boston Braves	1	1	0.500	12
USA Volkers Group	1	1	0.500	17
San Diego Padres	0	2	0.000	17
DC National Spirit	0	2	0.000	22
Chicago Spirit	0	2	0.000	29
Key West All-Stars	0	2	0.000	31
Toledo McGuire Ins	0	2	0.000	40



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gauze pads, elastic bandages, thermometers, antibiotic ointments, hydro-cortisone ointments ... whatever you would stock in your personal first aid kits.

Please help us make a difference in our community as well as elsewhere.

Picking up T-Shirts

The tournament T-shirt is available through Friday only for all registered players outside the Roy Hobbs Store in the screened in patio at the Player Development Complex. No Shirts will be given out on Thursdays or Saturdays.

Hours to pick up the Tournament T-shirt are from Noon to 6 p.m. With the shirt, each player will get a tournament patch.

Players will need their RHWS ID card to get their shirts, no exceptions – No drivers licenses needed.

First Aid

Two key First Aid items: Drink plenty of fluids while playing; don't just wait until the game is over. Water will be available

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Greg Wagner Photo

Chesapeake Blue Claws Walks on over to catch this routine fly ball.

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Youngstown A2Z
2nd baseman
grabs a
fly ball
in the game
against the
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at the fields.

Second, be sure to stretch and loosen up before playing, or even re-entering a game.

In case of an emergency, contact the field manager at your site. He has the First Aid supplies and will contact 911 services as needed.

Ice is available for injuries ... check with the field manager on duty or go to the nearest concession stand to have the appropriate personnel paged. Roy Hobbs requests that managers plan for pitchers needing ice for their arms and to supply it.

Admission, \$1 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is \$1 per game. Players will pay their \$1 at check-in for their player ID card that guarantees them



Greg Wagner Photo

Chesapeake Blue Claws outfielder grabs this fly ball on the run.

access to all games in which they are not playing. Spectators will pay \$1 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day.

Roy Hobbs will have available a Tournament pass for each adult for \$5; the family pass has been eliminated. The tournament pass is a plastic card that guarantees admission for that person for the duration of the RHWS.

The Tournament passes are available at the Hobbs headquarters at PDC or from the Site Concierge at each of the playing sites.

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HIGHLIGHTS

CLASSICS DIVISION

Kent Mudhens 14, Comox Valley Cubs 4:

(KM) WP: Gary Salhany-7.1 IP, 3 ER, 2 K; Jon Catalano - 2/4, 3 R, 2 RBI, 3 SB; John Konich - 2/4, 2 R, 2 RBI, 2 SB; Denny Bloom - 2/4, R, 3 RBI, 2B; Lou Munoz - 2/5, R, SB

Youngstown A2Z 16, PSOF Rangers 1: (YA2Z)

WP: Dave Faiman - 5 ip, 2 h, 1 r, 1 er, 2k, 2 bb; Mark Cherol - 3/3, 4 RBI

Tex-a-Can Blue Jays 9, Bronx Cardinals 7:

(BC) Kevin Clark - 3/3, 2 RBI; Ed Sopko - 2 Hs, 2 Rs, 2 RBI; Bob McGarry - 6 IP, 7 Hs, 3 Rs, 2 ERs, 2 Ks, 5 BB

Houston Colt .45s 27, Kent Mudhens 5: (KM) Jon Catalano - 1/1, 2 BB, 3 R, 2 SB; John Konich - 2/3, R, SB; Lou Munoz - 2/3, 2B; Dusty Stauffer - 1/2, 2 RBI

Youngstown A2Z 11, Bronx Cardinals 3: (YA2Z) WP: Jack Hay 6 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 2 Ks, 1 BB; Dave Fairman 3/3, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 R, 1SB



Youngstown A2Z's starting pitcher, Jack Hay serving a nasty knuckleball.

Greg Wagner Photo

TIMELESS DIVISION

Team America 18, Key West All Stars 6:

(TA) WP: Wayne Brennan; Paul Netzel - 4/5, 2 2Bs, 6 RBI

New England Red Sox 4, Huntsville Stars 3:

(HS) Kitko - 2/4; Shinn - 1/3, RBI; Means - 1/4, RBI; Starke - 6 IP, 3Hss, 3ER, 4Ks, 5BBs

Boston Braves 10, San Diego Padres 7:

(BB) WP: Howard Elson - Complete game - 7 runs, 3 earned, 12 hits,

1bb, 6 k; Dale Marker - 4/5, Stan Lederman - 3/5, 2 2b; Denny Brown - 3/5, 2 2b, Don Holmstrom - 2/4

Avengers 5, Boston Braves 2: (BB) Jerry Kirk - Complete game, 5 runs, 2 earned, 10 hits, 4 bb, 3 k; Stan Lederman - 2/5; Ted Pierce - 2/3

Team America 14, Chicago Spirit 4: (TA) WP: DJ Bones; Paul Netzel - 3/5, 1 2B, 7 RBI

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