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Pittsburgh, Dominican Sox await championship game opponents

Pittsburgh and the Dominican Red Sox won their way through their respective playoff brackets to reach Saturday's AAAA and AAA championship games.

All they need now is to know who will be their opponent.

The AAAA Championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at Lee County Stadium, and the AAA Championship game begins at 1:45 p.m. in the stadium.

In AAAA, No. 2-seeded Cincinnati Sting will meet No. 5 Harry Young Builders in the Losers Bracket Final at 1:45 p.m. Saturday on Preston Lyles Field (field #5) at Lee County Sports Complex.

The Sting lost to top-seeded Pittsburgh in the Winners Bracket Final at City of Palms Stadium Friday afternoon, 6-3, and Harry Young Builders defeated the White Sox Friday evening at Lee County Stadium.

In AAA, No. 5-seeded Dayton Braves will meet #4 Destin Dawgs in the Losers Bracket Final at 10 a.m., also on Preston Lyles Field. This game will be a rematch of Thursday's first-round playoff game that the Dawgs won 3-2 in 12 innings.

The lead-in games to Saturday's AAA Losers Bracket Final were both 7-4 affairs, with Destin falling to the Dominican Red Sox Friday morning and the Dayton Braves stopping the German Red Barons Friday afternoon at Lee County Stadium.

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In the 50/50 raffle, \$35 goes to the holder of this ticket number, and \$35 goes to the Roy Hobbs Foundation. For more details on the Roy Hobbs Foundation, go to www.royhobbs.org.

MVPs & 5-win team awards

MVP certificates need to be turned into the Roy Hobbs World Series office before Manager/players leave the 2009 World Series.

See Tony Anarumo to redeem those certificates and to turn in certificates for the team prizes for teams that won at least 5 games overall.



Photo by Tom Moore

Red Barons (from left) Alper Bozkurt, Georg Bull and Oliver Knaack.

Baseball love leads to Red Baron careers

By **TOM MOORE**

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Oliver Knaack of the German Red Barons owes his career to the emergence of baseball in his country.

When baseball burst upon the scene, his local newspaper, the *Elmshorner Nachricat* in Elmshorner, Germany, had no writers that understood the game.

They turned to Oliver who now has 22 years of experience playing the game, starting with his year as an exchange student in 1986 at Buena High School in Ventura, Cal.

When he returned home, he continued to play "pick-up" games at the local park and sometimes only 7 players would show up. These guys continued to play and kept picking up more players as the word spread. And in 1989 they had enough players to form a team to play teams from other cities, like nearby Hamburg.

The team didn't want to adopt the name of any major league team, so they came up with the "Alligators." (That seems appropriate now that they're playing their second year in the Hobbs World Series.) Oliver says the papers in Germany give baseball news from the states about five lines—"the same as what U.S. papers usually devote to soccer."

So Oliver also covers other sports—soccer, boxing and hockey.

He says the exception to the U.S. coverage rule was broken when the Minnesota Twins signed 16-year-old Michael Kepler from Berlin with an \$800,000 bonus. Michael now lives in Ft. Myers and is going to school waiting for the spring training season.

Oliver pointed out teammate Georg Bull on the Red

PLAYOFF RESULTS/SCHEDULE

2009 RHWS Open Division AAAA Double-Elimination Bracket

Throughout the playoffs the higher seeded team is home with the exception of the Championship game where the winners bracket finalist will be home team.

Thursday, October 29

First Round

G1: **#1 Pittsburgh 10**, #8 Jet Box 0
G2: **#5 Harry Young Builders 5**, #4 Akron A's 1
G3: **#3 PGS White Sox 20**, #6 Dominicana Liga del Oeste 2
G4: **#2 Cincinnati Sting 9**, #7 KBD Wombats 3

Second Round

G5: **#1 Pittsburgh 6**, #5 Harry Young Builders 3
G6: **#2 Cincinnati Sting 5**, #3 PGS White Sox 4

Losers Bracket

G7: **#4 Akron A's 10**, #8 Jet Box 1
G8: **#7 KBD Wombats 5**, #6 Dominicana Liga del Oeste 1 (protest disallowed)

Friday, October 30

Winners Bracket Final

G11: **#1 Pittsburgh 9**, #2 Cincinnati Sting 3

Losers Bracket

G9: **#3 PGS White Sox 4**, #4 Akron A's 1
G10: **#5 Harry Young Builders 15**, #7 KBD Wombats 11
G12: **#5 Harry Young Builders 4**, #3 PGS White Sox 3

Saturday, October 31

Losers Bracket Final

G13: G12 winner @ #2 Cincinnati Sting, 1:45 PM @ LC5

Championship

G14: G13 winner @ #1 Pittsburgh, 7 PM @ LCS

2009 RHWS Open Division AAA Double-Elimination Bracket

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Thursday, October 29

First Round

G1: **#1 German Red Barons** – Bye
G2: **#4 Destin Dawgs 3**, #5 Dayton Braves 2
G3: **#3 UTEK Baseball 7**, #6 Okaloosa Slammers 6
G4: **#7 Dominican Red Sox 7**, #2 Baltimore Bohsox 1

Second Round

G5: **#4 Destin Dawgs 6**, #1 German Red Barons 4
G6: **#7 Dominican Red Sox 10**, #3 UTEK Baseball 2

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Ace & King of the Diamonds

Thursday's 'Ace' and 'King' of Diamonds come from Pittsburgh and Jet Box.

Ace: Joe Novak of Pittsburgh: In a 6-3 victory over Harry young Builders in the second round of the AAAA playoffs, Joe pitched a complete game, gave up 7 hits, struck out 3 and allowed 1 earned run.

King: Frank Jeney of Jet Box: In a 10-1 loss to the Akron A's in the first round of the AAAA losers bracket, Frank was 4x4 with a double and RBI.

Each of the daily winners receive a gift of playing cards from Roy Hobbs Baseball, and at the end of the week, the names 5 Aces (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) and 5 Kings will be entered in a Saturday morning drawing for a \$25 Roy Hobbs Pro Shop gift certificate.

The Ace and King will be announced each day in the daily Inside Pitch, and their names will be posted on an announcement board at Lee County Sports Complex.

The gifts this week will be available on Friday.

Players considered for the Ace and King designation come from the daily reports supplied by managers, either on the game reports turned in after games or game reports turned in via email the same day as the game was played. Reports turned in a day late will not be considered for the recognition.



Photo by Tom Giffen

David McLaughlin is hard at work repairing a baseball glove

Highlights Thursday, Oct. 29

Highlights from Thursday's games

Akron A's 10, Jet Box 1: (JetBox) Frank Jeney, 4x4, 2B, RBI. (Akron) Jimmy Summers WP, 8 IP, 7 hits, 2 Ks; Ross Vukovich 3-4, 2 runs, RBI; Ty Moorhead 4-5, 1 run, RBI; Adam Wilson 2-5, 1 Run, RBI; Sean Frank 3-5, 1 run, RBI; Tom Crank 2-4, 1 run, RBI, 2 SB.

Cincinnati Sting 9, KBD Wombats 3: (Sting) David Prosser 9 IP, 2 ER, 4 hits, 1 K; Justin Lofranco 3x4, run, 2 RBI; Andrew Stallworth 2x4, 2B, 2 RBI.

Cincinnati Sting 5, PGS White Sox 4: (Sting) Jeff Sanders 9 IP, 4 ER, 10 hits.

Harry Young Builders 5, Akron A's 1: (A's) Ryan Armstrong 2x5, 1 run, SB. (Builders) Tony LaPoint WP, 7.1 IP, 1 ER, 6 hits, 7 Ks.

Pittsburgh 6, Harry Young Builders 3: (Pittsburgh) Joe Novak WP, CP, 7 hits, 3 Ks, 1 ER.

Pittsburgh 10, Jet Box 1: (Pittsburgh) Chris Kelly WP, CP, 2 hits.

Spend a week in the Locker Room

Spend your week in the Minnesota Twins locker room, complete with trainers, daily laundry, breakfast, post-game beer and the like ...

There are still slots open for the Locker Room Option for Veterans Week at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Feel Free on Saturday to tour the locker room. Ask at the World Series Headquarters or go right on in to see Mike Murphey or Steve Larson, who will be glad to show you around.

The fee is \$250 per player with discounts for multiple players from the same team.

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NEWS & NOTES

Boo! Turn your clocks back

Saturday night, don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour as Daylight Savings Time comes to an end for 2009.

Good news, it's an extra hour of sleep, and the Roy Hobbs World Series staff is looking forward to that.

10-, 15- & 20-year recognition

Have you been at the Roy Hobbs World Series 10 or more years?

If so, Roy Hobbs has a recognition pin for players with 10 or 15 or 20 years at the Tournament. See Todd, Tony, or Tom at RHWS headquarters to get your pin.

Glove repair

Roy Hobbs Baseball has a new Glove Repairman on the scene for 2009: David McLaughlin.

He will be stationed at the Lee County Complex, and his hours are:

Monday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday: on call ... 941.979.2030

Wednesday: on call

Thursday: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

David is also willing to set up pickup and delivery through the Roy Hobbs office on a daily basis as well.

Picking up T-shirts ...

The tournament T-shirt is available for all registered players outside the main concession stand near the Roy Hobbs Store on the Concourse at Lee County Stadium.

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

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

Player ID cards

Just a reminder that all players must have their player I.D. cards with them at games.

No card, no play, and Roy Hobbs reserves the right to

do card checks at games. Players without their ID cards will not be allowed to continue to play and will be required to bring his ID card to the Tournament Director or Site Manager before being allowed to return to the playing field.

Replacement cards are available at the Roy Hobbs Headquarters. Bring a photo ID to verify identity, and the fee is \$10.

So, please don't lose the card and please keep it with you.

Ice for the injured ...

Just a reminder that we are willing to furnish ice for injuries.

However, we advise managers from the start that they need to provide ice for pitchers arms, if needed. That's something to plan for ... injuries are another story.

For injuries, please contact Hobbs personal at the field site for assistance.

Getting the Statistics

The statistics that managers have been entering on-line are available to the teams.

Here's how ...

Please send an email to Tom Giffen tg@royhobbs.com after the tournament is over, requesting your teams complete statistics.

We will copy them into an excel spreadsheet and email them back to you.

It is important then that those statistics be up to date with all of your teams games. Please enter them all so we can have our best statistics package ever from a World Series.

BARONS

Barons team.

Seems Georg was the young player's coach since he was 14. Georg manages the German National Team.

Georg says Kepler, an outfielder "is the best player to come out of Europe." He took him to lots of camps and found that teams "were knocking on his door."

Georg says he's taught the kid everything he knows and Georg has led his national team to five championships in Germany.

Oliver says he's not the news on the German team. He insists Georg is one and another is Alper Bozkurt.

Seems Alper has dual citizenship—Turkey and Germany.

So the Turkish Ministry hired him to coach teams in Istanbul. He coaches 25 clubs in two different categories. The kids started in 2006. The oldest player is 16. Alper is hoping, as the kids grow older, he'll be able to form adult teams.

Right now he says: Turkey is a baseball no man's land.



Photo by Tom Giffen

Fans for Dominicana Del Oeste's first game