

Kenny Schwab
(center) talks
hitting strategy
with his
manager Bill
Curzie (left)
and another
teammate.



Photo by Tom Giffen

Baseball isn't just for the young guys... just ask the Timeless veterans

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

"Baseball is just for the young guys."

If somebody says that to you, point them toward the Timeless Division teams in the 2009 Roy Hobbs World Series.

These guys are 70-plus years old and if you ask them, they plan to keep playing for a long time to come.

Take **Kenny Schwab** of the New Jersey Cardinals. He's a shortstop – you know – the guy who has to chase balls to his right and to his left ... and quickly!

Kenny is only 81.

"As long as I can run, I'll play," he says. He's still got a pretty good arm, and in the St. Louis Regional Senior Olympics, he's captured the title of longest throw five times in a row.

His first throw at the age of 60 was 202 feet. Today that has narrowed to 121 feet.

Two other players are **Charlie Hildebrandt** and **Ed Frank** of the Western Silver Foxes.

Charlie, 77, a pitcher, says of his passion for baseball that as long as he's on this side of the grass, he'll be out on the field. "You've got to have heart for the game. You've got to show respect for the game."

Catcher Ed, 76, is another who says he'll keep playing as long as he's on the right side of the grass and as long as the game is fun.

All three players are involved in the inaugural Roy Hobbs World Series Timeless Divison for players 70-and-older. In addition to the Cardinals and the Silver Foxes, the third team is the New England Red Sox 70s.

Joe Maiden (Silver Foxes), Bill Curzie (Cards) and Joel Weinstein (Red Sox) took the lead along with Roy Hobbs and developed the three teams competing. Each team will play 6 pool games, through Saturday. At that time, the 2 teams with the best record will play for the Timeless Division's first championship on Sunday morning in Lee County Stadium.

In Monday's first games, the Western Silver Foxes won a double-header. The Red Sox play the Tuesday DH, and the Cardinals' DH is Wednesday.

Kenny Schwab has been playing ball since he was 12 see TIMELESS on page 2

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when the neighbor kids got together and built themselves a field. His high school team got into the Illinois state finals. Two of the guys he played with on that team made it to the major leagues (Jimmy Robertson with the KC Royals & Dick Weik with the Senators).

In 1944-45, Kenny had a tryout when the St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Browns played each other. Kenny says he shagged balls for Pete Gray, the legendary MLB one-armed out-fielder.

Then Kenny went to Bradley University and played ball. From there he wound up in the Army in Germany and found himself on the regiment team.

His non-baseball career was in his family's diary business.

How does he keep in shape?

He plays slo-pitch softball three times a week in the St. Louis area in the summer and in Orlando during the winter months. And he tries to eat healthy.

He survived a heart attack four years ago and had a

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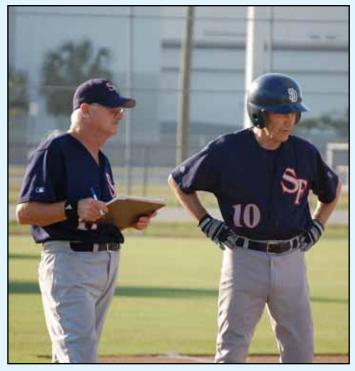


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Joe Maiden talks with his third base coach Harry Hart

Joe Maiden: The Silver Foxes' shepherd

How do you manage and coach a team of 70-plus ballplayers?

Joe Maiden, himself 70, says he's been involved with the Western Silver Foxes through the 60s, 65s and now the 70s.

He says he has been fortunate to have a team mostly composed of the same players for a decade, and he has no shortage of folks in their 70s who want to play.

"I'm the 70-year-old kid on the block and I'm the boss."

The hardest thing he finds is when he has to tell a player he doesn't have room for him on the team.

He says he tries to steer them to another team.

Joe used to play softball until 1994. Since then, he says, he has never touched a softball.

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head injury in 1948 when he was beaned with a ball. That was before batting helmets were required.

"I had headaches for the next six years," he says.

Charles Hildebrandt only played softball until he was 67. He stays in shape with both baseball and softball and he runs 5 miles a day, six days a week.

He played a year in the minor leagues for the Philadelphia Phillies until he joined the Army. He was an engineer working with the space program.

His advice on keeping fit? "Eat right, live right, and exercise all you can." He says a few beers are fine, but don't overdo it.

Ed Frank says he's fortunate and every day he gives thanks for his health.

The catcher says: "I treat my knees with loving care."

He exercises everyday, keeps a close eye on his diet and tries to make sure it's well-balanced. "And pass that along to your children."

Ed played ball all through college. He was a defense electronics engineer with a company that had a contract with the U.S. government.

He says he'll play ball as long as it's fun and: "Be grateful for everyday you're given. If possible, play every day."



Kenny Schwab brings the ball back in from his SS position.

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NOTEBOOK

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.

Please help with dugouts

Roy Hobbs Baseball needs your help in the dugouts.

First, if there is a problem with water or cups, please let us know and we will attend to your concerns.

Second, when your games are over and you are leaving the dugout, please police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.

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

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 Baseball 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.

Team photo plan

Just a reminder that if any team wants to get signed up for the photo plan this week, the manager should visit Photo Mom at the Wagner Photography Booth on the Lee

County Stadium Concourse Monday or call Greg Wagner at 239-898-8677 (cell phone) Monday in order to get on the schedule for Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

Also, teams participating in the photo program can view their photos online by going to www.wagnerphotography. com and clicking on the Roy Hobbs World Series link near the lower right corner of the front page. And of course they can see their photos at the booth.

Vendor Sales

Roy Hobbs has created a vendors area on the concrete pad next to the Lee County Stadium batting cages.

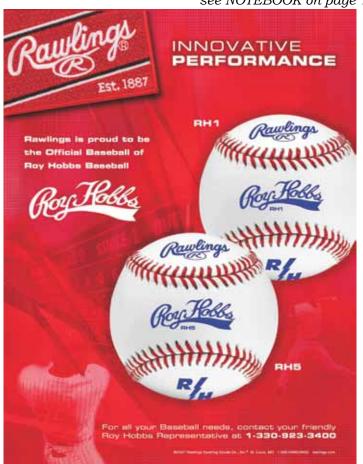
Currently, bat vendors M>Powered and Roy Hobbs are setting up there.

Massage therapists are setting up nearby, in the shade of the trees off the third base side of Preston Lyles Field (field 5) at Lee County Sports Complex.

The site was chosen to accommodate hard goods vendors, especially so that bat buyers would have a place to swing and get the feel of the merchandise.

It should be noted that Vendors are prohibited from selling bats or other merchandise from trunks of cars, in

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SCHEDULE

Legends Tuesday, November 17 10:00 AM

Wilmington Old Salts @ NorCal Giants, CPS New England Red Sox @ Cincinnati Colts, LC5 Comox Valley Cubs @ SilverHawks, LCS Washington Titans @ Youngstown Astros, TP 1:45 PM

Akron Blues @ Atlanta Chiefs, 5P4
Houston Colt .45s @ Philadelphia Cutters, 5P5
Orioles Legends @ Cleveland Pirates, CPS
Tampa Bay Rebels @ Windy City, LC2
DC Dodgers @ Minnesota Bees, LC3
DuPage Lugnuts @ Rhode Island Rockies, LC5
DHBA Athletics @ Tallahassee Classics, LCS
Baltimore Baseball Club @ Maine Boston Braves, TP
6:00 PM

Tavern Legends @ South Florida Suns, CPS Snowbirds @ ES3 Stone Age, LCS Twin Cities Crosstown Traffic @ Asheville Sox, TP

Classics Tuesday, November 17 10:00 AM

Detroit 60s @ Livingston Dodgers, 5P3
Asheville Tourists @ Kent MudHens, 5P4
New England Red Sox @ Springfield Classics, 5P5
Huntsville 60s @ Washington Nationals, LC1
NorCal Antiques @ Toledo MudDogs, LC2
Chicago National Wind @ New Jersey Wonderboys, LC3
Ohio Classics @ Shields ATM Guards, TP2
Kansas City Cubs @ Lehigh Baseball, TP3
Silver Foxes Baseball of R.I. @ Tallahassee Classics,
TP4

Timeless Tuesday, November 17 10:30 PM

New England Red Sox @ New Jersey Cardinals, 5P2 - 7 1:45 PM

Western Silver Foxes @ New England Red Sox, 5P3 - 7



STANDINGS

Legends Washington Titans New England Red Sox NorCal Giants Youngstown AstroFalcons Akron Blues Rhode Island Rockies ES3 Stone Age Orioles Legends DuPage Lugnuts TC Crosstown Traffic Maine-Boston Braves Philadelphia Cutters Windy City Tavern Legends DHBA Athletics Cincinnati Colts Minnesota Bees Atlanta Chiefs Tampa Bay Rebels Asheville Sox SilverHawks Houston Colt .45s Tallahassee Classics South Florida Suns Comox Valley Cubs Wilmington Old Salts Cleveland Pirates DC Dodgers Baltimore Baseball Club Snowbirds	W 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0	L0000001111111111112222222222	PCT 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 1.000 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.667 0.500 0.500 0.500 0.500 0.500 0.500 0.500 0.500 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.333 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	RA 8 4 5 6 7 10 16 21 22 7 8 9 14 16 17 22 22 7 8 9 14 15 23 23 26 30 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37 37
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Photo by Greg Wagner

Houston Colt .45's catcher stretching to catch a foul popup off a Youngstown AstroFalcons batter.



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parking lots or at the playing fields, either in the stands or in the dugouts.

Getting the Statistics

Just a reminder to Managers to enter their statistics after each game on line.

The program will give you cumulative totals for all your games, and Roy Hobbs will be checking those on Wednesday morning to produce pitching data to determine which pitchers will be eligible for starting-closing roles in the AAAA and AAA double-elimination playoffs.

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.



Shuttle launch as seen from the Red Sox Player Development Complex.

Photo by Greg Wagner

RESULTS

Legends

Monday, November 16

Akron Blues 8, Windy City 3
Asheville Sox 5, Wilmington Old Salts 2

Atlanta Chiefs 16. SilverHawks 7

Atlanta Chiefs 10, Silvernawks 1

DHBA Athletics 9, Cleveland Pirates 1 DuPage Lugnuts 5, Comox Valley Cubs 3

ES3 Stone Age 7, Tavern Legends 2

Maine Boston Braves 9, South Florida Suns 3

Minnesota Bees 15, Tampa Bay Rebels 10

New England Red Sox 17, Twin Cities Crosstown Traffic 1

NorCal Giants 11, Orioles Legends 1

Orioles Legends 7, Tallahassee Classics 1

Philadelphia Cutters 25, Snowbirds 0

Rhode Island Rockies 18, DC Dodgers 4

SilverHawks 10, DuPage Lugnuts 4

Twin Cities Crosstown Traffic 12, Cincinnati Colts 3

Washington Titans 20, Baltimore Baseball Club 3

Washington Titans 9, Houston Colt .45s 3

Youngstown Astros 15, Houston Colt .45s 5

Classics

Monday, November 16

Chicago National Wind 13, Washington Nationals 12
Detroit 60s 11, Asheville Tourists 3
Lehigh Baseball 15, Tallahassee Classics 4
New England Red Sox 19, Livingston Dodgers 16
New Jersey Wonderboys 5, Toledo MudDogs 4
NorCal Antiques 14, Huntsville 60s 4
Ohio Classics 8, Kansas City Cubs 1
Shields ATM Guards 17, Silver Foxes Baseball of R.I. 6
Springfield Classics 9, Kent MudHens 8

Timeless

Monday, November 16

Western Silver Foxes 12, New England Red Sox 0 Western Silver Foxes 23, New Jersey Cardinals 6

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Ace & King of the Diamonds

Sunday's 'Ace' and 'King' of Diamonds in the **Legends** Division:

Ace: Ronnie McAlister of the Asheville Sox: In a 5-2 victory over the Wilmington Old Salts, Ronnie pitched an 8-hit, complete game, striking out 5.

King: Dave Mathews of the Washington Titans: In a Monday double-header sweep, Dave as 4-for-4 with a double, 2 runs scored and 3 RBI.

Sunday's 'Ace' and 'King' of Diamonds in the **Classics** Division:

Ace: Flacco Santiago of Shields ATM Guards: In an 5-4 victory over the Tallahassee Classics, Flacco pitched a 6-hit, complete game, striking out 8 and allowing 2 earned runs.

King: Dan Gates of the Ohio Classics: In an 8-1 victory

over the Kansas City Cubs, Dan was 4x4 and scored a run as well as pitched 3 innings.

Each of the daily winners will 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.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from Sunday's games:

Legends Division

Orioles Legends 10, Wilmington Old Salts 9: (Legends) Steve Launse 4x5; Mike Mantia 3x5, 3R; Ivan Lanier 2x4; Dan Gilliam 4 2B; Dave Vidi 4 2B.

Tampa Bay Rebels 8, DC Dodgers 7: (Rebels) Joe Lomascolo 4 IP, 2 H, Walk

Youngstown Astros 7, Philadelphia Cutters 1: (Astros) George Hall 7 IP, 6 Ks, 1 ER; Greg Stenglein 2 RBI; John Peterka 2x2, 2 R, 2 RBI.

Highlights from Monday's games:

Classics Division

LeHigh Baseball 15, Tallahassee Classics 4: (LeHigh) Bill Wasilewski 6 IP. 2 H.

Ohio Classics 8, KC Cubs 1: (Ohio) Howard Elson WP, 6 IP, 4 H, 0 ER; Dan Gates 3 IP, 4 H, R; Dan Gates 4x4; Jim Mannos 3x4; Ron St Louie 3x4; Larry Pershing 2 H; John Mazur 2 H.

Shields ATM Guards 5, Tallahassee Classics 4: (Shields) Flacco Santiago CG, 8 Ks, 6 H, 2 ER; Ken Ulrich 1B, 2R.

Legends Division

Asheville Sox 5, Wilmington Old Salts 2: (Asheville) Ronnie McAlister WP, CG, 8 H, 5 Ks; Ron Alexander 3x3; Lindsay Graham 3x4; Jeff Anders 2 drag bunts. (Old Salts) Thurston Watkins 2x4, RBI, 2B.

Atlanta Chiefs 16, Silverhawks 8:

(Silverhawks) Kip Kuebler 3x4, 3 1B; John Berger 2x4, 1B, 2B.

DHBA Athletics 9, Cleveland Pirates 1: (Athletics) Robert Stramp & Mike Murphey combined 1 ER; Russ Backnell 2x3; Steve Larson 1x2, 2 RBI; Joe Starvish 2x4, 2B.

Maine Boston Braves 9, South Florida Suns 3: (Braves) Fran Kamon 2 1B; Matt Babich 3 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 Ks, 2 1B; Sam Panayotovich 2 1B; Brian Stowell 2 1B; Dick Hill 6 IP, 8 H, 2 BB, 2 Ks.

Minnesota Bees 15, Tampa Bay Rebels 10: (Rebels) Rafael Lugo 2x4; Joe Oritz 3x4.

Silverhawks 10, DuPage Lugnuts 4: (Silverhawks) Denny Bloom 2x4, 2 1B; Wade Currence 2x5, 2 1B; Dave Sechler 2x3, 2 1B; Bennie Woodall 2x4, 2 1B.

Washington Titans 20, Baltimore Baseball Club 3: (Titans) Dave Reynolds WP, 6 H, 2 Ks, 3 R; Steve Meyers 3x4, 5 RBI; Bart Waldman 2x3, RBI; Dave Mathews 2x2, 3 RBI; Bob Jarrett 2x3, 2 RBI.

Washington Titans 9, Houston Colt 45s 3: (Titans) Dan MacDougall 6 IP, 5 H, K, R; Dave Mathews 2x2, 2B, 2 R; Wayne Bauers 2x3, 3 RBI; Mark Patterson 2x3, RBI; Bill Ralston 2x4, RBI; Mike Slattery 2x4, 2 SB, 2 R.

Youngstown Astros 15, Houston Colt 45s 5: (Astros) Greg Rowland 3x5, 3 R; Greg Stenglein 2x3, 2 RBI, 2 R; Don Hileman 6 IP, 3 Ks. (Houston) Mark Gochenour 4x4.



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Moments before a collision at first base between SilverHawks first baseman and DuPage Lugnuts runner.