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OCT. 29th

Dunbar Hoops meet Roy Hobbs Diamonds



Tom Giffen Photo

Dunbar girls basketball players and coaches worked with Roy Hobbs Player Registration, Locker Room and Welcome bags for 2 weeks ... from left, Kaya Faust, Dasani Williamson, Coach Dwayne Donnell, Luxury Vance, Coach Howard West, Alasia Mejia, Coach Jo Shaw, Katrina Oceant, Shannon Powell, and Karen Marcinkoski of Roy Hobbs.

BY GLENN MILLER Roy Hobbs Baseball

Basketball players from Dunbar High School only half a mile from the Roy Hobbs World Series Player Development Complex headquarters were the first contact many players have had this year with Roy Hobbs World Series staff.

This was a new world to the players. The Dunbar Tigers didn't know about the Roy Hobbs World Series or even realize that five baseball fields were at the end of Edison Avenue.

Now they do. Coach Dwayne Donnell brought them to the PDC for two reasons.

One was to raise funds for the program. The other was to give them a real-life experience working with customers and meeting the diverse roster of Roy Hobbs players.

These kids from Lee County not only met players from all over the country but have also met men from the Dominican Republic, Russia and the Ukraine.

Senior Katrina Oceant said it's been pleasant seeing players arriving with smiles.

"They're very amped up for the games," Katrina said. "Got a positive vibe."

Karen Marcinkoski is one of the behind the scenes people who make the World Series possible. It was her idea to bring in high school groups so they can raise funds for their programs and to assist staff. Next week a group of thespians from Mariner High in Cape Coral will take over from the Dunbar basketball players.

There also have been a deaf and hard of hearing group from Fort Myers High and groups from Estero High helping with set up for the 2018 World Series.

Those youngsters may have noticed

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some of the same things the Dunbar students noticed.

"It was a good experience to see older people are playing sports and are still in shape," junior Alasia Mejia said.

They also encountered Russians name that are difficult for Americans to pronounce.

"I didn't even try," Alasia said.

They met veteran Roy Hobbs player Doug Flutie, who is 5-foot-10 and won the 1984 Heisman Trophy.

"He's not very tall for a man," senior Kaya Faust said.

But the Dunbar Tigers stood tall raising funds for their team and helping make the World Series a success. There were also intangible benefits, according to Donnell.

"They see guys 70 years old still playing ball who love the game and have a passion for the game," Donnell said.

That passion for baseball is what he likes to see in his team when it plays basketball.

Roy Hobbs President Tom Giffen thinks the experiment has been a rousing success.

"Player registration is an initial point of contact," Giffen said.

In any business, that first impression of customer and company is vital. Giffen thinks the girls from Dunbar High did an outstanding job.

"These Dunbar ladies will be invited back," Giffen said.

NOTEBOOK

Playoff pitching guidelines

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all pitchers who will be starters or closers in save situations (3-run or less difference in the 8th and 9th innings) qualify for the playoffs by pitching at least 2 innings – 6 outs or 10 hitters – during pool play.

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes; however, Open Division teams may have pitchers arrive Wednesday – those pitchers must throw 5 innings or 25 hitters to qualify for the playoffs.

Finally, in the playoffs, those "non-qualified" middle-inning pitchers will come to the mound from their normal defensive positions where they started the game. That is as important as the "spirit of the rule" that these *non-qualified* pitchers who are used as "inning-eaters" are players who ordinarily are playing other positions.

And, please remember that any players leaving the RHWS today (Monday) to return on Thursday MUST turn in their

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Ukrainian catcher positions the defense vs. the TN Dirtbags



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RESULTS

Sunday

Bellacino's Red Sox – 11, Nova Scotia Monarchs – 0
Cangrejeros RD – 13, DuPage Indians - 1
Canton Tigers – 10, Doc Ford's Sea Dogs - 8
Chicago Colts – 11, Minneapolis Millers - 8
Chicago Giants – 25, Lansing Blue Jays – 16
Chicago Knights - 9, Kent Mudhens – 1
Chicago Knights – 13, Winnepesaukee Muskrats - 3
Chicago North Redhawks – 12, Jet Box - 0
Crystal Clinic Indians – 10, Huntsville Havoc – 5
Glory Days - 13, Harry Young Builders - 8
Jersey Shore Baseball – 14, Lansing Blue Jays - 5
Jet Box - 16, Lake Erie Blue Jays - 6
Maine Indians - 4, Ft. Myers Hooter's Blues – 3 (shootout)
MaxBat – 13, Ft. Myers Brewers - 8
New England Indians - 26, Doc Ford's Sea Dogs - 5
New Jersey Thunder – 15, Chesapeake Redwings - 10
Nova Scotia Monarchs – 13, Canton Tigers - 9
NW Indiana Dogs - 16, Carolina Thunder - 9
NW Indiana Dogs – 15, Washington All-Stars - 9
Orlando Brewers - 8, Minnesota Bandits - 2
Pittsburgh 45s - 11, CWC Baseball Club - 1
St. Paul Senators - 7, Victoria Mussels - 5
Staten Island Bombers - 9, HPK Oilers – 2
Midwest Pirates - 15, Cincinnati Colt .45s - 1
Tallahassee Bombers - 8, Midwest Pirates - 4
Tennessee Dirtbags - 11, Chesapeake Redwings - 1
Tidewater Drillers – 16, Huntsville Havoc – 6
Orlando Braves - 19, Kenmore Orioles - 6
WinBerg Construction BBC – 12, Dayton Wolves - 1



Photo By: Greg Wagner
National Anthem and the Tennessee Dirtbags

Windy City Warriors – 10, Ft. Myers Hooter's Blues – 8
Ft. Myers Brewers – 11, Baltimore Thunder - 1
Winnepesaukee Muskrats – 5, Kodak Reds – 3
Tennessee Dirtbags – 12, Ukraine Masters - 0
Carolina Thunder - 11 @ Baltimore Astros - 1
PSOF Rangers – 19, Victoria Mussels - 18
Orlando Braves – 10, Tidewater Drillers - 9
Oakville Golden A's - 8 @ Kenmore Orioles - 6



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AAAA Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA					
Pittsburgh 45s	1	0	1.000	1	Orlando Braves	2	0	1.000	15
WinBerg Construction BBC	1	0	1.000	1	Chicago Giants	1	0	1.000	16
Orlando Brewers	1	0	1.000	2	NW Indiana Dogs	2	0	1.000	18
Staten Island Bombers	1	0	1.000	2	PSOF Rangers	1	0	1.000	18
Glory Days	1	0	1.000	8	Midwest Pirates	1	1	0.500	9
Minnesota Bandits	0	1	0.000	8	Fort Myers Brewers	1	1	0.500	14
HPK Oilers	0	1	0.000	9	Tidewater Drillers	1	1	0.500	16
CWC Baseball Club	0	1	0.000	11	Winnepesaukee Muskrats	1	1	0.500	16
Dayton Wolves	0	1	0.000	12	Carolina Thunder	1	1	0.500	17
Harry Young Builders	0	1	0.000	13	Jet Box	1	1	0.500	18
					Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	1	0.500	20
					Canton Tigers	1	1	0.500	21
Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA					
Bellacino's Red Sox	1	0	1.000	0	Kodak Reds	0	1	0.000	5
Chicago North Redhawks	1	0	1.000	0	Kent Mudhens	0	1	0.000	9
Cangrejeros RD	1	0	1.000	1	Baltimore Astros	0	1	0.000	11
Tennessee Dirtbags	2	0	1.000	1	Baltimore Thunder	0	1	0.000	11
Maine Indians	1	0	1.000	3	Minneapolis Millers	0	1	0.000	11
Chicago Knights	2	0	1.000	4	Ukraine Masters	0	1	0.000	12
Tallahassee Bombers	1	0	1.000	4	DuPage Indians	0	1	0.000	13
Crystal Clinic Indians	1	0	1.000	5	Fort Myers Hooter's Blues	0	2	0.000	14
Jersey Shore Baseball	1	0	1.000	5	Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	1	0.000	15
New England Indians	1	0	1.000	5	Washington All Stars	0	1	0.000	15
St. Paul Senators	1	0	1.000	5	Lake Erie Blue Jays	0	1	0.000	16
Oakville Golden A's	1	0	1.000	6	Chesapeake Redwings	0	2	0.000	26
Chicago Colts	1	0	1.000	8	Huntsville Havoc	0	2	0.000	26
MaxBat	1	0	1.000	8	Victoria Mussels	0	2	0.000	26
Windy City Warriors	1	0	1.000	8	Kenmore Orioles	0	2	0.000	27
New Jersey Thunder	1	0	1.000	10	Doc Ford's Sea Dogs	0	2	0.000	36
					Lansing Blue Jays	0	2	0.000	39



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SCHEDULE

Monday

Minnesota Bandits @ CWC Baseball Club CP-S 9:30 AM
 Jet Box @ Minneapolis Millers CL-S 10:00 AM
 Cangrejeros RD @ Tallahassee Bombers CL2 10:00 AM
 Bellacino's Red Sox @ Canton Tigers CL3 10:00 AM
 Kenmore Orioles @ Tidewater Drillers CL4 10:00 AM
 Chicago Colts @ Ukraine Masters CL6 10:00 AM
 Jersey Shore Baseball @ St. Paul Senators JB-S 10:00 AM
 HPK Oilers @ WinBerg Construction BBC JB3 10:00 AM
 Lake Erie Blue Jays @ Chesapeake Redwings JB4 10:00 AM
 Glory Days @ Staten Island Bombers JB5 10:00 AM
 Pittsburgh 45s @ Harry Young Builders PDC2 10:00 AM
 Chicago Knights @ Kodak Reds PDC3 10:00 AM
 Orlando Braves @ Crystal Clinic Indians PDC4 10:00 AM
 Windy City Warriors @ Oakville Golden A's PDC5 10:00 AM
 New Jersey Thunder @ Chicago North Redhaws TP-S 10:00 AM
 Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Winnepesaukee Muskrats TP2 10:00 AM
 Baltimore Astros @ Washington All-Stars TP3 10:00 AM
 Huntsville Havoc @ Lansing Blue Jays CP-S 12:45 PM
 New England Indians @ NW Indiana Dogs CL-S 2:00 PM
 Doc Ford's Sea Dogs @ Nova Scotia Monarchs CL2 2:00 PM
 Kent Mudhens @ Cangrejeros RD CL4 2:00 PM
 Tallahassee Bombers @ DuPage Indians CL6 2:00 PM
 WinBerg Construction BBC @ Glory Days JB-S 2:00 PM
 PSOF Rangers @ Jersey Shore Baseball JB3 2:00 PM
 Staten Island Bombers @ Dayton Wolves JB4 2:00 PM
 Victoria Mussels @ Baltimore Thunder JB5 2:00 PM
 Oakville Golden A's @ Maine Indians PDC2 2:00 PM
 Harry Young Builders @ Minnesota Bandits PDC3 2:00 PM
 CWC Baseball Club @ Orlando Brewers PDC4 2:00 PM
 Kodak Reds @ Midwest Pirates PDC5 2:00 PM
 MaxBat @ Chicago Giants TP-S 2:00 PM
 Washington All-Stars @ Carolina Thunder TP2 2:00 PM
 Tennessee Dirtbags @ New Jersey Thunder TP3 2:00 PM



Staten Island Bombers 1st baseman takes the throw just ahead of an HPK Oilers batter

Photo By: Greg Wagner

Dayton Wolves @ HPK Oilers CL-S 6:00 PM
 Orlando Brewers @ Pittsburgh 45s TP-S 6:00 PM
 MaxBat @ Ft. Myers Hooter's Blues TP2 6:00 PM
 Chicago Giants @ Ft. Myers Brewers TP3 6:00 PM



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player ID Card and re-register upon their return. They must return before the quarterfinals of the playoffs, regardless of division.

Managers should email a list of their qualified pitchers to Roy Hobbs in case of rg@royhobbs.com by 7 p.m. the night before their playoffs begin.



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 and a World Series Gift.

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



50/50 raffle

50/50 raffle tickets, to benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation, are available each day at the Player Development Complex. Tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held in the patio area at the Player Development Complex at 5 PM Friday.

The Roy Hobbs Foundation was established to raise monies for research on finding a cure for Leukemia and to assist our Challenged Athlete friends.

Revenues from the 2017 RHWS led to some \$15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.



Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament Headquarters (330.352.2175) with corrections to scores.

That's the best way to make sure that playoff seedings and pairings are as accurate as we can make them.



Please help with dugouts

Roy Hobbs Baseball and the grounds crews need your help in the dugouts.

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.



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 at the fields.

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Photo By: Greg Wagner
Baltimore Astros center fielder tries to stay focused on the game.





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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 or \$5 for a tournament pass. Players will pay their \$1 at check-in for their player ID card that guarantees them 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.

The \$5 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters or from the Site Concierges at each security table; there is no family pass. The tournament pass is a plastic card that guarantees admission for that person for the duration of the RHWS. A loop comes with the tournament pass card for easy attachment to purses, belt loops, etc.



Playing site security

The active steps taken several years ago to deal with parking lot security will continue as parking lot theft issues have – knock on wood – not been an issue the last 7 years.

Are we out of the woods? No, it is a daily procedure and effort to make sure parking lots are safe.

Once again, Roy Hobbs will have personnel posted at the player/spectators' entrances to Terry Park, PDC, JetBlue Complex and at the entrance to the Quad fields at Lee County.

These individuals will have a view of the parking lot, and they will be available in emergencies, be enforcing cooler guidelines and handling admissions.



Customer Service

Roy Hobbs Baseball is proud of its record on customer service.

Staff members are required to wear identifying staff shirts during the working hours of the tournament and should be easily identifiable. At least two are assigned to each of the satellite complexes daily.

In the case of **emergency**, please go to the nearest concession stand at the satellite complexes, where someone will be available to summon help.

Roy Hobbs field managers and key personnel are Red Cross First Aid **certified**, and Roy Hobbs Baseball has guidelines in

place on the handling of injuries. Additionally, **AED devices** are available at each of the facilities, and Roy Hobbs personnel have been trained on those devices.



❖ Broadcast plans

Roy Hobbs is working on a plan to broadcast selected World Series games, both live-streaming via the internet and as a posted post-game podcast on the Roy Hobbs website.

The immediate goal for 2019 is to be able to offer teams the opportunity to have one of their games broadcast from Hammond Stadium at the Centurylink Complex. Teams buying into the plan – we would broadcast 2 games a day Sunday through Wednesday – would have their stadium game at Centurylink. Roy Hobbs would then broadcast 2 championship games each Saturday. We are talking broadcasting 48 games.

Preparing to be able to present that option to its members, Roy Hobbs plans to broadcast 4 games this year – 2 championship games on both November 4 & 11. This is our test drive, so to speak, and our opportunity to be able to show teams what can be done in this format.

Stay tuned!



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Welcome to the 30th renewal of the Roy Hobbs World Series.

As the Hobbs internal family talked about what to do to make #30 special, we decided to ask participants – after all you are the ones who make the Roy Hobbs World Series special – why it is special to them.

We received many, many comments and stories, thank you.

Please enjoy ...

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James Bailey, CWC Baseball

(Rhino): Quality competition, Quality staff, quality tournament, quality venues, and quality experiences have been waiting for our team for the last 5 years. I hope our team enjoys 5, 15 or 50 years more ... such a tremendously great standard! We thank RHWS & participants!!!!

Gregg Balin, Jersey Shore Baseball:

To reflect on what Roy Hobbs means to me requires a flashback to 1993. We lost the championship game in the 10th inning on a play at the plate in Hammond Stadium. It is a defeat that I replay in my head over and over as clearly as the day it happened. 25 years later many of these player's remain Hobbs teammates and friends. This is an incredible stat, greater than any playing stat or a championship. This is the camaraderie often mentioned and well understood by those playing the game.

The toughest part of Hobbs is not winning and knowing it is a full year to return. Hobbs has great management, communication, competition and honesty. My personal commitment to playing Hobbs was strengthened last year by building a house in Cape Coral so I could play 3 weeks in October and November, 2 weeks at Sunshine Classic and in the local Roy Hobbs League all winter.

I was asked once what baseball meant to me and I repeated something I had heard, "If you cut me little baseball's come out." I think that sums it up well. See you on the field.

Sean Broom, Canton Tigers: I have been coming to the Roy Hobbs World Series since 2005, only missing one year during that time and have loved every inning of it. Without a doubt it is the highlight of my year, every year. Playing with your friends, the comradery, the competition (the beach and sand ain't bad either), playing at facilities that are second to none. It's a great week of baseball!

Two moments stick out in my mind. Winning a World Series championship in 2016 was great, but having my autistic son Max, participate at the Challenger Night hosted by the Hobbs players was my most favorite moment, hands down. The joy head had on his face, playing at Lee County Stadium with the

"Hobbs guys" was a thrill for him. His picture from that night was used in the Hobbs program the following year ... he still has and cherishes that program. Building memories and friendships, it's what the RHWS is all about for me.



Vladimir Buialo, Ukraine: For me, a trip to the Roy Hobbs World Series in 2017 was the first visit to the United States of which I had dreamed since 1988, when I first got to know, and love, baseball. And even more impressive when you can play on the wonderful fields in the national team of Ukraine. I especially remember the game in which our team won, and I was in the game's pitcher. This is the only victory in the history of the Ukrainian baseball team on the US baseball field soil. I hope that we will win some more games this year!

Rusty Chaboudy, Wolfdogs: The Roy Hobbs World Series has always been a special event for me. I have been involved in the World Series for over 25 years and it is my "fantasy camp". Playing on great fields against

people from all over the USA is a true high. I truly feel like I am 18 again when I step on the field.



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