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Broom's stamp-licking addiction chasing his love of sons, baseball

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

Canton Tigers manager Sean Broom is almost certainly the only Roy Hobbs World Series participant who lists his occupation on Facebook as Professional Stamp Licker.

Broom is just having fun on Facebook. In real life he has a serious side as the father of three boys on the autism spectrum and his profession as a corporate recruiter.

His oldest son is Max, 26. In the middle is 23-year-old Cameron and the youngest is Tristan, 18. His sons inherited their father's love of sports.

"They literally could live in a dugout or gymnasium," Broom said Monday morning before the Tigers played Bellacino's Red Sox at CenturyLink. "They'd be happier than pigs in mud. The apple didn't fall far from the tree. They love sports as much or more than I do."

Broom certainly loves sports, especially coming to the World Series nearly every fall. This is his 13th World Series. The last year he missed was



Greg Wagner Photo

Sean Broom (left) and Ton Hannan of the Canton Tigers, a stamp-licking veteran of the RHWS and a rookie!

2009. He and two teammates made the 1,203-mile trip in a Toyota mini-van in 18 hours. They split the driving into 3 six-hour shifts.

Now the Tigers are in the middle of a

special time of the year.

"It's the most wonderful time of the year," Broom said.

Even more wonderful than Christmas?

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AAAA group to set playoff field; Wednesday Pool schedule available Tuesday evening

The Masters Division AAAA managers will meet Tuesday afternoon following the completion of their 4th pool game to discuss the make-up of the AAAA double-elimination playoffs, starting Thursday.

Veterans play began Sunday with 10 teams in the AAAA hunt. The managers will assist Roy Hobbs in determining the

8 teams advancing to AAAA playoffs. Those 8 teams get Wednesday off.

The 2 teams not making that playoff would play a 5th pool game Wednesday and move into the AAA or AA playoffs on Friday at the discretion of Roy Hobbs Baseball.

The Wednesday game pairings, times and field assignments for the

general pool will be announced Tuesday evening at the Roy Hobbs Managers Reception at PDC.

The seeding and scheduling for Wednesday's games and the AAAA playoff games will be posted at World Series Headquarters at the Player Development Complex and be available on royhobbs.com/world-series.



BROOM

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"Even more wonderful than Christmas," Broom said. "For a baseball player this is your Christmas."

Tom Hannan, a veteran Ohio high school teacher and football coach, is participating in his first World Series for the Tigers. He said in Ohio he plays in four leagues and about 70 games a year but could never come to Fort Myers because it conflicted with football.

Now he's realizing why so many Ohio friends talked so highly of the Roy Hobbs World Series.

"I'm like a kid in a candy store," Hannan said.

So is Broom, even after 13 trips here.

"This is heaven," Broom said. "This is baseball heaven. I always laugh at the guys who don't come down here when they complain about the fields up in northeast Ohio. You need to come down one time to Fort Myers and see the fields that we play on."

The World Series becomes habit forming for players such as Broom.

"We always joke when we come down here it's an addiction," said Broom, a second baseman. "You want to come back every year."

Broom may joke about being a Professional Stamp Licker, but his love of baseball and his sons is no joking matter.



Photo By: Greg Wagner

Sportsmanship. Carolina baserunner gives the Washington All-Stars 2nd baseman a hand

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 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

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RESULTS

Monday

Baltimore Astros 27, Washington All Stars 12
Baltimore Thunder 7, Victoria Mussels 3
Cangrejeros RD 22, Kent Mudhens 2
Cangrejeros RD 14, Tennessee Bombers 2
Canton Tigers 14, Bellacino's Red Sox 1
Chesapeake Redwings 19, Lake Erie Blue Jays 9
Chicago Knights 14, Kodak Reds 3
CWC Baseball Club 4, Minnesota Bandits 1
Doc Ford's Sea Dogs 19, Nova Scotia Monarchs 4
DuPage Indians 6, Tallahassee Bombers 4
Glory Days 10, Staten Island Bombers 3
Harry Young Builders 13, Minnesota Bandits 8
Jersey Shore Baseball 14, PSOF Rangers 4
Jersey Shore Baseball 14, St. Paul Senators 2
Lansing Blue Jays 11, Huntsville Havoc 1
Maine Indians 6, Oakville Golden A's 2
MaxBat 8, Chicago Giants 6
Midwest Pirates 10, Kodak Reds 2
Minneapolis Millers 4, Jet Box 3
New Jersey Thunder 10, Chicago Red Hawks 9
New Jersey Thunder 11, Tennessee Bombers 10
NW Indiana Dogs 8, New England Indians 7
Oakville Golden A's 7, Windy City Warriors 1
Orlando Braves 7, Crystal Clinic Indians 8
Orlando Brewers 5, CWC Baseball Club 4
Pittsburgh 45s 19, Harry Young Builders 5
Staten Island Bombers 6, Dayton Wolves 3
Tidewater Drillers 12, Kenmore Orioles 11
Ukraine Masters 15, Chicago Colts 9
Washington All Stars 11, Carolina Thunder 9



"I got it, I got it", they both said. Washington All-Stars infielders vs. the Carolina Thunder

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WinBerg Construction BBC 15, HPK Oilers 14
WinBerg Construction BBC 11, Glory Days 5
Winnepesaukee Muskrats 10, Cincinnati Colt 45's 0
HPK Oilers - 14, Dayton Wolves - 4
Orlando Brewers - 17, Pittsburgh 45s - 7
MaxBat - 17, Ft. Myers Hooter's Blues - 7
Ft. Myers Brewers - 8, Chicago Giants - 2



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STANDINGS

| AAAA Team | Win | Loss | PCT | RA | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|------|-------|----|---------------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Orlando Brewers | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 13 | New England Indians | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 13 |
| WinBerg Construction BBC | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 19 | Bellacino's Red Sox | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 14 |
| Staten Island Bombers | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 15 | Baltimore Thunder | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 14 |
| Glory Days | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 22 | Minneapolis Millers | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 14 |
| Pittsburgh 45s | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 23 | Windy City Warriors | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 15 |
| CWC Baseball Club | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 17 | DuPage Indians | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 17 |
| HPK Oilers | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 28 | St. Paul Senators | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 19 |
| Harry Young Builders | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 41 | Ukraine Masters | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 21 |
| Minnesota Bandits | 0 | 3 | 0.000 | 25 | Crystal Clinic Indians | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 22 |
| Dayton Wolves | 0 | 3 | 0.000 | 32 | Chicago Colts | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 23 |
| | | | | | Baltimore Astros | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 23 |
| | | | | | PSOF Rangers | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 32 |
| Team | Win | Loss | PCT | RA | | | | | |
| Cangrejeros RD | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 5 | Jet Box | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 22 |
| Maine Indians | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 5 | Tallahassee Bombers | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 24 |
| Chicago Knights | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 7 | Carolina Thunder | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 28 |
| Jersey Shore Baseball | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 11 | Chicago Giants | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 32 |
| MaxBat | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 21 | Chesapeake Redwings | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 35 |
| Orlando Braves | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 23 | Nova Scotia Monarchs | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 39 |
| NW Indiana Dogs | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 25 | Doc Ford's Sea Dogs | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 40 |
| New Jersey Thunder | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 29 | Lansing Blue Jays | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 40 |
| Midwest Pirates | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 11 | Washington All Stars | 1 | 2 | 0.333 | 51 |
| Tennessee Dirtbags | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 12 | Cincinnati Colt .45s | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 25 |
| Oakville Golden A's | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 13 | Kodak Reds | 0 | 3 | 0.000 | 29 |
| Winnepesaukee Muskrats | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 16 | Fort Myers Hooter's Blues | 0 | 3 | 0.000 | 31 |
| Fort Myers Brewers | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 16 | Kent Mudhens | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 31 |
| Canton Tigers | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 22 | Victoria Mussels | 0 | 3 | 0.000 | 33 |
| Tidewater Drillers | 2 | 1 | 0.667 | 27 | Lake Erie Blue Jays | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 35 |
| Chicago North Redhawks | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 10 | Huntsville Havoc | 0 | 3 | 0.000 | 37 |
| | | | | | Kenmore Orioles | 0 | 3 | 0.000 | 39 |



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SCHEDULE

9:30 AM

Crystal Clinic Indians @ Windy City Warriors CP-S

10:00 AM

Bellacino's Red Sox @ New England Indians JB4

Chesapeake Redwings @ Ukraine Masters TP-S

Chicago North Redhawks @ Tennessee Dirtbags PDC3

Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Kodak Reds CL6

Ft. Myers Hooter's Blues @ Oakville Golden A's JB-S

HPK Oilers @ Glory Days CL4

Kenmore Orioles @ Maine Indians CL-S

Lake Erie Blue Jays @ Chicago Colts TP2

Midwest Pirates @ DuPage Indians CL2

Minnesota Bandits @ Pittsburgh 45s PDC5

New Jersey Thunder @ Minneapolis Millers PDC4

Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Baltimore Astros JB3

NW Indiana Dogs @ Jet Box PDC1

St. Paul Senators @ Baltimore Thunder JB6

WinBerg Construction BBC @ Staten Island Bombers CL3

Winnepesaukee Muskrats @ Kent Mudhens TP4

12:45 PM

Cangrejeros RD @ Chicago Knights CP-S

2:00 PM

Baltimore Astros @ Bellacino's Red Sox JB5

Baltimore Thunder @ Chicago Giants JB3

Canton Tigers @ Washington All-Stars CL-S

Carolina Thunder @ New England Indians JB6

CWC Baseball Club @ Dayton Wolves PDC5

DuPage Indians @ Cincinnati Colt .45s CL3



Photo By: Greg Wagner

Umpires trying to determine if a bat is legal during the Minneapolis Millers/Jet Box game

Ft. Myers Brewers @ Victoria Mussels CL2

Harry Young Builders @ Orlando Brewers JB-S

Jersey Shore Baseball @ MaxBat CL4

Kent Mudhens @ Tallahassee Bombers TP-S

Maine Indians @ Orlando Braves CL6

Minneapolis Millers @ Chicago North Redhawks PDC1

PSOF Rangers @ St. Paul Senators JB4

Tidewater Drillers @ Crystal Clinic Indians PDC4

Ukraine Masters @ Lake Erie Blue Jays TP4

Windy City Warriors @ Huntsville Havoc PDC3

6:00 PM

Chicago Colts @ Doc Ford's Sea Dogs CL-S



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NOTEBOOK

Post-game
victory selfie,
Minneapolis
Millers style



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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.

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HIGHLIGHTS



Max Bat
baserunner is
out at 2nd vs. the
Chicago Giants

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Game Highlights

Sunday

Maine Indians 4, Ft Myers Hooters Blues 3 –
JB-5 Indians: BATTING: J. Howland 4/5, 2 2B,
RBI, R; J. Hoyt, P. Geanellis, J Griffin 2 H

Glory Days 14, Harry Young Builders 8 –
PDC-2 Builders: PITCHING: Oehlers 3 IP,
0 ER; Durham 2 IP, 0 R; BATTING: Knapp
2/4, 3B; Gray 2/4, 2 RBI; Mills 2/4, RBI;
Kornaciewzski 2/4; Konczal 2/4; Durham 2/5

Monday

Winnepesaukee Muskrats 10, Cincinnati
Colt 45s 0 – TP-2 Muskrats: PITCHING: R.
Hatcher 7 IP, 0 R, 2 K, 0 BB, 5 H; BATTING: B.
Ricci, M. Smith, R. Serrano 2 H; G. Curtis, J.
Guerra, J. Mauk 2 RBI

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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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Kenny Craddux, Tallahassee Sharks:

When I was recruited to play in the Roy Hobbs World Series the line I remember most is “you’ll never experience anything like it.” To this day I agree because it has been one of the most enjoyable times of year for my family and me. Baseball is a wonderful game but that week in Fort Myers allows you to experience the game at a big-league level. In my first year I had the honor to play teams from Puerto Rico, Canada and Russia. It allowed me to see how the game was approached from other cultures, and it also allowed me to make friends that I hold true to my heart this very day. Roy Hobbs and its tournament have taken baseball to another level and I thank the wonderful staff for a memorable week every year. Correction, now that I’m old enough, make that two weeks. Congratulations on 30 great years of baseball and I wish many more. Now let’s PLAY BALL!!!

Vito Ruscio, Chicago Giants: I have been at 28 of the last 30 years of the RHWS, and I have met some of the best people from around the country and always look forward to seeing them year after year. One of the best parts of bringing one or more teams down every year is when I get to bring a new player down and watch how much fun he has experiencing all that this wonderful tournament has to offer. I have participated in many tournaments with my teams and this tournament is by far the best with the very best staff! In 2005 and 2015 my team won their divisions and those memories will forever be special to not only me but all that participated. I was honored by the induction into the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame in 2014 and that also has a special place in my heart as I was able to share that with my family and my baseball family. I look forward to many more years of baseball fun with the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Jerry Ortiz, NW Indiana Dogs: Baseball is so important in the lives of the players who come to the Roy Hobbs tournament. The experience here in Ft. Myers simply enhances that feeling. The camaraderie and competition along with the great conditions of the fields with good umpires set up the best place to enjoy baseball experiences that will last forever. I’m proud to have attended 21 tournaments up to now but hopefully I’ll

be able to make many more. Once a player comes down for the first time he will come back again.

Frank DeMaria, New England Indians: The Roy Hobbs Tournament has given the New England Indians an opportunity to stay in touch with former teammates who have retired, relocated for their jobs or to stay in touch with former teammates from high school, college, pro or summer ball. The tournament also provides an excellent opportunity to develop new friendships with players on other teams from other parts of the country.

Joe DeSantis- Glory Days/Jupiter Hammerheads:

There have been many great games since our team Jupiter Hammerheads/Glory Days started participating in the Roy Hobbs World Series. The 4 Championships, numerous times getting to Saturday and a few stinging losses along the way. Of all the games we have played

the wins and losses come and go. But the thing I most cherish is the friends we have all made along the way. We’ve all become real close friends, watched each other’s kids grow up. Every year we all look forward to the end of October, to play and win a Championship, and spend time together.



Photo By: Greg Wagner
Chicago Giants 2nd baseman Micky Rodriguez slides home safely vs. Max Bat