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From Stone Age to Wrinkles; What's next? Fossils?



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Left: Wrinkles Doug Hauer. Right: Wrinkles manager Bob Misko getting ground rules with umpire David Williams and Dave Smercansky of Youngstown Y2Z

BY GLENN MILLER Roy Hobbs Baseball

The men of the Orlando Wrinkles know the score. They aren't the Orlando Kids or Orlando Peachfuzz or Orlando Spring Chickens.

They are, after all, playing in the Roy Hobbs World Series, not the Little League World Series.

The team's name is not the first that

Manager Bob Misko has attached to a team that is a nod to age. Misko once had a team called Stone Age.

"I sat back and said, 'what's the theme with this, with geriatric baseball?'" said Misko, 66.

One theme, of course, is that men well past Little League age play baseball.

"Roy Hobbs is like the Disneyland of geriatric baseball," Misko said. "Once you

leave you can't wait to get back."

As players and friends in the Orlando Baseball Association aged and couldn't compete in the 53-age division Misko moved his team up in age brackets and needed a new name. The team has been Wrinkles since 2014.

"It fits," Misko said of the name. "Nobody forgets it. Everybody is Braves,

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Playoff schedule will be set at Thursday's player party

The playoff brackets for the Classics and Timeless Division are set; play begins today.

In classics, the AAAA bracket is double-elimination for 4 teams: Minnesota Bees, Border City Brewers, Youngstown Y2Z and the Long Island Yankees.

The 60s 3A bracket is a 16-team, single elimination affair, with 14 teams in the 2A bracket and 9 teams in the A bracket. Two teams that played a 4A pool schedule dropped to the 3A

bracket and are seeded 15-16 and will play each other in the first round – that leads to some adjustment in the seeding matchups.

In Timeless, there are 2 brackets, each with 8 teams, single elimination: 4A and 3A.

In several of the brackets there were matchup adjustments to avoid rematch games; however, in the Timeless Division, the rematches could not be avoided.

Based on the 16-team brackets,

teams must win 4 games Friday and Saturday to grab a championship.

Playoff brackets are included inside this edition of *Inside Pitch*.

Seeds stay the same throughout the playoffs, but in both AAA & A divisions, matchups were adjusted to avoid rematches of games earlier in the week or first-round matchups of teams from the same neighborhood. Lower seed – i.e. 1-2-3-4 – are the home teams throughout the playoffs.

– Tom Giffen



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WRINKLES

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Brewers, Mets. You get something different with Stone Age, Wrinkles. It's funny. But they stop laughing after they face us. They say, 'Hey, where did you guys get Wrinkles?'"

The team is about more than its name.

"It's the ballplayers," Misko said. "A great bunch of guys."

Wrinkle Richard Sullivan echoed Misko.

"You know what, the name of the team really doesn't matter," Sullivan said. "It's the guys on the team."

The guys like the name.

"I don't mind it at all," said Joe Ponak. "You get a little wrinkled."

Ponak even thinks the name might help.

"I think there is a psychological edge that goes with it," Ponak said. "The edge is the other teams are saying 'Wrinkles?' Maybe they underestimate a little bit."

Teams should never underestimate them. They went 4-0 in pool play this week.

So what's next?

"We went from Stone Age to Wrinkles," Sullivan said. "We probably should go to Fossils."

The Wrinkles have a serious side as members of the Orlando Baseball Association, which donates to SafeHouse of Seminole, a shelter for abused women and children in central Florida.

From the SafeHouse website: "We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every member of the Orlando Baseball Association who has filled with our hearts with love. You will be forever remembered by the women, children and staff as ballplayers who gave their time, talents and kindness to those who needed it most."

RESULTS

Classics 60's

Border City Brewers 17, Tidewater Drillers 4
Bronx Cardinals 4, Atlanta Heat 3
Cecil's Margin Service 12, Bergen Yankees 6
Huntsville Stars 9, Windy City White Sox 8
JD Jaguars 11, Philadelphia Athletics 5
Long Island A's 6, Baltimore Orioles 0
Long Island Braves 12, Bahama Breeze Bandits 8
Long Island Yankees 8, DuPage Lugnuts 5
Michigan Stars 9, Washington Titans 6
Midwest Nine 12, Rhode Island Rockies 4
Minnesota Bees 11, Philadelphia Cutters 5
Nova Scotia Monarchs 5, Team Top Lumber 4
Richmond Riverdogs 12, Minnesota Goats 4
San Antonio Texans 22, Tampa Bay Sharks 1
St. Louis Patriots 11, Minnesota Bandits 1
Toledo McGuire Insurance 13, Blue Ridge Rangers 1
Youngstown A2Z 10, Orlando Wrinkles 1

Timeless 70's

Detroit 70's 11, Philadelphia Mustangs 1
Kent Mudhens 10, Team America 1
Maine Woods Baseball 7, San Diego Padres 0
Minnesota Saints 9, Toledo McGuire Insurance 1
New Jersey Wonderboys 3, New England Red Sox 2
Sacramento Solons 4, USA Volkers Group 1
Silver Foxes of R.I. 5, Potomac Senators 2
Washington Titans 8, New England Bo Sox 2



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Women's teams start play Saturday

Six women's teams arrive in Fort Myers Friday, with several practicing on Friday afternoon.

They begin play Saturday with 6 games at JetBlue, followed by 6 games Sunday at the Player Development Complex and a final round of games Monday in JetBlue, Hammond and City of Palms stadiums.

The teams are: DC Thunder, East Coast Yankees, Evolution Girls Baseball of California, New England Red Sox, Rhode Island Jays and Toronto Fusion.

This is the first round of women's play in the RHWS since 2013.



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STANDINGS

Classics Division Standings thru Thursday

Seed	AAAA Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Minnesota Bees	5	0	1.000	22	14
2	Border City Brewers	3	2	0.600	25	16
3	Youngstown A 2 Z	3	2	0.600	30	19
4	Long Island Yankees	3	2	0.600	45	32

Note: 60AAAA, teams assigned by RH at its discretion ... double elimination

Seed	AAA Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Michigan Stars	5	0	1.000	16	8
2	Tidewater Drillers	4	1	0.800	29	12
3	Midwest Nine	4	1	0.800	25	14
4	St. Louis Patriots	4	1	0.800	25	16
5	Philadelphia Cutters	4	1	0.800	27	16
6	DuPage Lugnuts	4	1	0.800	34	18
7	Richmond Riverdogs	4	1	0.800	32	19
8	JD Jaguars	4	1	0.800	36	20
9	Nova Scotia Monarchs	4	1	0.800	34	23
10	Orlando Wrinkles	4	1	0.800	46	33
11	Huntsville Stars	3	2	0.600	20	12
12	Minnesota Bandits	3	2	0.600	35	13
13	Long Island A's	3	2	0.600	26	15
14	San Antonio Texans	3	2	0.600	30	16
15	Washington Titans	2	3	0.400	40	27
16	Massachusetts Chiefs	1	4	0.200	49	35

Note: Washington Titans 60s & Massachusetts Chiefs played 4A schedule, go to 3A at RH discretion, but play each other in first round, thereby causing a shuffle in the seeds.

Seed	AA Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Team Top Lumber	3	2	0.600	28	17
2	Bronx Cardinals	3	2	0.600	29	19
3	Minnesota Goats	3	2	0.600	43	29
4	Cecil's Margin Service	3	2	0.600	50	30
5	Rhode Island Rockies	3	2	0.600	44	32
6	Atlanta Heat	2	3	0.400	29	19
7	Baltimore Orioles	2	3	0.400	42	23
8	Philadelphia Athletics	2	3	0.400	37	26
9	Cleveland Spiders	2	3	0.400	46	27
10	DC Mets	2	3	0.400	45	31
11	Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	3	0.400	50	33
12	Windy City White Sox	2	3	0.400	48	35
13	Tampa Bay Sharks	2	3	0.400	59	37
14	Kent Mudhens	2	3	0.400	69	50

Note: RH decided to cut difference between 2-3 & 1-4 teams, leaving 14 teams in 2A and 9 in A. 2 first-round matchups adjusted in 2A to avoid rematch games.

Seed	A Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Bergen Yankees	1	4	0.200	46	31
2	Livingston Dodgers	1	4	0.200	53	34
3	Carolina Rockies	1	4	0.200	53	35
4	Stay Thirsty My Friends	1	3	0.250	56	38
5	Kennebec Cubs	1	4	0.200	55	40
6	Pensacola Salt Bandits	1	4	0.200	56	41
7	Toledo McGuire Insurance	1	4	0.200	64	42
8	St. Louis Dodgers	1	4	0.200	60	44
9	Long Island Braves	1	4	0.200	68	49

Non-Playoff teams	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
Bahama Breeze Bandits	0	5	0.000	67	45
Blue Ridge Rangers	0	5	0.000	78	53

Note: Bandits & Rangers play 1:30 p.m., CL-S; flip a coin for home team; loser may play again Saturday 10 a.m.

Timeless Division Standings thru Thursday

Seed	Timeless AAAA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Washington Titans	5	0	1.000	28	18
2	Maine Woods Baseball	4	1	0.800	35	14
3	Sacramento Solons	4	1	0.800	26	18
4	Detroit 70s	3	2	0.600	25	14
5	Kent Mudhens	3	2	0.600	29	14
6	New England Bo Sox	3	2	0.600	31	19
7	USA Volkers Group	3	2	0.600	35	25
8	San Diego Padres	2	3	0.400	28	15

Note: San Diego in 4A as defending champion; several first round rematches unavoidable without voiding seeding.

Seed	Timeless AA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Silver Foxes 70s	3	2	0.600	48	34
2	Philadelphia Mustangs	2	3	0.400	42	26
3	Minnesota Saints	2	3	0.400	43	29
4	Team America	2	3	0.400	45	31
5	New Jersey Wonderboys	2	3	0.400	48	34
6	Potomac Senators	1	4	0.200	39	29
7	Toledo McGuire Insurance	1	4	0.200	56	38
8	New England Red Sox	0	5	0.000	64	48





CLASSICS AAA PLAYOFF



CLASSICS AA PLAYOFF





CLASSICS A PLAYOFF

Friday 10:00 AM	Friday 1:30 PM
	#1 Bergen Yankees
#8 St. Louis Dodgers	CL6 (G2)
CL6 (G1)	
#9 Long Island Braves	
	#5 Kennebec Cubs
	CL2 (G3)
	#4 Stay Thirsty My Friends
	#3 Carolina Rockies
	JB5 (G4)
	#6 Pensacola Salt Bandits
	#7 Toledo McGuire Insurance
	JB6 (G5)
	#2 Livingston Dodgers



HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday

Classics 60's

Philadelphia Cutters 5, Huntsville Stars 2 – TP2 Stars:
PITCHING: K. Gaudin 8.2 IP, 18 H, 1 K, 2 BB; BATTING: H.
Williams 2/4, BB, R

Timeless 70's

Kent Mudhens 6, Toledo McGuire Insurance 4 – CL-S
Mudhens: BATTING: J. Gurley 2B, 3 RBI; B. Woody 2 1B, 2 RBI,
R; J. Wilson, 2 1B, BB, R

Maine Woods Baseball 8, Potomac Senators 7 – JB-S Maine:
PITCHING: B. Fortier 11 IP, 7 R, 6 ER, 13 H, 5 K, BB; BATTING:
N. Clark 3/5; W Grable 2/4, BB

Thursday

Classics 60's

Huntsville Stars 9, Windy City White Sox 8 – TP2 Stars:
PITCHING: G. Johnson 3.2 IP, 12 H, 1 K, 7 R, 3 BB, HBP;
D. Harper 2.1 IP, 3 H, 1 R; J. Denny 1 IP, 1 H; BATTING: H.
Williams 2/4, 2 R; K. Whisenant 2/4, 2B, 2R; T. Kitko 2/3

Timeless 70's

Sacramento Solons 4, USA Volkers Group 1 – PDC4 USA:
BATTING: T. Keyser 2 H; A. Pickering 2 H

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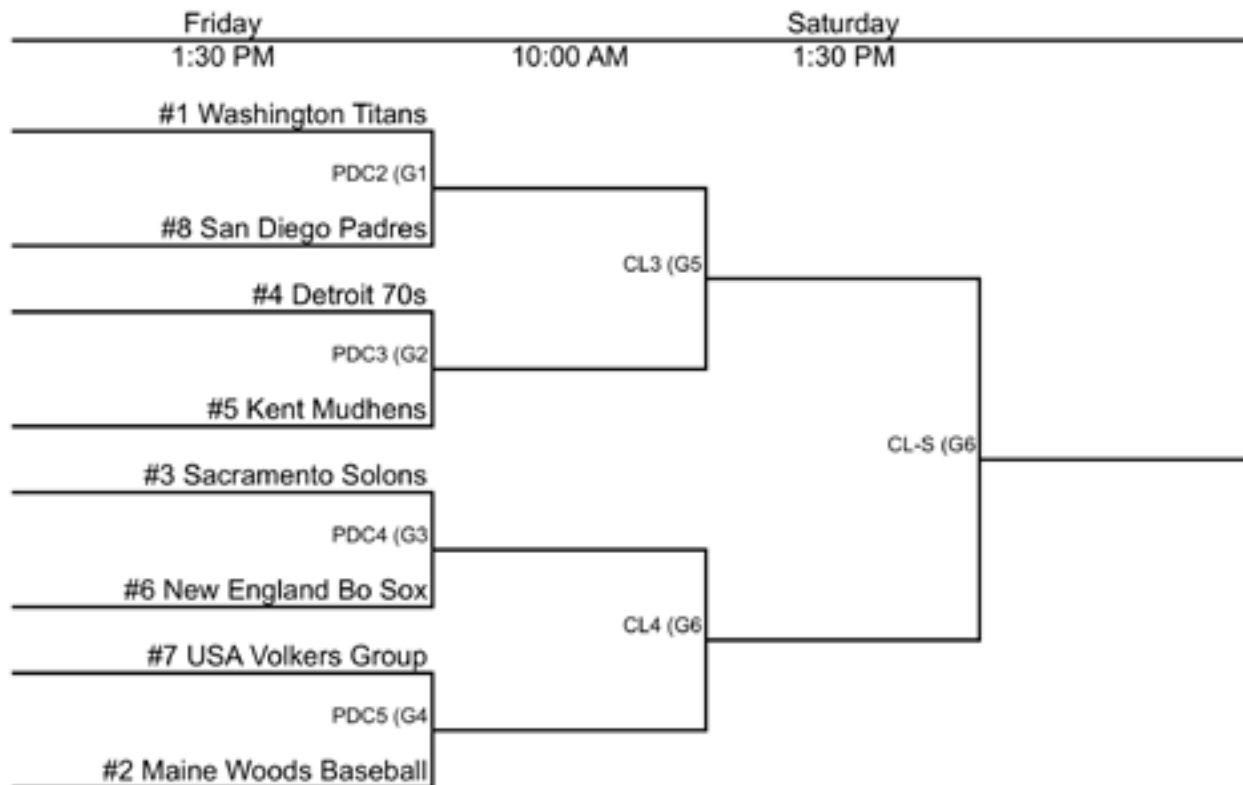


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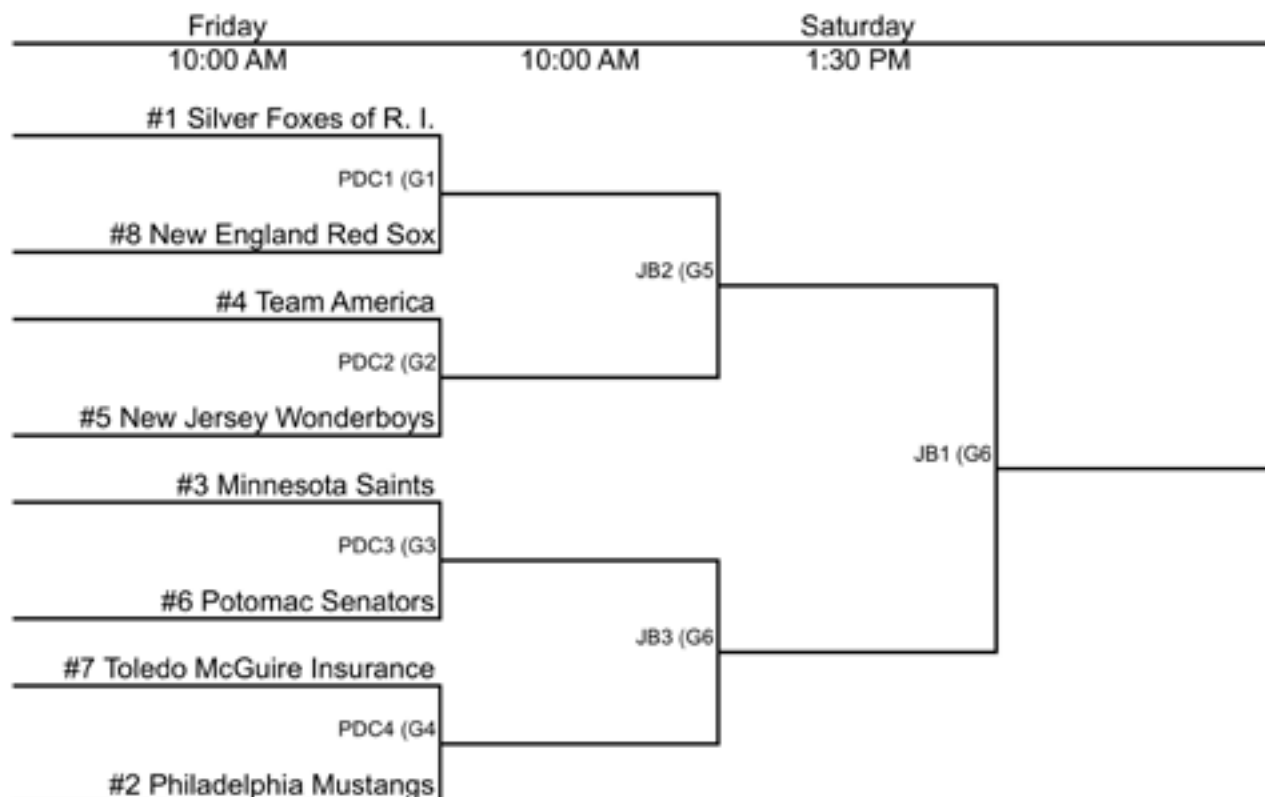




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Maine Woods Baseball's 2nd baseman tags a Detroit runner before throwing to 1st to complete the double play



Photo By: Greg Wagner

Kent Mudhens shortstop and manager John Berger makes a great play vs. the Midwest Nine



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New Jersey Wonderboys batter loses his bat after fouling off a pitch vs. the Washington Titans

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