



THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 1

VETERANS

OCT. 25th

Can-Am Padres a North American melting pot



photo by Meg Giffen

Can-Am Padres may be winless going into Friday, but they're still enjoying their baseball in the sun ... (from left), Eric Thomas, Chris Fannuci, BJ Johnson and manager Rob Raynor.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Tuesday morning game in the JetBlue Park stadium sported International flavor.

On one side were the Ukraine Kozaks and on the other side was a team of North Americans - the Can-Am Padres.

As the teams warmed up, Can-Am assistant manager B.J. Johnson was asked if he's Canadian or American.

"Chicagoan," Johnson said with a laugh.

So that makes for three nationalities on the Padres, if one counts Chicago as a separate country.

Seriously, the Padres are comprised of five Canadians and the rest are Americans from all across the fruited plain, virtually from sea to shining sea.

Padres manager Rob Raynor said he has players from Illinois, Ohio, New Jersey, West Virginia and Arizona. The Arizonan is Johnson, who moved from his native Chicago to Arizona five years ago.

And what about Raynor?

"Definitely Canadian," Raynor said.

The main thing the Padres look for in players isn't a nationality or hometown. They seek good guys and good players whose talent and congenial temperament make for a pleasant Roy Hobbs World Series.

Eric Thomas, who grew up in California but now resides

in New Jersey, is in his second season with the team. He said he had a "wonderful time" last year and wanted to return to the Padres.

He enjoys the playful banter with teammates and called it a lot of busting of chops, a practice that is a familiar part of baseball culture from high school teams to the big leagues.

Christopher Fanucci has ties to both countries. He grew up in Pennsylvania but now resides in Montreal. He's known Raynor for a long time and when he was asked to become a Padre he didn't have to think about his answer.

"I said absolutely," Fanucci said. "I came down last year. Absolutely love it and I'm here this year."

But how did this team of Canadians and players from states a long way from San Diego wind up being named the Padres? One doesn't need to be a geography wizard to know that San Diego is a heck of lot closer to the Mexican border than the Canadian border.

"They're my third favorite team," Raynor said of the Padres.

His two favorites are the Toronto Blue Jays and Washington Nationals, who started life as the Montreal Expos. He didn't want to pick a Canadian or former Canadian team name.

So, he went with his third choice and now has a team with players from two countries. Well, three if one counts Chicago as another country.

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| 1 | Miami Cubs | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | 28 | 20 |
| 2 | MaxBat | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | 40 | 25 |
| 3 | Pensacola Sharks | 4 | 1 | 0.800 | 21 | 6 |
| 4 | Chicago Knights | 4 | 1 | 0.800 | 17 | 9 |
| 5 | Toledo Aces | 4 | 1 | 0.800 | 30 | 12 |
| 6 | Tennessee White Lightnin' | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 27 | 14 |
| 7 | Americans Baseball Club | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 22 | 15 |
| 8 | Minnesota Web Gems | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 34 | 16 |
| 9 | Ft Myers Hooter's Owls | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 30 | 17 |
| 10 | Detroit Dodgers | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 25 | 19 |
| 11 | Tidewater Drillers | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 29 | 20 |
| 12 | TTown Jack-Os | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 37 | 26 |
| 13 | Cincinnati Colt .45s | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 44 | 32 |
| 14 | NEO Angels | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 50 | 35 |
| 15 | Liga del Oeste | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 64 | 47 |
| 16 | RusStar Baseball Club | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 17 | 10 |

| Seed | AA DIVISION | W | L | PCT | RA | RA4 |
|------|----------------------|---|---|-------|----|-----|
| 1 | Glass City Black Sox | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 47 | 32 |
| 2 | Ukraine Kozaks | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 58 | 42 |
| 3 | Germain Ohio Aces | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 50 | 32 |
| 4 | DRS Pirates | 3 | 3 | 0.500 | 56 | 33 |
| 5 | Nova Scotia Alpines | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 38 | 25 |
| 6 | Baltimore Chop | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 41 | 28 |
| 7 | Flint Tigers | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 73 | 53 |
| 8 | Kodak Reds | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 42 | 29 |
| 9 | South Bend Cardinals | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 48 | 32 |
| 10 | Panhandle Pirates | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 47 | 33 |
| 11 | Akron Cardinals | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 55 | 37 |

| Non-Playoff Teams | W | L | PCT | RA |
|-------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Can-Am Padres | 0 | 5 | 0.000 | 64 |
| Chi-Sox | 0 | 5 | 0.000 | 69 |



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White Lightnin' batter admires high fly ball to center field vs.
Germain Ohio Aces



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RESULTS

Wednesday Results

Baltimore Chop 8, Kodak Reds 3
Chicago Knights 13, Fort Myers Hooters Owls 3
Detroit Dodgers 16, Ukraine Kozaks 6
DRS Pirates 16, Chi-Sox 5
DRS Pirates 9, Can-Am Padres 5
Glass City Black Sox 16, South Bend Cardinals 10
MaxBat 17, Liga del Oeste 15
Miami Cubs 6, Cincinnati Colt .45s 2
NEO Angels 7, RusStar Baseball Club 4
Panhandle Pirates 10, Akron Cardinals 5
Pensacola Sharks 6, Minnesota Web Gems 3
TTown Jack-Os 10, Nova Scotia Alpines 8
Tennessee White Lightnin' 11, Germain Ohio Aces 1
Tidewater Drillers 14, Flint Tigers 4
Toledo Aces 5, Americans Baseball Club 3

Thursday Results

Jet Box 6, Minnesota Bulldogs 2
Chicago Woodpeckers 6, Stars Baseball Academy 4
Minnesota Oilers 3 Tallahassee Tomahawks 2
Vukgripz Akron A's 10, New Jersey Mets 4
Stars Baseball Academy 6, Minnesota Bulldogs 4
New Jersey Mets 2, Tallahassee Tomahawks 0
Jet Box 10, Chicago Woodpeckers 5
Minnesota Oilers 9, Vukgripz Akron A's 2

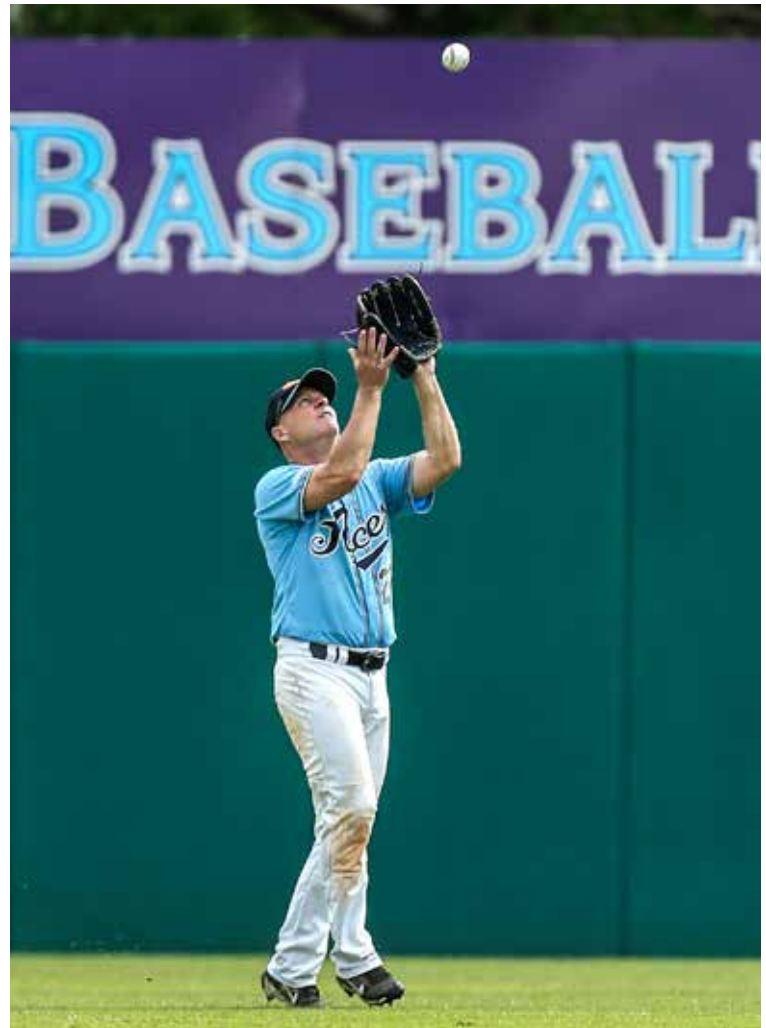


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Fun with color-coordinated outfield sign: Germain Ohio Aces center fielder vs. White Lightnin'



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SCHEDULE

Friday's games

AAAA Division Playoffs

Losers' Bracket Games

10:00 AM

#8 Vukgripz Akron A's @ #7 Stars Baseball Academy CP-S

Winner goes to CL-S at 2:00 PM

#2 New Jersey Mets @ #1 Chicago Woodpeckers JB-S

Winner goes to CL-S at 2:00 PM

Winners' Bracket final

2:00 PM

#6 Minnesota Oilers @ #5 Jet Box: 2:00 PM

Winner goes to Championship on Saturday, Loser goes JB-S at 10:00 AM

AAA Division Playoffs

First Round

10:00 AM

#15 Liga del Oeste @ #1 Miami Cubs CL2

Winner goes to CL4 at 1:30 PM

#9 Ft. Myers Hooter's Owls @ #8 Minnesota Web Gems CL3

Winner goes to CL4 at 1:30 PM

#13 Cincinnati Colt .45s @ #4 Chicago Knights CL6

Winner goes to CL3 at 1:30 PM

#12 TTown Jack-Os @ #5 Toledo Aces CL4

Winner goes to CL3 at 1:30 PM

#14 NEO Angels @ #3 Pensacola Sharks PDC2

Winner goes to PDC4 at 1:30 PM

#11 Tidewater Drillers @ #6 Tennessee White Lightnin' PDC3

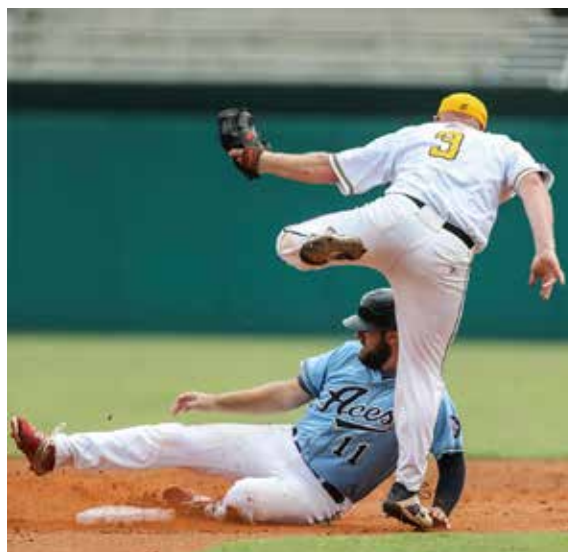
Winner goes to PDC4 at 1:30 PM

#10 Detroit Dodgers @ #7 Americans Baseball Club PDC4

Winner goes to PDC3 at 1:30 PM

#16 RusStar Baseball Club @ #2 MaxBat PDC5

Winner goes PDC3 at 1:30 PM



Germain Ohio
Aces baserunner
is safe at 2nd
vs. the White
Lightnin'

photo by
Greg Wagner

AA Division Playoffs

First Round

10:00 AM

G2 #10 Panhandle Pirates @ #8 Kodak Reds JB3

Winner plays #1 Glass City Black Sox at 1:30 PM @ JB3

G6 #11 Akron Cardinals @ #6 Baltimore Chop JB4

Winner faces the #3 Germain Ohio Aces at 1:30 PM JB4

G7 #9 South Bend Cardinals @ #7 Flint Tigers JB5

Winner faces #2 Ukraine Kozaks at 1:30 PM JB5

Quarterfinals

1:30 PM

#5 Nova Scotia Alpines at #4 DRS Pirates at JB6

Non-Playoff Teams

10:00 AM

Chi-Sox at Can-AM Padres, JB6



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NOTEBOOK

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 a piece or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held in the patio area at the Player Development Complex around 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 2018 RHWS 50/50 led to nearly \$5,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.



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 Thursday or Saturday.**

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

Players will need their RHWS ID card to get their shirts in person, no exceptions. No driver's licenses needed.



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 and before you get to the field; don't just wait until the game is over. Water will be available at the fields.

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, or the concessions person if closer. We do have 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 day or \$5 for a tournament pass.

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Chi Sox shortstop and manager Kevin Payne tries to make a play vs. the Tennessee Lightnin' after a diving stop

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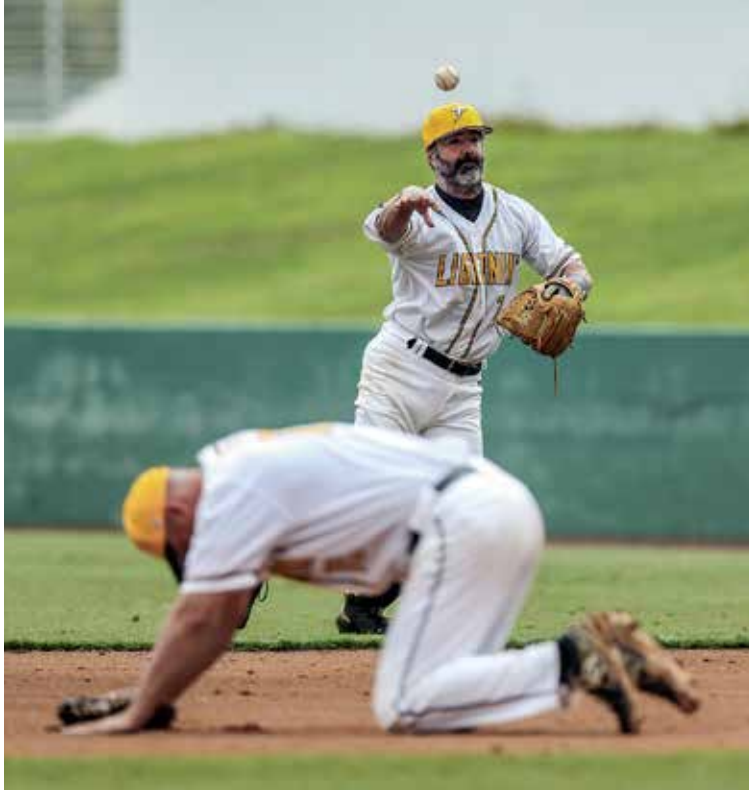


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White Lightnin' 1st baseman missed the grounder but his 2nd baseman got it and the pitcher covered 1st vs. the Germain Ohio Aces

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.

HIGHLIGHTS

Game Highlights

Roy Hobbs will publish your game highlights in the daily Inside Pitch; however, teams need to supply those highlights.

The link to submit your team's highlights is on the Roy Hobbs website: Go to royhobbs.com/world-series and click on the link.

Roy Hobbs will get your submissions published as soon as possible.

10/20/19:

Miami Cubs 8, Tennessee White Lightnin' 6: (Lightnin') Pitching: Kyle Shedron, 4.3 IP, 5H, 2R, 0ER, 2BB, 6K; Hitting: Ed Tignor 3/4, 1R; Jason Waddell 2/4, 1R; Dan Vogel 2/3, 1 2B, 1R, 1RBI, 1HBP; Kyle Shedron 2/4, 1 2B, 1RBI

Jet Box 10, Vukgripz Akron A's 0: (Jet Box) Pitching: Adam Rowe 7 IP, 3K, 0 R, 0 BB Hitting: Frank Jeney 2/3 2 RBIs; Dale Kryway 1/3 3 RBIs; Jared Mangett 2/2, RBI

10/21/19:

NEO Angels 11, Cincinnati Colt .45s 10: (Angels) Pitching: Dex Littlfield - 5ip, 6h, 5k, 3BB Hitting: 2r (Jay Merrigan / Steve Sosebee); 2RBIs (John Hardesty / Phil Petrik); 2h (Corey Sanzone, Dex Littlefield, Jaime Rodriguez, Jon Merrigan)

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HIGHLIGHTS

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Tennessee White Lightnin' 12, Chi-Sox 1: (Lightnin')
Pitching: Gabe Orendorff- 7IP, 7H, 1ER, 0BB, 5K: Hitting: Ed
Tignor- 4/4, 1R, 1 RBI; Jason Waddell- 2/3, 1 2B, 1 3B, 2R,
2RBI, 1BB, 1SB; Adam Ryan- 2/4, 1 2B, 3RBI; David Hacker-
2/4, 1R, 1RBI, 3SB; Gabe Orendorff- 2/3, 1 2B, 1R, 2RBI, 1BB

10/22/19

Cincinnati Colt .45s 13, Tennessee White Lightnin' 12:
(Lightnin') Pitching: Um, we gave up 13 runs!!!! LOL: Hitting:
David Hacker- 3/4, 1 2B, 1R, 2RBI; Jason Waddell- 2/2, 2BB,
3R, 1RBI, 2SB; Garrett Calhoun- 1/3, 1R, 3RBI

Tennessee White Lightnin' 11, TTown Jack-O's 4: (Lightnin')
Pitching: Bobby Overstreet 8IP, 11H, 4R, 1ER, 4K, 0BB:
Hitting: Bobby Overstreet- 3/4, 1 2B, 1R, 5RBI; Kyle
Shedron- 3/4, 1 2B, 1R, 2RBI; Chad Caudy- 2/4, 1 3B, 1R,
1RBI

10/23/19

Tennessee White Lightnin' 11, Germain Ohio Aces 11:
(Lightnin') Pitching: Scotter James- 8IP, 1ER, 6H, 1K, 2BB:
Hitting: Adam Ryan- 2/2, 1 2B, 1R, 2RBI, 2BB, 3SB; Steve
Jarrell- 2/2, 1R, 1BB; Daniel Vogel- 2/3, 1R, 1RBI, 1BB



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DRS Pirates base runner is safe at second against the Chi Sox

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