



# THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 1

VETERANS

OCT. 22<sup>nd</sup>

## DRS' Radhames Perez is living the dream



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*DRS Pirates Heri Scheker (39) & Radhames Perez (43) celebrating a good play.*

**BY GLENN MILLER**  
**Roy Hobbs Baseball**

Radhames Perez sat on bleachers Monday morning at JetBlue Park, dressed in the vibrant colors of the DRS Pirates and about to do what he's waited 10 years to do - play in the Roy Hobbs World Series.

"This is my dream right here," Perez said.

Perez turned 30 in June and joined the DRS Pirates. The DRS stands for Dominican Republic Red Sox, a Roy Hobbs fixture for many years. They tacked on the name Pirates for a simple reason.

"Because those were the uniforms we

had," Pirates manager Heri Scheker said with a laugh.

The Pirates also added Perez, a civil engineer in Santo Domingo. Ever since he was 20, Perez had looked forward to playing here.

"On my birthday, I called this guy (Scheker) and said, 'This is my chance,'" Perez said,

Everything about the Roy Hobbs World Series is a treat for the rookie outfielder. Perez spent Monday morning playing on one of the pristine diamonds where the Boston Red Sox practice in February.

As he sat in the bleachers on a sunny

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

The Veterans Division AAAA will be determined Tuesday afternoon, and the division makeup will be announced Tuesday evening.

AAAA managers are requested to gather at PDC at 2 p.m. Tuesday to determine the makeup of the AAAA double-elimination playoff field, which will begin play Thursday at the JetBlue Complex.

The Veterans set up will be announced Tuesday evening at the Managers Reception at the PDC party area. Wednesday's pool game 5 schedule will also be announced at that gathering, to which all 35s managers and guests are invited.

Veterans play began Sunday with 8 teams in the AAAA hunt. It has yet to be determined if the playoffs will be a 4-team or 6-team bracket. The teams making the AAAA playoffs will get Wednesday off.

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

Veterans teams playing Wednesday will get Thursday off.

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](http://royhobbs.com/world-series).

# DRS

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autumn morning he gazed out at JetBlue Field No. 5.

"The feeling you get is the closest you can ever get to my dreams of playing in the big leagues," Perez said. "Here I'm playing with my friends, too. We're like a family. You feel that, too, the atmosphere of playing with your friends is what it's all about."

Perez finds the entire Roy Hobbs World Series experience everything he dreamed it would be, from the fields to the umpires and uniforms and atmosphere and camaraderie,

"You feel like you're a professional," Perez said,

His commitment to playing in the World Series is profound.

"I want to tell you something," Perez said as game time drew near. "I just came all the way from Africa."

Perez vacationed in Africa before coming to Fort Myers. He visited South Africa, Kenya, Namibia and Zambia. To reach Fort Myers required an 8-hour flight from Johannesburg to Dubai, where he waited 10 hours for the next flight, which was 13½ hours to Boston. He then waited 8 hours in Boston before flying to Fort Myers.

But it was worth it. He's playing in the Roy Hobbs World Series and treasuring every moment. As he chatted with a Roy Hobbs staffer Monday he said, "Let me take a picture to record this moment."

Let the record show that Radhames Perez has now played in the Roy Hobbs World Series,



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DRS Pirates manager Heri Schecker

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Tennessee center fielder and manager Ed Tignor easily gets back to first base vs. the Chi Sox.

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## RESULTS

### Monday Results

Americans Baseball Club 18, Germain Ohio Aces 7  
 Chicago Knights 18, Akron Cardinals 3  
 Chicago Woodpeckers 4, Minnesota Oilers 3  
 Detroit Dodgers 15, Glass City Black Sox 5  
 Flint Tigers 12, Ukraine Kozaks 11  
 Germain Ohio Aces 20, Flint Tigers 11  
 Jet Box 6, Stars Baseball Academy 2  
 Liga del Oeste 13, Kodak Reds 10  
 MaxBat 23, DRS Pirates 13  
 Miami Cubs 6, Panhandle Pirates 5  
 Minnesota Bulldogs 16, Jet Box 5  
 Minnesota Bulldogs 5, Vukgripz Akron A's 3  
 Minnesota Web Gems 7, Glass City Black Sox 2  
 NEO Angels 11, Cincinnati Colt .45s 10  
 New Jersey Mets 3, Chicago Woodpeckers 2  
 Nova Scotia Alpines 15, Pensacola Sharks 6  
 RusStar Baseball Academy 14, Can-Am Padres 0  
 South Bend Cardinals 13, Liga del Oeste 7  
 Tallahassee Tomahawks 5, New Jersey Mets 2  
 Tallahassee Tomahawks 7, Minnesota Oilers 5  
 Tennessee White Lightnin' 12, Chi-Sox 1  
 Tidewater Drillers 10, Panhandle Pirates 6  
 Toledo Aces 13, Baltimore Chop 5  
 TTown Jack-O's 8, Fort Myers Hooter's Owls 4  
 Vukgripz Akron A's 10, Stars Baseball Academy 5

### Sunday Results

Akron Cardinals 20, Can-Am Padres 0  
 Americans Baseball Club 8, Chicago Knights 6  
 Chicago Knights 3, RusStar Baseball Club 0  
 Chicago Woodpeckers 4, Tallahassee Tomahawks 2  
 Cincinnati Colt 45s 14, DRS Pirates 12  
 Flint Tigers 11, Can-Am Padres 8  
 Ft Myers Hooter's Owls 13, Glass City Black Sox 4

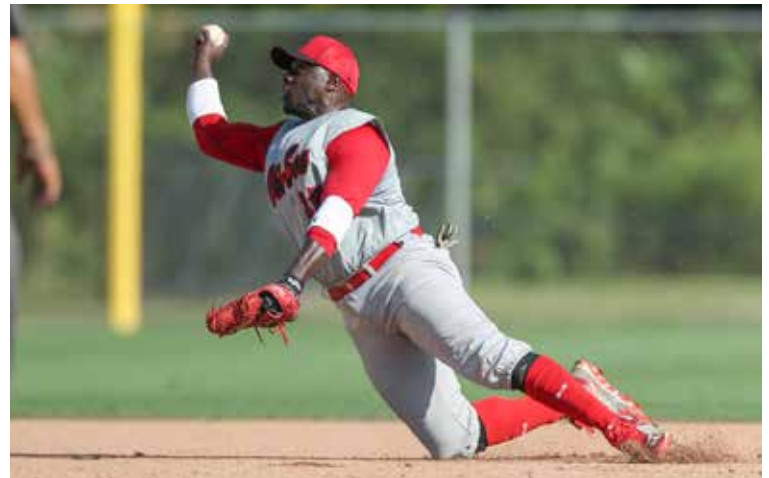


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Chi Sox shortstop and manager Kevin Payne tries to make a play vs. the Tennessee Lightnin' after a diving stop

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## STANDINGS

### AAAA Team

	W	L	PCT	RA
Chicago Woodpeckers	2	1	0.667	8
New Jersey Mets	2	1	0.667	10
Minnesota Bulldogs	2	1	0.667	11
Tallahassee Tomahawks	2	1	0.667	11
Jet Box	2	1	0.667	18
Stars Baseball Academy	1	2	0.333	18
Vukgripz Akron A's	1	2	0.333	21
Minnesota Oilers	0	3	0.000	20

### Team

	W	L	PCT	RA
Tidewater Drillers	2	0	1.000	7
Toledo Aces	2	0	1.000	7
TTown Jack-Os	2	0	1.000	7
Nova Scotia Alpines	2	0	1.000	8
Minnesota Web Gems	3	0	1.000	10
MaxBat	2	0	1.000	13
Miami Cubs	3	0	1.000	18
Chicago Knights	2	1	0.667	11
Ft Myers Hooter's Owls	2	1	0.667	14
Americans Baseball Club	2	1	0.667	17
NEO Angels	2	1	0.667	31
Liga del Oeste	2	1	0.667	34
Flint Tigers	2	1	0.667	39
RusStar Baseball Club	1	1	0.500	3
Tennessee White Lightnin'	1	1	0.500	9
South Bend Cardinals	1	1	0.500	10
Detroit Dodgers	1	1	0.500	11
Pensacola Sharks	1	1	0.500	17
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	1	0.500	23
Ukraine Kozaks	1	1	0.500	25
Akron Cardinals	1	2	0.333	32
Germain Ohio Aces	1	2	0.333	36
Chi-Sox	0	2	0.000	26
Panhandle Pirates	0	3	0.000	28



photo by Greg Wagner

*Infield popup. Tall guy always has the advantage... Chi Sox catcher Dave Fields and pitcher Sam Matire have this Tennessee Lightnin' popup surrounded.*

Baltimore Chop	0	3	0.000	31
Kodak Reds	0	3	0.000	32
Glass City Black Sox	0	3	0.000	35
DRS Pirates	0	3	0.000	44
Can-Am Padres	0	3	0.000	45



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## SCHEDULE

### Tuesday

**9:30**

DRS Pirates @ Chi Sox, CP-S

Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Tennessee White Lightnin', PDC2

Glass City Black Sox @ TTown Jack-Os, PDC5

**10:00**

MaxBat @ Tennessee Drillers CL-S

RusStar Baseball Club @ Akron Cardinals, CL6

Ukraine Kozaks @ Cam-An Padres, JB-S

Pensacola Sharks @ Flint Tigers, JB3

Baltimore Chop @ South Bend Cardinals, JB6

Ft Myers Hooter's Owls @ Detroit Dodgers, PDC1

Nova Scotia Alpines @ Germain Ohio Aces, PDC3

Toledo Aces @ Minnesota Web Gems, PDC4

Stars Baseball Academy @ New Jersey Mets, TP-S

Jet Box @ Chicago Woodpeckers, TP2

Minnesota Oilers @ Vukgripz Akron A's, TP3

Tallahassee Tomahawks @ Minnesota Bulldogs, TP4

**1:00**

Tennessee White Lightnin' @ TTown Jack-Os, CP-S

**2:00**

Americans Baseball Club @ RusStar Baseball club, CL-S

Tidewater Drillers @ Miami Cubs, CL4

Kodak Reds @ South Bend Cardinals, JB-S

Pensacola Sharks @ Ukraine Kozaks, JB6

Chi-Sox @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, PDC2

Chicago Knights @ Nova Scotia Alpines, PDC3

Detroit Dodgers @ Toledo Aces, PDC5

Liga del Oeste @ NEO Angels, TP-S



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*Liga del Oeste pitcher Emil Casado delivers a pitch under the Centurylink lights Monday night.*



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# NOTEBOOK



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*Miami Cubs Felix Cruz (25) gets a team welcome after hitting home run against Tennessee Lightnin' Sunday..*

## 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.



## Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament Headquarters (rg@royhobbs.com) 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.



## 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

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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.



## 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. 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.



*Chi Sox centerfielder Jon Mikal Moody makes a running catch of a Tennessee Lightnin' fly ball Monday.*

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*MaxBat lefty Brook Lyter got the win in a 22-13 victory over DRS Pirates.*

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Carlos Sang Caputo of Liga del Oeste steals second against Kodak Reds.*

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