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Lonnie Samples first visit to SW Florida is no fish tale



BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Lonnie Samples had no idea what he would hook when he visited Florida on a fishing trip in the fall of 1993 with one of his brothers.

His brother and a friend were also playing baseball in something called the Roy Hobbs World Series. Samples stopped by City of Palms Park's practice field, which is now a softball field.

"The coach tossed me a jersey and he said, 'Go sign up,'" Samples said Monday morning in City of Palms Park. "And I've been coming down ever since."

Samples, 71, is the manager of the DuPage Indians as well as a player. He hasn't missed a World Series in the more than a quarter of a century since that first one.

The event and the fields are magical to Samples, even after all these years. He recalls the reaction of his younger brother, Tommy, the first time he stepped through the left-field gate at City of Palms Park.

"He's running around on this smooth outfield and he got down and kissed the grass," Samples said. "One of the field guys was out there working and he said, 'somebody just peed there a few minutes ago.' Tommy goes, 'I don't care. It's beautiful.'"

Samples is one of those indispensable people in amateur sports who makes it possible for others to play.

"He takes care of the business end of it," assistant manager Michael Delattre said. "Lonnie gets the uniforms together. He's on top of everything you need. When you come here he picks guys up at the airport."

Samples is a fixture in the dugout and in the field for the Indians.

"You know he's the chief," veteran Indian Joe McCarthy said. "He's vocal. Communicates with everybody. I mean everybody."

Even players new to the team sense that. Lonnis Gatsiounis of Austin, Texas is in his first World Series. What he has noticed about his skipper?

"Gritty," Gatsiounis said, "Passionate about the game. Observes it closely."

That's been Samples' baseball story for a long time, ever since 1993.

This will likely be the final Roy Hobbs World Series that uses City of Palms Park. Lee County and city of Fort Myers officials plan to raze the park as part of a redevelopment project.

"It breaks my heart we're not going to be playing here anymore," Samples said.

It is the place, of course, where Lonnie Samples' long Roy Hobbs World Series began.

And that is no fish tale.

photo by Meg Giffen

Danyale Simmons (L) and Lonnie Samples enjoy getting ready for a game at City of Palms Stadium



It must be Tuesday:

4A seeding; Managers' reception & Pool Game 5 matchups revealed at party

Hey, it's Tuesday ... a really busy day at the Roy Hobbs World Series each week.

- It's day 3 of pool play.
- AAAA Managers meet at 5 p.m. to determine the 8 teams advancing to double-elimination playoffs on Thursday.
- The Managers' reception, complete with cigars, adult beverages and finger foods at the PDC Patio at 6 p.m.
- The schedule for Wednesday Pool Game 5 matchups will be announced approximately 7 p.m.

By the close of play Tuesday, the weatherman notwithstanding, all teams will have played 4 games. The first order of business will be to determine which 8 teams will advance to the 8-team AAAA double-elimination playoffs. Those 8 teams will take Wednesday off and start their sprint to the finish line on Thursday. The 2 teams that are not included will be dropped

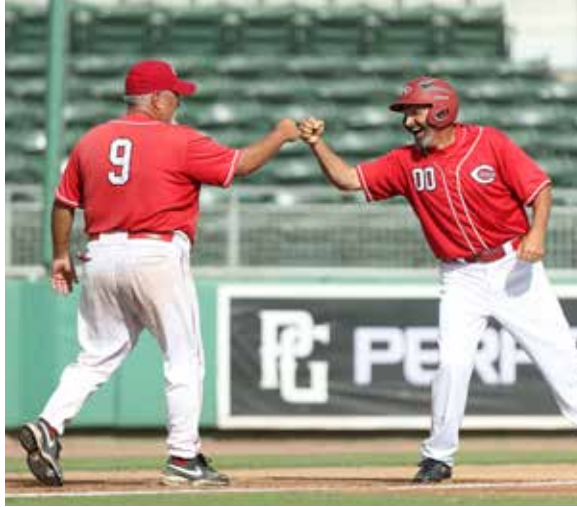


photo by Greg Wagner

Kodak Reds manager Richard Winstead of Johnny Russell get a fist bump Monday morning after Russell's doublet

into the AAA-AA ranks for pool game 5.

Matchups for Pool Game 5 will be announced at the Managers Reception on the PDC patio. There are 3 night-games scheduled Tuesday, so there may be some matchups awaiting those results. We will know more about that late Tuesday afternoon.

After those matchups are announced at the party, they will be put on the Roy Hobbs website.

For the record, after Wednesday's games, all teams in the general pool will take Thursday off and move to single-elimination playoffs on Friday. AAA and AA will be 16-team divisions, with no byes.

The Managers' Reception is sponsored by Roy Hobbs and the the World Famous Cigar Bar, with Roy Hobbs-labeled cigars, wine, rum and finger foods. It's a good opportunity for some light-hearted baseball socializing. Managers and a companion and teammate are invited ... and cigar lovers are welcome too.

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.

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Baltimore Astros center fielder makes a nice running catch of a PSOF fly ball.

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AAAA Team

	W	L	PCT	RA
Chicago Woodpeckers	3	0	1.000	12
Cangrejeros RD	3	0	1.000	13
Pittsburgh 45s	2	1	0.667	7
WinBerg Construction	2	1	0.667	16
HPK Oilers	2	1	0.667	17
Staten Island Bombers	1	2	0.333	18
CWC - Krueger's Krew	1	2	0.333	28
New Jersey Twins	1	2	0.333	29
Minneapolis Millers	0	3	0.000	22
Glory Days	0	3	0.000	26



Why we wear helmets! PSOF Rangers Dave Lentz steals 2nd vs. the Baltimore Astros as the catcher's throw hits him in the head

photo by
Greg Wagner

Team

	W	L	PCT	RA
Chicago North Redhawks	3	0	1.000	3
Baltimore Thunder	3	0	1.000	4
Atlanta Twins	3	0	1.000	6
Windy City Warriors	2	0	1.000	8
Kent Mudhens	2	0	1.000	8
Chicago Knights	2	0	1.000	14
Lehigh Valley Railriders	3	0	1.000	16
PSOF Rangers	2	0	1.000	18
New Jersey RailRiders	3	0	1.000	18
Chicago Colts	2	1	0.667	16
Dayton Wolves	2	1	0.667	17
Chicago Cardinals	2	1	0.667	19
Jet Box	2	1	0.667	21
Minnesota Bandits	2	1	0.667	23
Victoria Mussels	2	1	0.667	25
Baltimore Astros	2	1	0.667	26
Swinging Diablos	2	1	0.667	26
Winnepesaukee Muskrats	2	1	0.667	26
Orlando Braves	1	1	0.500	3
NW Indiana Dogs	1	1	0.500	7
Kenmore Orioles	1	1	0.500	10
Bellacino's Red Sox	1	1	0.500	20

St. Louis Pirates	1	2	0.333	14
Crystal Clinic Indians	1	2	0.333	20
Canton Tigers	1	2	0.333	20
Fort Myers Hooter's Blues	1	2	0.333	22
Tidewater Drillers	1	2	0.333	22
Kodak Reds	1	2	0.333	25
Lansing Blue Jays	1	2	0.333	25
Doc Ford's Sea Dogs	1	2	0.333	26
Washington All Stars	1	2	0.333	27
Carolina Thunder	1	2	0.333	27
Jersey Shore Baseball	1	2	0.333	28
Tennessee Dirtbags	1	2	0.333	33
Huntsville Havoc	1	2	0.333	34
Maine Indians	1	2	0.333	35
Chesapeake Redwings	1	2	0.333	39
St. Paul Senators	0	2	0.000	17
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	2	0.000	27
Lake Erie Blue Jays	0	2	0.000	28
Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	2	0.000	28
DuPage Indians	0	3	0.000	32
Oakville Golden A's	0	3	0.000	36
Ukraine Kozaks	0	3	0.000	57



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RESULTS

Masters Results

Atlanta Twins 8, Canton Tigers 2
 Baltimore Astros 9, Minnesota Bandits 6
 Baltimore Thunder 17, Chesapeake Red Wings 1
 Cangrejeros RD 8, HPK Oilers 7
 Chesapeake Redwings 20, Nova Scotia Monarchs 7
 Chicago Cardinals 11, Carolina Thunder 1
 Chicago Colts 13, Cincinnati Colt .45s 4
 Chicago Colts 5, Kenmore Orioles 4
 Chicago North Redhawks 13, Doc Ford Sea Dogs 0
 Chicago North Redhawks 9, Canton Tigers 2
 Chicago Woodpeckers 4, Cincinnati Colt .45s 2
 Crystal Clinic Indians 7, Ft. Myers Hooter's Blues 3
 CWC-Krueger's Krew 14, New Jersey Twins 8
 Dayton Wolves 3, Orlando Braves 1
 Dayton Wolves 9, Washington All-Stars 8
 Doc Ford Sea Dogs 7, Atlanta Twins 4
 Ft. Myers Hooter's Blues 14, Bellacino's Red Sox 9
 Jersey Shore Baseball 18, Lake Erie Blue Jays 3
 Jet Box 10, Huntsville Havoc 8
 Kodak Reds 9, Crystal Clinic Indians 7
 Lehigh Valley Railriders 14, Chicago Cardinals 10
 Lehigh Valley Railriders 7, St. Paul Senators 3
 Maine Indians 10, Tidewater Drillers 8
 Minnesota Bandits 10, Kodak Reds 7
 New Jersey RailRiders 11, Winnepesaukee Muskrats 7
 NW Indiana Dogs 14, Lansing Blue Jays 1
 Oakville Golden A's 12, Winnepesaukee Muskrats 9
 PSOF Rangers 10, Lansing Blue Jays 1
 St. Louis Pirates 10, DuPage Indians 1
 Staten Island Bombers 8, Glory Day's 3
 Swinging Diablos 15, DuPage Indians 1
 Swinging Diablos 20, Tennessee Dirtbags 9
 Tennessee Dirtbags 7, St. Louis Pirates 6
 Victoria Mussels 15, Huntsville Havoc 8
 Winberg Construction 8, Minneapolis Millers 3
 Windy City Warriors 28, Ukraine Kozaks 2

Monday

Atlanta Twins 16, Swinging Diablos 0
 Baltimore Astros 6, NW Indiana Dogs 3
 Baltimore Thunder 10, Lake Erie Blue Jays 2
 Baltimore Thunder 2, Jersey Shore Baseball 1
 Bellacino's Red Sox 8, Kodak Reds 6
 Cangrejeros RD 12, Glory Day's 2
 Cangrejeros RD 6, Staten Island Bombers 4
 Canton Tigers 7, Tennessee Dirtbags 3
 Carolina Thunder 15, Maine Indians 6
 Chicago Cardinals 10, St. Paul Senators 4
 Chicago Knights 23, Jersey Shore Baseball 9
 Chicago North Redhawks 6, St. Louis Pirates 1
 Chicago Woodpeckers 13, New Jersey Twins 3
 Chicago Woodpeckers 8, CWC-Krueger's Krew 7
 Doc Ford's Sea Dogs 7, DuPage Indians 6
 HPK Oilers 6, Glory Day's 3
 HPK Oilers 7, WinBerg Construction 6
 Huntsville Havoc 9, Washington All Stars 6
 Jet Box 8, Dayton Wolves 2
 Kenmore Indians 15, Victoria Mussels 5
 Kent Mudhens 14, Ukraine Kozaks 2
 Lansing Blue Jays 6, Fort Myers Hooter's Blues 1
 Lehigh Valley Railriders 15, Ukraine Kozaks 3
 Minnesota Bandits 8, Crystal Clinic Indians 7
 New Jersey RailRiders 13 Oakville Golden A's 10
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 Orlando Braves 8, Chicago Colts 0
 Pittsburgh 45s 12, CWC-Krueger's Krew 1
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 PSOF Rangers 17, Baltimore Astros 11
 Tidewater Drillers 10, Carolina Thunder 1
 Victoria Mussels 15, Cincinnati Colt .45s 5
 Washington All Stars 11, Jet Box 9
 Winberg Construction 9, Staten Island Bombers 6
 Windy City Warriors 11, Tidewater Drillers 6
 Winnepesaukee Muskrats 7, Nova Scotia Monarchs 6



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SCHEDULE

Tuesday

9:30 AM

Jersey Shore Baseball @ Oakville Golden A's CP-S

10:00 AM

Chicago North Redhawks @ Tennessee Dirtbags, CL-S
Cangrejeros RD @ WinBerg Construction, CL3
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Bellacino's Red Sox, CL4
Kenmore Orioles @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, JB-S
Orlando Braves @ Jet Box, JB4
DuPage Indians @ Atlanta Twins, JB5
St. Paul Senators @ Kent Mudhens, JB6
Chicago Colts @ Kodak Reds, PDC2
Lansing Blue Jays @ Windy City Warriors, PDC3
Chicago Knights @ Baltimore Thunder, PDC4
Chicago Woodpeckers @ Glory Day's, PDC5
Staten Island Bombers @ HPK Oilers, TP-S
Minnesota Bandits @ NW Indiana Dogs, TP3

2:00 PM

NW Indiana Dogs @ St Louis Pirates, CL-S
Bellacino's Red Sox @ Crystal Clinic Indians, CL2
New Jersey RailRiders @ Nova Scotia Monarchs, CL3
Canton Tigers @ Doc Ford's Sea Dogs, CL6
Kent Mudhens @ Baltimore Astros, JB-S
Cincinnati Colt .45. s @ Orlando Braves, JB3
Ukraine Kozaks @ St. Paul Senators, JB4
Huntsville Havoc @ Kenmore Orioles, JB6
Minneapolis Millers @ CWC-Krueger's Krew, PDC1
New Jersey Twins @ Pittsburgh 45s, PDC2
Windy City Warriors @ Maine Indians, PDC3
Winnepesaukee Muskrats @Chicago Knights, PDC4
Chicago Cardinals @Tidewater Drillers, PDC5
Swinging Diablos @ Dayton Wolves, TP-S
Ft. Myers Hooter's Blues @ PSOF Rangers, TP2



*PSOF Rangers
Jeremy Taylor
jumps to avoid a
ground ball hit
to the Baltimore
Astros shortstop
Dave Popowich*

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

Chesapeake Redwings @ Lake Erie Blue Jays, TP4

5:30 PM

Victoria Mussels @ Washington All Stars, CP-S
PSOF Rangers @ Lake Erie Blue Jays, TP-S

6:00 PM

Lehigh Valley Railriders @ Carolina Thunder CL-S



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Minnesota
Bandits Dan
Hennen lays
down a bunt vs.
Crystal Clinic
Indians

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NOTEBOOK

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.



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.



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.



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.



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NOTEBOOK

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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.



❖ Locker Room Option

Players have the option of taking advantage of the Locker Room facilities at the Player Development Complex throughout the RHWS

The fee is \$325 per player per week, but the fee is discounted for multiple players or whole teams.

In a service unique among weeklong adult amateur baseball tournaments, Roy Hobbs World Series has pioneered and offers a full clubhouse and training service facilities for teams/players. At PDC, space is limited to 150 players per week.

Services include daily laundry, showers, continental breakfast, between-game snacks, post-game treatments/relaxation and refreshments, etc. Trainers will be on duty from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Uniforms will be laundered and shoes shined daily.

Accommodations in the new Players Lounge area of PDC, complete with refreshments, are available for the families of players utilizing the locker room, which opens at 7 a.m. and closes 90 minutes after the last game of the day is completed.

Non-locker room players may request a consultation with one of the trainers; the cost is \$50. If the player signs up for a pro-rated share of the locker room at that point, the \$50 is applied to the fee.

For more information on the Locker Room Option or a tour, please contact Locker Room Coordinator Mike Murphey or Clubhouse Manager Rod Jones in the PDC Locker Room.



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.



photo by Greg Wagner

Baltimore Astros 2nd baseman Dave Hughes makes a great diving stop of a PSOF Rangers ground ball. He then threw the runner out at first

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.

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HIGHLIGHTS

10/27/19

Chicago Knights 11, Oakville Golden A's 5: (Oakville) Hitting: Jim Proctor - 2/4, 1 2Bs, 1RBI), (Tim Lessard - 3/4, 2 RBI's), (Gerald Finnerty - 3/4, 1 RBI)

Kent Mudhens 12, Maine Indians 6: (Indians) Hitting: Jay Hoyt 2/4 2b, 1 rbi

Maine Indians 10, Tidewater Drillers 8: (Indians) Hitting: Steve Cascio 2/3 2b, 3b, 1 rbi 1 run

Winnepesaukee Muskrats 12, Oakville Golden A's 9: (Oakville) Pitching: Craig Newman - 4 IP, 10 Hs, 7 Rs, 6 ERs, 2 Ks, 2 BB: Hitting: Rich Thompson - 3/5, 2 RBI's), (Jim Proctor - 3/5, 1 2B), (Tim Lessard - 3/5, 2 2Bs, 4 RBI's), (Gerald Finnerty - 3/4, 1 2B, 1 RBI:) Doug Flutie picked up the win in this game.

PSOF Rangers 10, Lansing Blue Jays 7: (PSOF) Hitting: Brett Wagner 3 hits, Ron Hall, Colin King, Ricky Bobby Simmons 2 hits each: Game Notes: Catcher Jeff Block and second baseman Xavier Roman executed a key 2-4-2 throw out of



photo by Greg Wagner
Baltimore Astros Dan Milligan crushes a 3-run home run vs. the PSOF Rangers

the tying run on a 1st and 3rd steal attempt by the Blue Jays in the middle innings to help maintain the lead.

Atlanta Twins 8, Canton Tigers 2: (Tigers) Pitching: Joe Koscis / 7IP, Matt Keck / 2 IP

Canton Redhawks 9, Canton Tigers 2: (Tigers) pitching / Chad Miller - 5ip = Tony Martin 3 IP

10/28/19

Jersey Shore Baseball 17: Lansing Blue Jays 3: (Jersey) Hitting: Jeff Cochrane 2- doubles & 5 RBI, Reggie Easley 4 for 4, 2 RBI, Rich Degener 3 hits, single, double & Triple, 2 RBI, Lou Spassatempo , 3 hits, Gregg Balin 2 hits, 2 RBI.

Canton Tigers 7, Tennessee Dirt Bags 3: (Tigers) Pitching: Keith Bartucci - 7 ip, 3 hits one run/ KEN Robbins 2 IP SAVE: Hitting: Cal Baker 2/3, 3rbi / Travis Lee 3/3, 2b

Winnepesaukee Muskrats 7, Nova Scotia Monarchs 6: (Monarchs) Pitching: Jason Hanes seven innings and didn't allow a hit to Doug Flutie: Hitting: Mike White two-run homer



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Kodak Reds dugout vs. Bellacino's Red Sox.

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