



THE INSIDE PITCH

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MASTERS

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Kent Mudhens: 'A lot of guys who love the game'



photo by Greg Wagner

The Masters version of the Kent Mudhens posed for Greg Wagner prior to Tuesday's game at JetBlue Stadium

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The name Mud Hens has an association with baseball that goes back a long way, but not the way the Kent Mudhens use it.

The most famous Mud Hens (two words) are the Toledo version, a Detroit Tigers affiliate in the Class AAA International League. The Toledo team has been using the name since 1896, the same year that Cy Young won 35 games for the Cleveland Spiders with 42 - yes, 42! - complete games.

The Mud Hens and various age division teams are a Roy Hobbs World Series fixture since the 1990s.

Back in Akron they field teams in the 25, 45, 53, 60 and 65 age divisions. The 45 team is playing this week and over the

course of 5 weeks of this World Series the Mudhens will have teams playing in 5 age groups.

Mudhens manager Don Booth, 78, has been with the team since 1997 but said the team started in 1994. How have the Mudhens endured so long and been able to stock five teams?

"We have a lot of guys who love to play baseball," said Both, who was elected to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame in 2015.

One of those guys is Ted Lesiak, who is managing the 45s. He said this is his 16th World Series.

The name of his team is perhaps best known beyond baseball parks because actor Jamie Farr, a Toledo native, was a fan of the team on the immensely popular television series

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M*A*S*H.

"Everybody loves the name," Lesiak said.

He has a replica of the Mud Hens jersey worn by Farr.

Many opposing players make an assumption about the Kent Mudhens that is incorrect.

"Most of the time we get, 'Are you guys from Toledo?'" Lesiak said.

No, Kent is a good two-hour drive away from Toledo.

And the Mudhens are a good team. Lesiak said they won the A division in the 45s last year.

"Our goal is to play in AAA and win that," Lesiak said. They will get their chance as they are 4-0 thus far this week.

Winning and losing isn't the main thing, though. The team name isn't that important, at least to Steve Sosebee, who is in his third season with the Mudhens.

"I don't think much about whether I like it or not," Sosebee said. "I like the guys I play with."

Sosebee sees his teammates fulfilling two criteria any athlete in any sport would like of teammates. "They're all very good ballplayers," Sosebee said, "They're all really good guys."

Oh, and what is a Mud Hen?

There is this from the Toledo Mud Hens website: "A mud hen is a marsh bird with short wings and long legs that inhabits swamps or marshes."

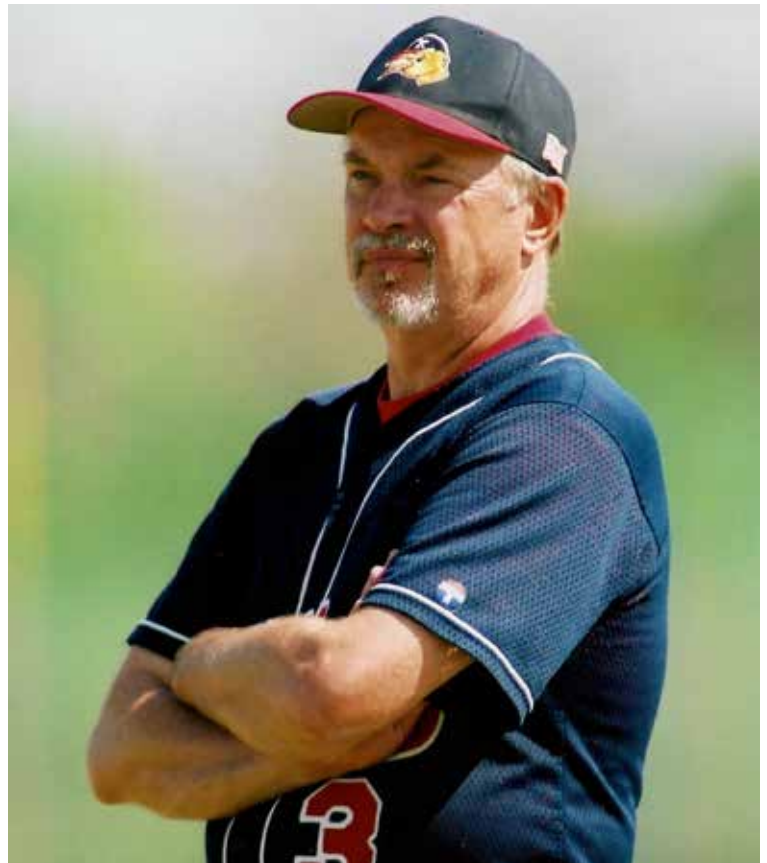


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Hall of Famers Don Booth is the 'godfather' of the Kent Mudhens.



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AAAA Team								
	W	L	PCT	RA				
1 Chicago Woodpeckers	4	0	1.000	14	Victoria Mussels	2	1	0.667 25
2 Cangrejeros RD	4	0	1.000	19	Tidewater Drillers	2	2	0.500 24
3 Pittsburgh 45s	3	1	0.750	9	Crystal Clinic Indians	2	2	0.500 29
4 Staten Island Bombers	2	2	0.500	25	Chicago Cardinals	2	2	0.500 32
5 WinBerg Construction	2	2	0.500	27	Doc Ford's Sea Dogs	2	2	0.500 32
6 HPK Oilers	2	2	0.500	30	Jet Box	2	2	0.500 33
7 CWC - Krueger's Krew	2	2	0.500	30	Jersey Shore Baseball	2	2	0.500 33
8 New Jersey Twins	1	3	0.250	35	Minnesota Bandits	2	2	0.500 35
					Swinging Diablos	2	2	0.500 38
					Baltimore Astros	2	2	0.500 39
* Dropped from 4A					Maine Indians	2	2	0.500 44
Team	W	L	PCT	RA	Bellacino's Red Sox	2	2	0.500 45
*Minneapolis Millers	0	4	0.000	30	Washington All Stars	1	2	0.333 27
*Glory Days	0	4	0.000	37	Carolina Thunder	1	2	0.333 27
Chicago North Redhawks	4	0	1.000	6	Lake Erie Blue Jays	1	2	0.333 30
Atlanta Twins	4	0	1.000	11	St. Louis Pirates	1	3	0.250 22
Kent Mudhens	4	0	1.000	12	Canton Tigers	1	3	0.250 30
Lehigh Valley Railriders	3	0	1.000	16	St. Paul Senators	1	3	0.250 31
PSOF Rangers	3	0	1.000	26	Fort Myers Hooter's Blues	1	3	0.250 33
New Jersey RailRiders	4	0	1.000	33	Lansing Blue Jays	1	3	0.250 39
Orlando Braves	3	1	0.750	9	Kodak Reds	1	3	0.250 43
NW Indiana Dogs	3	1	0.750	12	Tennessee Dirtbags	1	3	0.250 46
Baltimore Thunder	3	1	0.750	14	Chesapeake Redwings	1	3	0.250 49
Chicago Colts	3	1	0.750	19	Huntsville Havoc	1	3	0.250 54
Dayton Wolves	3	1	0.750	19	DuPage Indians	0	4	0.000 40
Windy City Warriors	3	1	0.750	22	Oakville Golden A's	0	4	0.000 44
Kenmore Orioles	3	1	0.750	29	Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	4	0.000 55
Chicago Knights	3	1	0.750	31	Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	4	0.000 64
Winnepesaukee Muskrats	3	1	0.750	37	Ukraine Kozaks	0	4	0.000 69

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RESULTS

Tuesday Results

Atlanta Twins 8, DuPage Indians 5
Bellacino's Red Sox 8, Nova Scotia Monarchs 7
Cangrejeros RD 11, WinBerg Construction 6
Chicago Colts 18, Kodak Reds 3
Chicago Knights 10, Baltimore Thunder 2
Chicago North Redhawks 13, Tennessee Dirtbags 3
Chicago Woodpeckers 11, Glory Day's 2
Crystal Clinic Indians 18, Bellacino's Red Sox 9
CWC-Krueger's Krew 8, Minneapolis Millers 2
Dayton Wolves 12, Swinging Diablos 2
Doc Ford's Sea Dogs 10, Canton Tigers 6
Jersey Shore Baseball 9, Oakville Golden A's 4
Kenmore Orioles 20, Cincinnati Colt .45s 13
Kenmore Orioles 20, Huntsville Havoc 6
Kent Mudhens 12, St. Paul Senators 1
Kent Mudhens 13, Baltimore Astros 3
Lake Erie Blue Jays 10, Chesapeake Redwings 2
Lake Erie Blue Jays 14, PSOF Rangers 3
Lehigh Valley Railriders 24, Carolina Thunder 7
Maine Indians 10, Windy City Warriors 9
New Jersey RailRiders 20, Nova Scotia Monarchs 15
NW Indiana Dogs 12, Minnesota Bandits 4
NW Indiana Dogs 8, St Louis Pirates 1
Orlando Braves 12, Jet Box 6
Orlando Braves 16, Cincinnati Colt .45s 0
Pittsburgh 45s 6, New Jersey Twins 2
PSOF Rangers 11, Ft. Myers Hooter's Blues 8
St. Paul Senators 12, Ukraine Kozaks 2
Staten Island Bombers 13, HPK Oilers 7
Tidewater Drillers 13, Chicago Cardinals 2
Washington All Stars 14, Victoria Mussels 4
Windy City Warriors 14, Lansing Blue Jays 4
Winnepesaukee Muskrats 15, Chicago Knights 11



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Washington All-Stars baserunner rounding 3rd and heading for home vs. the
Victoria Mussels



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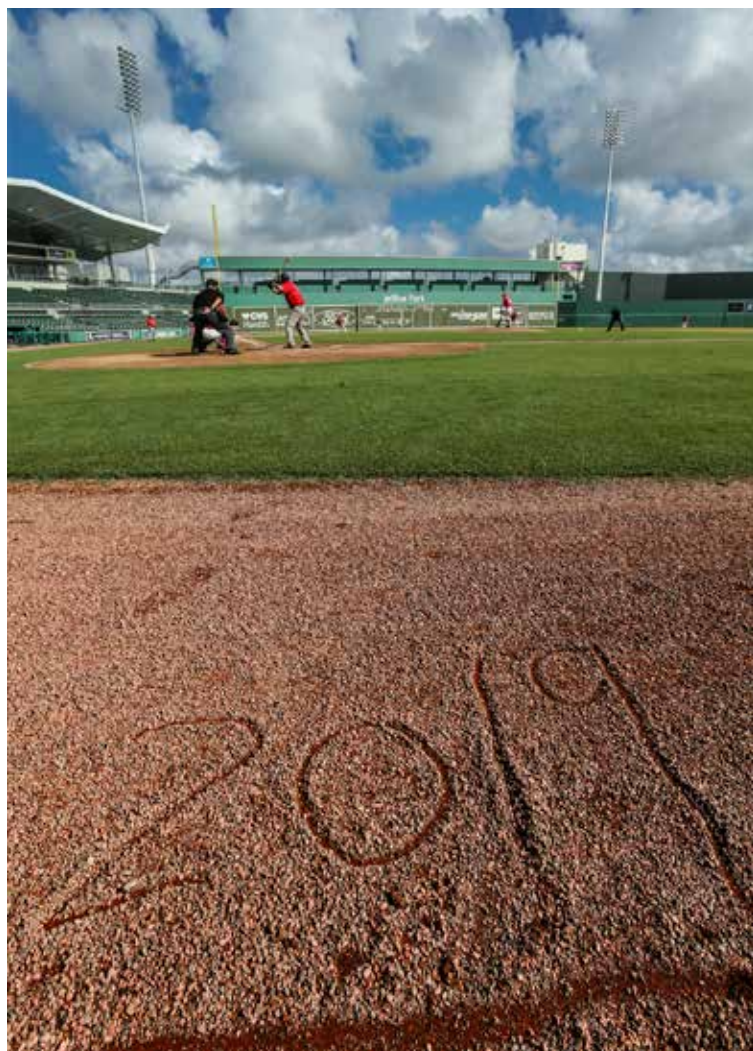
Flip for home team in all games

10 AM

Canton Tigers vs. Huntsville Havoc, CP-S
Chicago North Redhawks vs. New Jersey RailRiders, JB3
Kent Mudhens vs. Minneapolis Millers, JB4
Atlanta Twins vs. Glory Days, JB5
Baltimore Astros vs. Tidewater Drillers, JB6
Doc Ford's Sea Dogs vs. Swinging Diablos, PDC 3
Orlando Braves vs. Windy City Warriors, PDC1
Cincinnati Colts vs. Oakville Golden A's, PDC2
Baltimore Thunder vs. Chicago Colts, PDC4
Crystal Clinic Indians vs. Jersey Shore Baseball, PDC5
Chicago Knights vs. Dayton Wolves, TP-S
Chicago Cardinals vs. Maine Indians, TP2
Kodak Reds vs. St. Paul Senators, TP3
Chesapeake Redwings vs. St. Louis Pirates, TP4

2 PM

Victoria Mussels vs. Winnepesaukee Muskrats, JB3
Nova Scotia Monarchs vs. Ukraine Kozaks, JB4
DuPage Indians vs. Lansing Blue Jays, JB5
Bellacino's Red Sox vs. Washington All-Stars, JB6
Jet Box vs. Minnesota Bandits, PDC1
Fort Myers Hooters Blues vs. Tennessee Dirtbags, PDC2
Lehigh Valley Railriders vs. PSOF Rangers, PDC3
Carolina Thunder vs. Lake Erie Blue Jays, PDC4
NW Indiana Dogs vs. Kenmore Orioles, PDC5

*photo by Greg Wagner**"2019" written in the warning track at JetBlue Stadium*

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NOTEBOOK



*MN Bandits
vs. NW
Indiana Dogs*

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Highlights and Statistics

We do all of our highlight submissions online now. The link to submit game highlights to e printed in the Inside pitches and on our website can be found on the Schedules page of the World Series website. The managers should have also received a link via email on the first day.

As for the end of tournament stats, every manager will be sent an Excel file and a PDF of the stats that we will be collecting after the whole tournament is done. It is not required. Teams may submit as much or as little as they want. Around the first part of January I will begin to combine all the stats I have and begin to sort out the Top Performances of the tournament. If you want to be in the running for a top performer spot, make sure your manager keeps good stats.



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.



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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.



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.



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.



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Washington All-Stars starting pitcher warms up before an inning vs.

Victoria Mussels

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HIGHLIGHTS

Baltimore Thunder 17, Chesapeake Redwings 1:

(Thunder) pitching: Ernesto Bonilla: 5 IP, 3 Hs, 0 ERs, 0 Ks, 0 BB; Dave Hooperr - 2 IP, 4 Hs, 1 ERs, 1 Ks, 2 BB; Hitting: Giovanni Alfonso - 4/4, 3 1Bs, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 3 R; Rob Streib - 3/4, 2 1Bs, 2 R

Crystal Clinic Indians 7, Fort Myers Hooters Blues 3:

Pitching: Jeff Blauwet 4IP Phill Petrik 3IP: Hitting: Mike Hoffman 3-3 2B 2RBI Scott Striebal 3-3 2B 2RBI Tony Testa 2-2 RBI

Baltimore Thunder 2, Jersey Shore Baseball 1:

(Thunder) pitching: Ariel Tapanes - 9 IP, 5Hs, 1 Rs, 0 ERs, 8 Ks, 0 BBs: Hitting: Giovanni Alfonso - 2/3, 1 1B, 1 BB; Ariel Tapanes - 3/4, 1 1B, 1 2B, 1 BB

Baltimore Thunder 10, Lake Erie Blue Jays 2: Carlos Castillo - 6 IP, 3Hs, 0 Rs, 0 ERs, 7 Ks, 2 BBs; Brian Mock - 3 IP, 1 Hs, 2 Rs, 2 ERs, 1 Ks, 4 BBs: Offense: Giovanni Alfonso - 3/4, 2 1B, 1 2B; Rob Streib - 3/4, 3 1B, 6 RBIs; Carlos Castillo - 3/4, 2 1B, 1 2B, 1 RBIs

Doc Ford's SeaDogs 7, DuPage Indians 6: (SeaDogs)

Pitching: Larry Solins - complete game, 12Hs, 6 Rs, 5ERs, 1 K, 0 BB: Hitting: Eric Gall -4/5, 1 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB) (Lee Cosentino - 4/5, 3 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB



HPK Oilers
vs. S I
Bombers

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Greg Wagner

Kenmore Orioles 15, Victoria Mussels 5: (Orioles)

Pitching: Chalkley - 5IP, 7H, 2ER, 1k, 0BB: Game notes: Australian battery mates David "Chalks" Chalkley and Clinton "Gus" Ball were influential in the win.

Maine Indians 10, Windy City Warriors 9: Hitting: Jay Hoyt 2/2 2b, 3b, 2BB 5 RBI Ed Simmons 2 singles

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Minnesota Bandits catcher warms up the pitcher before an inning vs. the NW Indiana Dogs.

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