

## Krew namesake Harold Krueger 'lives, sleeps and eats baseball'



photo by Meg Giffenr James Bailey: "... it will be called Krueger's Krew!"

#### BY GLENN MILLER Roy Hobbs Baseball

The name CWC Kruegers Krew didn't come out of a hat. It wasn't chosen at random or by lottery. Hardly.

It's a tribute to a man - Harold Krueger, who is 87 and resides in Rose Township, Michigan.

"He is the ultimate baseball nut," Krew member Steve Sarkon said Thursday before a game at CenturyLink against Cangrejeros RD. "He lives it. He sleeps it. He eats it. He wouldn't miss a game for an anniversary, a birthday."

Krueger was in Fort Myers the past two years serving as a bench coach, bat boy and all-around inspiration for the team, which was previously known as the Rhino Baseball Club.

"His heart is with us," Sarkon said. "We all love to play for him."

The name is a tribute that manager James Bailey insisted upon.

"If I have anything to do with the team moving forward it will be called Kruegers Krew," Bailey said.

That goal follows a request from Krueger,

"He asked me to keep the team going a couple of years ago," Bailey said. "He has some heart issues." So here they are, bearing his name.

"We want to honor him and be his crew," veteran player Gerald Davis, Jr. said.



photo by Meg Giffenr Gerald Davis: "We want to honor him and be his crew."

To opponents the name may be a mystery. "They don't know the story behind it," Davis said. Team members are eager to tell the story.

"He's Mr. Michigan," Duane Weber said, Krueger, who worked 41 years for GM, is well-known in his Michigan as a huge fan of University of Michigan athletics. His Roy Hobbs players say he knows every Wolverine of note in recent and not-so recent history.

"He can call Desmond Howard on his cell phone," Davis said.

His players say Krueger knows or knew Michigan coaching legends such as Bo Schembechler and long-time baseball coach Bud Middaugh and current football coach Jim Harbaugh. What about one-time Michigan two-sport athlete Bill Freehan, who played football and baseball at Michigan in the early 1960s.

"He knows him," Sarkon said. "He knows them all."

Davis said Krueger has scouted many sports for Michigan over many years and in many sports. But there is something else that Davis values about Kruger even more than his scouting and passion for the game.

"A great man," Davis said, "One of the best men l've ever met. He's always got something positive to say about you or to you."

Now, all of Roy Hobbs Baseball knows the story of the man behind the name - Krueger's Krew.

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	AAA Division	W	L	РСТ	RA	RA4	
1	Chicago North Redhawks	5	0	1.000	6	3	
2	Kent Mudhens	5	0	1.000	15	9	
3	Atlanta Twins	5	0	1.000	15	10	
4	Lehigh Valley Railriders	5	0	1.000	28	18	
5	Orlando Braves	4	1	0.800	12	6	
6	Baltimore Thunder	4	1	0.800	21	11	
7	Dayton Wolves	4	1	0.800	26	18	
8	*Minneapolis Millers	0	5	0.000	38	30	
9	*Glory Days	0	5	0.000	48	36	
10	New Jersey RailRiders	4	1	0.800	38	23	
11	Kenmore Orioles	4	1	0.800	37	24	
12	Winnipesaukee Muskrats	4	1	0.800	43	32	
13	NW Indiana Dogs	3	2	0.600	24	12	
14	Jersey Shore Baseball	3 3	2	0.600	32	9	
15	Chicago Colts	3	2	0.600	29	19	
16	Jet Box	3	2	0.600	36	24	
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	AA Division	w	L	РСТ	RA	RA4	
1	Windy City Warriors	3	2	0.600	40	22	
2	Washington All Stars	3	2	0.600	34	25	
2 3	Chicago Knights	3	2	0.600	40	25	
4	Swinging Diablos	3	2	0.600	42	26	
5	Baltimore Astros	3	2	0.600	44	27	
6	Maine Indians	3	2	0.600	50	35	
7	PSOF Rangers	3	2	0.600	52	38	
8	St. Louis Pirates	2	3	0.400	27	19	
9	Tidewater Drillers	2 2	3	0.400	34	23	
10	Lake Erie Blue Jays	2	3	0.400	43	25	
11	Chicago Cardinals	2	3	0.400	40	26	
12	Crystal Clinic Indians	2	3	0.400	41	29	
13	Victoria Mussels	2 2	3	0.400	46	31	
14	Doc Ford's Sea Dogs	2	3	0.400	56	32	
15	Minnesota Bandits	2	3	0.400	48	35	
16	Carolina Thunder	2	3	0.400	59	35	



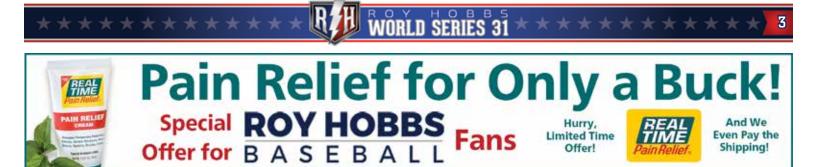
HPK Oilers 3rd baseman gets tangled up with a Pittsburgh base runner while trying to take the throw

photo by Greg Wagner

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	A Division	W	L	РСТ	RA	RA4
1	Lansing Blue Jays	2	3	0.400	51	37
2	Huntsville Havoc	2	3	0.400	59	39
3	Kodak Reds	2	3	0.400	56	38
4	Tennessee Dirtbags	2	3	0.400	56	36
5	Bellacino's Red Sox	2	3	0.400	58	40
6	Canton Tigers	1	4	0.200	43	30
7	St. Paul Senators	1	4	0.200	46	31
8	Oakville Golden A's	1	4	0.200	45	32
9	FM Hooter's Blues	1	4	0.200	44	33
10	Chesapeake Redwings	1	4	0.200	56	41
11	Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	4	0.200	63	43
12	DuPage Indians	0	5	0.000	60	40
13	Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	5	0.000	74	54
14	Ukraine Kozaks	0	5	0.000	86	58



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# RESULTS

#### Wednesday

Atlanta Twins 11, Glory Day's 4 Baltimore Astros 10, Tidewater Drillers 5 Baltimore Thunder 10, Chicago Colts 7 Carolina Thunder 10, Lake Erie Blue Jays 8 Chicago North Redhawks 5, New Jersey RailRiders 0 Dayton Wolves 9, Chicago Knights 7 Huntsville Havoc 13, Canton Tigers 5 Jersey Shore Baseball 12, Crystal Clinic Indians 0 Jet Box 13, Minnesota Bandits 3 Kenmore Orioles 12, NW Indiana Dogs 8 Kent Mudhens 8, Minneapolis Millers 3 Kodak Reds 15, St Paul Senators 13 Lansing Blue Jays 20, DuPage Indians 12 Lehigh Valley Railriders 12, PSOF Rangers 5 Maine Indians 8, Chicago Cardinals 6 Nova Scotia Monarchs 17, Ukraine Kozaks 8 Oakville Golden A's 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 0 Orlando Braves 18, Windy City Warriors 3 St Louis Pirates 7, Chesapeake Redwings 5 Swinging Diablos 24, Doc Ford's Sea Dogs 4 Tennessee Dirtbags 11, Ft Myers Hooter's Blues 10 Washington All-Stars 13, Bellacino's Red Sox 4 Winnipesaukee Muskrats 8, Victoria Mussels 6

### Thursday

#1 Chicago Woodpeckers 19, #8 New Jersey Twins 9 #2 Cangrejeros RD 6, #7 CWC Kruegers Krew 2 #3 Pittsburgh 45s 2, #6 HPK Oilers 0 #3 Pittsburgh 45s 9, #2 Cangrejeros RD 1 #4 Staten Island Bombers 5, #8 New Jersey Twins 3 #5 WinBerg Construction 15, #4 Staten Island Bombers 6 #5 WinBerg Construction 5, #1 Chicago Woodpeckers 4 #7 CWC Kruegers Krew 9, #6 HPK Oilers 6



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# SCHEDULE

#### Friday Schedule AAAA Division Playoff

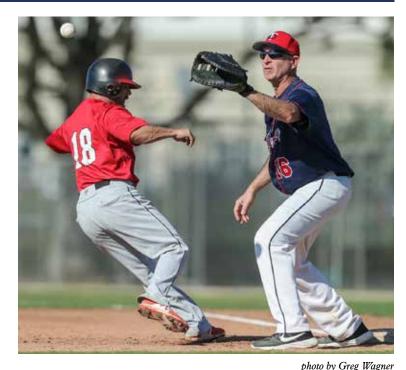
#5 WinBerg Construction @ #3 Pittsburgh 45s - 2:00 PM - JB-S
#7 CWC Kruegers Krew @ #1 Chicago Woodpeckers - 10:00 AM - JB-S
#4 Staten Island Bombers @ #2 Cangrejeros RD - 9:30 AM - CP-S
7 - 1 winner 4 - 2 @ higher seeded winner - 2:00 PM - CL-S

#### AAA Division Playoff

#16 Jet Box @ #1 Chicago North Redhawks - 10:00 AM - CL2
#9 Glory Day's @ #8 Minnesota Millers - 10:00 AM - CL3
16 - 1 winner 9 - 8 @ higher seeded winner - 2:00 PM - CL4
#12 Winnipesaukee Muskrats @ #5 Orlando Braves - 10:00 AM - CL4
#13 NW Indiana Dogs @ #4 Lehigh Valley Railriders - 10:00 AM - CL6
12 - 5 winner 13 - 4 @ higher seeded winner - 2:00 PM - CL3
#14 Jersey Shore Baseball @ #3 Atlanta Twins - 10:00 AM - PDC2
#11 Kenmore Orioles @ #6 Baltimore Thunder - 10:00 AM - PDC3
14 - 3 winner 11 - 6 @ higher seeded winner - 2:00 PM - PDC4
#10 New Jersey RailRiders @ #7 Dayton Wolves - 10:00 AM - PDC4
#15 Chicago Colts @ #2 Kent Mudhens - 10:00 AM - PDC5
10 - 7 winner 15 - 2 @ higher seeded winner - 2:00 PM - PDC3

#### AA Division Playoff

#16 Carolina Thunder @ #1 Windy City Warriors - 10:00 AM - JB3
#9 Tidewater Drillers @ #8 St Louis Pirates - 10:00 AM - JB4
16 - 1 winner 9 - 8 @ higher seed winner - 2:00 PM - JB5
#12 Crystal Clinic Indians @ #5 Baltimore Astros - 10:00 AM - JB5
#13 Victoria Mussels @ #4 Swinging Diablos - 10:00 AM - JB6
12 - 5 winner 13 - 4 @ higher seed winner - 2:00 PM - JB4
#14 Doc Ford's Sea Dogs @ #3 Chicago Knights - 10:00 AM - TP4
#10 Lake Erie Blue Jays @ #6 Maine Indians - 10:00 AM - TP3
14 - 3 winner 10 - 6 @ higher seed winner - 2:00 PM - TP2
#11 Chicago Cardinals @ #7 PSOF Rangers - 10:00 AM - TP2
#15 Minnesota Bandits @ #2 Washington All-Stars - 10:00 AM - TP-S
11 - 7 winner 15 - 2 @ higher seed winner - 2:00 PM - TP3



Chicago Woodpeckers base runner gets back to 1st base safely vs. the NJ Twins

#### A Division Playoff

#9 Ft Myers Hooter's Blues @ #8 Oakville Golden A's - 2:00 PM - TP4 winner 9 - 8 @ #1 Lansing Blue Jays - 5:30 PM - TP-S
#12 DuPage Indians @ #5 Bellacino's Red Sox - 10:00 AM - CL-S
#13 Cincinnati Colt .45s @ #4 Tennessee Dirtbags - 10:00 AM - PDC1
12 - 5 winner 13 - 4 @ higher seeded winner - 2:00 PM - JB2
#14 Ukraine Kozaks @ #3 Kodak Reds - 10:00 AM - JB2
#11 Nova Scotia Monarchs @ #6 Canton Tigers - 10:00 AM - JB1
winner 11 - 6 @ higher seeded winner - 2:00 PM - JB3
#10 Chesapeake Redwings @ #7 St Paul Senators - 2:00 PM - TP-S
winner 10 - 7 @ #2 Huntsville Havoc - 5:30 PM - TP4





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Pittsburgh starting pitcher vs. the HPK Oilers

photo by Greg Wagner

## Picking up T-Shirts ... Today is last day for Masters to pick up 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. ••• • •••

## 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 Fridav.

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. ••• •••

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# NOTEBOOK

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## 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.

**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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## **Customer Service**

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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.



HPK Oilers batter goes to right field vs. Pittsburgh 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.

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## **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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# HIGHLIGHTS

## 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

Winnipesaukee 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 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

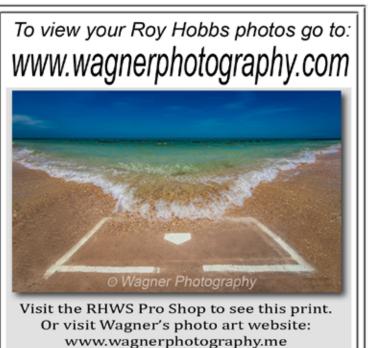
**Canton Redhawks 9, Canton Tigers 2:** (Tigers) pitching / Chad Miller – 5ip = Tony Martin 3 IP

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 Dirtbags 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

Winnipesaukee 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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# HIGHLIGHTS

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**Carolina Thunder 15, Maine Indians 6:** Hitting: Steve Cascio 2/3 2b, 2R Rick Caruso 2/3 2b 2R Bob Goldstein 3/4

Kent Mudhens 12, Maine Indians 6: Hitting: Jay Hoyt 2/4, 2b, 2RBI

Lake Erie Blue Jays 10, Chesapeake Redwings 2: (Blue Jays) Pitching: Little WP, 5 IP, R, 3 H. Hamilla 4 IP, R, 4: Hitting: Bruce Lisicky 2/4, 2 R, 2 SB. Brian Vazquez 2/3, R, 2B, SB. Brian Little 2/4, 2 2B, 2 R. Clint Pelfrey 2/3, R, SF.

Lake Erie Blue Jays 14, PSOF Rangers 3: (Blue Jays) pitching: Don Franks WP, 7 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K: Hitting: Bruce Lisicky 3/4, 2 R, 2 RBIs. Brian Vazquez 3/4, 2 R, 2B, RBI. Tom Mitchell 2/3, 2 RBIs. Chris Stephens 2/3, R, SB.

Maine Indians 10, Tidewater Drillers 8: Hitting: Steve Cascio 2/3 2b, 3b Chris Rolf 2/3 2b, 2 R

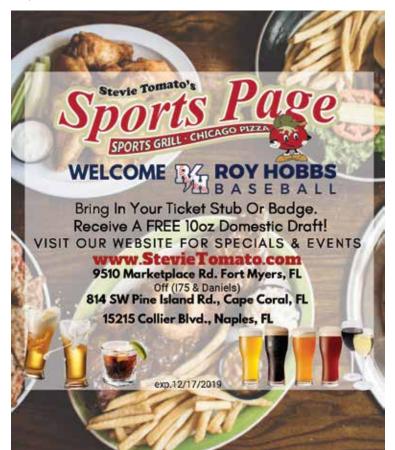




photo by Greg Wagner NJ Twins base runner and 1st base coach vs. the Chicago Woodpeckers

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