



THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 3

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Huntsville's Ellis mixes RBIs with THAAD

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Philip Ellis of the Huntsville Dirtbags is one of those un-seen Americans who make it possible to play baseball or go shopping or take the kids to grandma's house on Thanksgiving.

He works for something called the Missile Defense Agency, which is housed in the Department of Defense. Ellis works in the software division and is familiar with a defense system called THAAD. That stands for Terminal High Altitude Area Defense.

We're talking about things that go higher than major-league pop-ups.

As Ellis walked across the PDC Sunday morning it seemed possible he is privy to information that might be classified.

"Everything I tell you will be on the news," Ellis said.

The Missile Defense Agency is described on its website as a "research, development and acquisition agency within" the Department of Defense.

THAAD is described as a "a transportable system that intercepts ballistic missiles inside or outside the atmosphere during their final, or terminal, phase of flight."

This work certainly seems more complicated than baseball players trying to remember their team's hit-and-run sign.

Ellis talked a little bit about his duties.

"In my particular job I'm actually allowed the opportunity to go out in the field with the units and the soldiers and see the equipment



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work and participate in flight tests and ground tests," Ellis said. "So, I have the opportunity to talk with soldiers."

Ellis appreciates the chance to talk with soldiers because his late father was career Army.

"I'm a military brat," Ellis said.

His father, Craig, who died in 2003 at the age of 60, served two tours of duty in Vietnam.

"I heard all the Vietnam stories before he passed away," Ellis, 55, said.

Ellis travels frequently in his job to place such as Guam, Wake Island, Hawaii and Alaska for tests.

A week from today is Veterans Day, a special day for most Americans. That is certainly the case with Ellis for reasons other than patriotism and honoring all veterans.

"It is because of my dad," Ellis said.

Ellis grew up playing baseball and as an "Army brat:" that meant moving frequently and playing in more than one high school.

Not even teammates such as Roberto Alvarez, an Army vet who served 35 years, knows what Ellis does away from ballfields.

"I know he does something with missiles," Alvarez said. "But I'm not sure."

But whatever Ellis does it is certainly more complicated than remembering the indicator for stealing second base.

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#7 Dayton Wolves - 5

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* #6 Baltimore Thunder - 8

@ #4 Lehigh Valley Railriders - 2

AA SemiFinal

#12 Crystal Clinic Indians - 5

@ * #9 Tidewater Drillers - 6

AA SemiFinal

#7 PSOF Rangers - 1

@ * #3 Chicago Knights - 18

AA Championship

* #9 Tidewater Drillers - 14

@ #3 Chicago Knights - 9

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#4 Tennessee Dirtbags - 2

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Team	W	L	PCT	RA	Team	W	L	PCT	RA
AAAA Team					Boston GoodFellas	1	1	0.500	8
DuPage Angels	1	0	1.000	3	Kodak Reds	1	1	0.500	9
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	5	Omaha Indians	1	1	0.500	9
Sacramento Royals	1	0	1.000	5	Chicago Knights	1	1	0.500	12
South Dakota Rushmores	1	0	1.000	5	Salem/Pitt Warlocks	1	1	0.500	16
Puerto Rico Orioles	0	1	0.000	8	DC Pirates	1	1	0.500	17
Border City Brewers	0	1	0.000	10	Albany Capitals	1	1	0.500	19
Massachusetts Chiefs	0	1	0.000	10	Wright Field Reds	1	1	0.500	23
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	0.000	13	Florida Sharks	1	1	0.500	25
					Huntsville Dirtbags	1	1	0.500	26
Team	W	L	PCT	RA	Bergen Yankees	0	1	0.000	2
Chicago Giants	1	0	1.000	0	Aurora Islanders	0	1	0.000	5
Carolina Thunder	1	0	1.000	1	Tidewater Drillers	0	1	0.000	6
Oakville Golden A's	1	0	1.000	1	Atlanta Astros	0	1	0.000	8
Staten Island Bombers	2	0	1.000	1	Cuyahoga Indians	0	1	0.000	8
Americans Baseball Club	2	0	1.000	2	Harry Young Builders	0	1	0.000	8
Baltimore Thunder	1	0	1.000	2	Summa Ortho Brewers	0	1	0.000	10
PSOF Rangers	1	0	1.000	2	New Scotland Monarchs	0	1	0.000	10
Salty Dogs	1	0	1.000	4	Minnesota Goats	0	1	0.000	11
Pensacola Barracudas	1	0	1.000	4	Long Island Athletics	0	1	0.000	13
St Louis Grays	1	0	1.000	4	St Louis Patriots	0	1	0.000	14
Banana Sharks	1	0	1.000	5	Bahama Breeze Islanders	0	2	0.000	15
Bellacino's Red Sox	1	0	1.000	6	Carolina Rockies	0	1	0.000	15
Orlando Blazers	1	0	1.000	7	Midwest Pirates	0	1	0.000	15
Chesapeake Redwings	1	0	1.000	7	South Chicago Yaquis	0	1	0.000	20
New Jersey Twins	2	0	1.000	7	DuPage Indians	0	2	0.000	23
Kennebec Cubs	1	0	1.000	9	Minnesota Bandits	0	1	0.000	24
Lansing Blue Jays	1	0	1.000	9	Toledo Outlaws	0	2	0.000	26
Windy City Warriors	2	0	1.000	10	Tuscaloosa Tornados	0	2	0.000	29
Minnesota Posse	2	0	1.000	11	St Michael Angels	0	2	0.000	35
Steel City Hawks	1	0	1.000	12					



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RESULTS

Sunday Results

Albany Capitals 10, DuPage Indians 8
Americans Baseball Club 11, Toledo Outlaws 1
Americans Baseball Club 18, Tuscaloosa Tornados 1
Baltimore Thunder 20, South Chicago Yaquis 2
Banana Sharks 8, Atlanta Astros 5
Boston GoodFellas 20, St. Michael Angels 4
Carolina Rockies 15, Bellacino's Red Sox 6
Carolina Thunder 11, Minnesota Goats 1
Chesapeake Redwings 8, Harry Young Builders 7
Chicago Giants 2, Bergen Yankees 0
Chicago Knights 19, Florida Sharks 2
DC Pirates 15, Wright Field Reds 4
DuPage Angels 10, Border City Brewers 3
Florida Sharks 15, Toledo Outlaws 6
Huntsville Dirtbags 10, Chicago Knights 7
Kennebec Cubs 13, Long Island Athletics 9
Kodak Reds 11, Tuscaloosa Tornados 1
Lansing Blue Jays 10, New Scotland Monarchs 9
Minnesota Bees 13, Nova Scotia Monarchs 5
Minnesota Posse 13, DC Pirates 4
Minnesota Posse 8, Kodak Reds 7
New Jersey Twins 13, DuPage Indians 2
New Jersey Twins 15, St. Michael Angels 5
Oakville Golden A's 8, Cuyahoga Indians 1
Omaha Indians 6, Bahama Breeze Islanders 1
Orlando Blazers 24, Minnesota Bandits 7
Pensacola Barracudas 5, Aurora Islanders 4
PSOF Rangers 14, St. Louis Patriots 2
Sacramento Royals 8, Puerto Rico Orioles 5
Salem/Pitt Warlocks 11, Albany Capitals 1
Salty Dogs 10, Summa Ortho Brewers 0
South Dakota Rushmores 10, Massachusetts Chiefs 5
St. Louis Grays 6, Tidewater Drillers 4
Staten Island Bombers 2, Boston Good fellas 0



photo by Greg Wagner

Giants Jeff Massaro chases down fly ball

Staten Island Bombers 9, Bahama Breeze Islanders 1
Steel City Hawks 15, Midwest Pirates 12
Windy City Warriors 15, Salem/Pitt Warlocks 3
Windy City Warriors 8, Omaha Indians 7
Wright Field Reds 19, Huntsville Dirtbags 8



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SCHEDULE

Monday

10:00 AM

Minnesota Goats @ New Scotland Monarchs, CL-S
 Americans Baseball Club @ Florida Sharks, CL2
 DC Pirates @ Kodak Reds, CL3
 New Jersey Twins @ Albany Capitals, CL4
 South Chicago Yaquis @ Bellacino's Red Sox, CL6
 Lansing Blue Jays @ Tidewater Drillers, JB-S
 South Dakota Rushmores @ Border City Brewers, JB3
 Nova scotia Monarchs @ Puerto Rico Orioles, JB4

Minnesota Bees @ Sacramento Royals, JB5
 Massachusetts Chiefs @ DuPage Angels, JB6
 Salem/Pitt Warlocks @ DuPage Indians, CP-S
 PSOF Rangers @ Harry Young Builders, PDC1
 Banana Sharks @ Midwest Pirates, PDC2
 St. Louis Patriots @ Bergen Yankees, PDC3
 Chesapeake Redwings @ Steel City Hawks, PDC4
 Atlanta Astros @ Chicago Giants, PDC5
 St. Louis Grays @ Long Island Athletics, TP-S
 Huntsville Dirtbags @ Toledo Outlaws, TP2

1:45 PM

Wright Field Reds @ Chicago Knights, CL-S
 Carolina Rockies @ Orlando Blazers, CL2
 Summa Ortho Brewers @ Baltimore Thunder, CL3
 Minnesota Bandits @ Aurora Islanders, CL4
 Windy City Warriors @ Bahama Breeze Islanders, CL6
 Cuyahoga Indians @ Carolina Thunder, JB-S
 Puerto Rico Orioles @ Minnesota Bees, JB3
 Border City Brewers @ Massachusetts Chiefs, JB4

DuPage Angels @ South Dakota Rushmores, JB5
 Sacramento Royals @ Nova scotia Monarchs, JB6
 Kennebec Cubs @ Oakville Golden A's, CP-S
 Midwest Pirates @ Chesapeake Redwings, PDC1
 Harry Young Builders @ St. Louis Patriots, PDC2
 Chicago Giants @ Banana Sharks, PDC3
 Bergen Yankees @ Atlanta Astros, PDC4
 Steel City Hawks @ PSOF Rangers, PDC5
 Omaha Indians @ Boston GoodFellas, TP-S
 Pensacola Barracudas @ Salty Dogs, TP2

5:30 PM

Tuscaloosa Tornados @ Minnesota Posse, CL-S
 St. Michael Angels @ Staten Island Bombers, TP-S

Tuesday

10:00 AM

Puerto Rico Orioles @ South Dakota Rushmores, CL-S
 Harry Young Builders @ Steel City Hawks, CL2
 St. Louis Patriots @ Atlanta Astros, CL3
 Banana Sharks @ Chesapeake Redwings, CL4
 Midwest Pirates @ Chicago Giants, CL6
 Kodak Reds @ Americans Baseball Club, JB-S
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5:30 PM

Bahama Breeze Islanders @ Salem/Pitt Warlocks, TP-S



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NOTEBOOK



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Chesapeake Redwings manager Garry Reese doing his best professorial look at Centurylink Stadium

Playoff pitching guidelines

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all pitchers who will be starters or closers in save situations (3-run or less difference in the 8th and 9th innings) qualify for the playoffs by pitching at least 2 innings – 6 outs or 10 hitters – during pool play.

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes; however, Open Division teams may have pitchers arrive Wednesday – those pitchers must throw 5 innings or 25 hitters to qualify for the playoffs.

Finally, in the playoffs, those “non-qualified” middle-inning pitchers will come to the mound from their normal defensive positions where they started the game. That is as important as the “spirit of the rule” that these *non-qualified* pitchers who are used as “inning-eaters” are players who ordinarily are playing other positions.

And, please remember that any players leaving the RHWS today (Monday) to return on Thursday MUST turn in their player ID Card and re-check in upon their return. They must return before the quarterfinals of the playoffs, regardless of division.

Managers should email a list of their qualified pitchers to rg@royhobbs.com by 7 p.m. the night before their playoffs begin.



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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.



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.



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.



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.

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Lynn Strohl
pitching for
Chicago
Giants in
JetBlue

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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.

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.

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



Kodak's Gene Brewer is not quite ready to take one for the team

photo by Greg Wagner

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.

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