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Albany's RHWS decision 'a Capital idea'



photo by Tom Giffen

The Albany Capitals at the Star spangled Banner prior to Hall of Fame Game with Windy City Warriors at Terry Park

BY GLENN MILLER Roy Hobbs Baseball

Albany Capitals manager Mike Shurin was walking through CenturyLink following a game Monday afternoon in his team's first Roy Hobbs World Series.

Before the game, Shurin and players talked about how much they were enjoying their first trip to Fort Myers. As he lugged equipment bags, it was suggested to Shurin that signing up for the World Series was a "capital" idea.

Instead of groaning at a bad pun, Shurin laughed and said, "I guess you could say that."

The first Roy Hobbs World Series is a revelation for the Capitals. The weekend began with a visit to the PDC to register. It provided the Capitals a chance to see that venue's five fields, batting cages and meet staff.

Then came a doubleheader Sunday at JetBlue followed by Monday's game at CenturyLink.

"You don't get to play on these fields very often," Capital Stephen Schaefer said.

On the second day of the team's first World Series, Shurin was beaming.

"Loving it already," Shurin said.

He talked about the fields, staff friendliness and how venues are close to each other.

Shurin said the Capitals play in a large recreational league back home. Does he plan to tell folks in Albany about this event?

"Oh, absolutely," Shurin said.

Shurin has been posting World Series updates to a bulletin board for the Capital District Men's Senior Baseball League.

They lost on Monday but that was OK.

"You guys played really hard today," Shurin told his team after the game.

Not only did they play hard, but they played in sunny weather a long way from freezing New York. The predicted high on Friday here at 26.6 degrees north latitude is 87 after a low of 69. In Albany at 42.6 degrees north latitude predictions call for a low of 20 and high of 38.

As players were filing out of their dugout and stowing away gear on Monday, Pat Alston said, "We got more baseball tomorrow."

Yes, they did.

They played the Windy City Warriors in Terry Park on Tuesday. The Warriors donned vintage baseball jerseys for Hall of Famers such as Babe Ruth, Jackie Robinson and Roberto Clemente. The Warriors assumed the persona of the legends and were introduced that way by public address announcer Richard Walega.

Although they lost 14-9 and dropped their record to 1-3, the Capitals still enjoyed the day and are thinking about returning in 2020.

"I just got to talk to the guys," Shurin said.

Sounds like a Capital idea.

Hall of Fame game, see photos on page 8



Murphey 'Conman' launch is Monday

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

A book launch party for a baseball novel by veteran Roy Hobbs player Mike Murphey is scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the PDC.

Murphey is playing this week with the Tuscaloosa Tornados. His novel, "The Conman," is based on the real baseball life of former big-league pitcher Keith Comstock, who contributed to the book.

Comstock, 63, will not be at the party but will speak via Skype. Murphey said he and Comstock have known each other for about 15 years and met through a Seattle Mariners' fantasy camp. Comstock plugged away in the minors starting in 1976 until 1984, when he was called to the majors by the Twins. As Murphey got to know Comstock over the years he realized he is a unique figure with a compelling and amusing story.



"If he hadn't even a baseball player he could have been a success as a stand-up comedian," Murphey said.

From 1984 through 1991 Comstock compiled a 10-7 record with a 4.06 ERA with 3 saves as a reliever with the Giants, Twins, Padres and Mariners.

His fictional counterpart in the novel is a pitcher named Conor Nash. Hence, the title "The Conman."

The character is not a conman as in a grifter out to fleece people. The story, as Murphey explains, centers around Nash and three friends and his wife but is also filled with stories based on Comstock's long career.

Comstock is now the rehabilitation pitching coordinator for the Texas Rangers.

The book Launch event will be coupled with a managers' and players reception, including baseball eats, RH-logo Rocky Patel Cigars, wine, rum and beer.

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STANDINGS

AAAA Team	W	L	PCT	RA	Chicago Knights	2	2	0.500	23
Sacramento Royals	4	0	1.000	17	Bahama Breeze Islanders	2	2	0.500	24
DuPage Angels	3	1	0.750	13	Boston GoodFellas	2	2	0.500	26
Puerto Rico Orioles	3	1	0.750	15	Cuyahoga Indians	2	2	0.500	30
Border City Brewers	3	1	0.750	29	Wright Field Reds	2	2	0.500	30
South Dakota Rushmores	1	3	0.250	31	Harry Young Builders	2	2	0.500	31
Massachusetts Chiefs	1	3	0.250	39	Aurora Islanders	2	2	0.500	38
					Lansing Blue Jays	2	2	0.500	39
Team	W	L	PCT	RA	Salem/Pitt Warlocks	2	2	0.500	40
Minnesota Bees*	1	3	0.250	35	Banana Sharks	2	2	0.500	41
Nova Scotia Monarchs*	0	4	0.000	51	Chesapeake Redwings	2	2	0.500	43
Americans Baseball Club	4	0	1.000	4	Pensacola Barracudas	2	2	0.500	45
Salty Dogs	4	0	1.000	12	South Chicago Yaquis	2	2	0.500	56
Staten Island Bombers	4	0	1.000	13	Kodak Reds	1	3	0.250	30
Chicago Giants	4	0	1.000	16	Minnesota Goats	1	3	0.250	33
Oakville Golden A's	4	0	1.000	22	Summa Ortho Brewers	1	3	0.250	35
PSOF Rangers	3	1	0.750	13	St Louis Patriots	1	3	0.250	40
St Louis Grays	3	1	0.750	18	Toledo Outlaws	1	3	0.250	43
Steel City Hawks	3	1	0.750	22	Carolina Rockies	1	3	0.250	44
Orlando Blazers	3	1	0.750	23	Midwest Pirates	1	3	0.250	44
DC Pirates	3	1	0.750	25	DuPage Indians	1	3	0.250	45
Long Island Athletics	3	1	0.750	26	Albany Capitals	1	3	0.250	46
Windy City Warriors	3	1	0.750	27	Tidewater Drillers	1	3	0.250	49
Kennebec Cubs	3	1	0.750	29	Carolina Thunder	1	3	0.250	51
New Jersey Twins	3	1	0.750	29	Florida Sharks	1	3	0.250	52
Huntsville Dirtbags	3	1	0.750	30	Atlanta Astros	0	4	0.000	32
Minnesota Posse	3	1	0.750	30	New Scotland Monarchs	0	4	0.000	47
Minnesota Bandits	3	1	0.750	36	Tuscaloosa Tornados	0	4	0.000	58
Omaha Indians	2	2	0.500	21	St Michael Angels	0	4	0.000	71
Baltimore Thunder	2	2	0.500	22	Bellacino's Red Sox	0	4	0.000	77
Bergen Yankees	2	2	0.500	22	<i>dropped from 4A*</i>				



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RESULTS

Tuesday Results

Americans Baseball Club 10, Kodak Reds 2
Aurora Islanders 12, Bellacino's Red Sox 2
Aurora Islanders 15, Carolina Rockies 13
Bahama Breeze Islanders 12, Salem/Pitt Warlocks 2
Border City Brewers 11, Minnesota Bees 6
Boston GoodFellas 16, Tuscaloosa Tornados 4
Chesapeake Redwings 8, Banana Sharks 5
Chicago Giants 11, Midwest Pirates 5
Cuyahoga Indians 7, Lansing Blue Jays 3
DC Pirates 9, Chicago Knights 8
DuPage Indians 15, St. Michaels Angels 5
Huntsville Dirtbags 14, Florida Sharks 3
Kennebec Cubs 17, Carolina Thunder 3
Kennebec Cubs 9, Cuyahoga Indians 7
Long Island Athletics 17, Carolina Thunder 6
Long Island Athletics 7, Minnesota Goats 3
Massachusetts Chiefs 16, Nova Scotia Monarchs 3
Minnesota Bandits 5, Carolina Rockies 2
Minnesota Bandits 7, Summa Ortho Brewers 6
Oakville Golden A's 16, Lansing Blue Jays 7
Oakville Golden A's 20, Tidewater Drillers 10
Orlando Blazers 8, Baltimore Thunder 5
Pensacola Barracudas 27, Bellacino's Red Sox 11
PSOF Rangers 10, Bergen Yankees 5
Puerto Rico Orioles 7, South Dakota Rushmores 5
Sacramento Royals 5, DuPage Angels 4
Salty Dogs 18, South Chicago Yaquis 4
Salty Dogs 9, Baltimore Thunder 4
South Chicago Yaquis 20, Pensacola Barracudas 13
St. Louis Grays 14, New Scotland Monarchs 2



Two Massachusetts Chiefs converge on fly ball: Carl Franco (22) and Franz Strassmann

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Greg Wagner

St. Louis Grays 15, Minnesota Goats 5
St. Louis Patriots 9, Atlanta Astros 4
Staten Island Bombers 10, Omaha Indians 6
Steel City Hawks 14, Harry Young Builders 0
Summa Ortho Brewers 7, Orlando Blazers 6
Tidewater Drillers 13, New Scotland Monarchs 6
Toledo Outlaws 15, New Jersey Twins 9
Windy City Warriors 14, Albany Capitals 9
Wright Field Reds 11, Minnesota Posse 1



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SCHEDULE

Wednesday

Flip for home team in all games

10:00 AM

- Kennebec Cubs vs. New Jersey Twins, CL-S
- Baltimore Thunder vs. Pensacola Barracudas, CL2
- Orlando Blazers vs. Windy City Warriors, CL3
- Atlanta Astros vs. Florida Sharks, CL4
- Bellacino's Red Sox vs. New Scotland Monarchs, CL6
- Americans Baseball vs. Oakville Golden A's, CP-S
- Minnesota Posse vs. Steel City Hawks, PDC2
- Minnesota Bees vs. Staten Island Bombers, PDC3
- Bergen Yankees vs. Chesapeake Redwings, PDC4
- St. Michael Angels vs. Tuscaloosa Tornados, PDC5
- Salty Dogs vs. Chicago Giants, TP-S
- Nova Scotia Monarchs vs. Tidewater Drillers, TP2
- DC Pirates vs. Long Island Athletics, TP3
- Midwest Pirates vs. Minnesota Goats, TP4

1:45 PM

- Albany Capitals vs. Toledo Outlaws, CL-S
- DuPage Indians vs. Summa Ortho Brewers, CL2
- Bahama Breeze Islanders vs. Wright Field Reds, CL3
- Boston GoodFellas vs. Lansing Blue Jays, CL4
- Harry Young Builders vs. Salem-Pitt Warlocks, CL6
- Banana Sharks vs. Chicago Knights, PDC2
- Huntsville Dirtbags vs. St. Louis Grays, PDC3
- Omaha Indians vs. South Chicago Yaquis, PDC4
- Minnesota Bandits vs. PSOF Rangers, PDC5
- Carolina Rockies vs. Kodak Reds, TP-S
- Aurora Islanders vs. Cuyahoga Indians, TP2
- Carolina Thunder vs. St. Louis Patriots, TP3



photo by Greg Wagner

Staten Island Bombers pitcher Anthony Matteo

AAA Playoff

Thursday

10:00 AM

- G2) #5 South Dakota Rushmores @ #4 Border City Brewers, JB4
- G3) #6 Massachusetts Chiefs @ #3 Puerto Rico Orioles, JB5

1:45 PM

- G5) Winner G2 @ #1 Sacramento Royals, JB4
- G6) Winner G3 @ #2 DuPage Angels, JB5

Friday

10:00 AM

- G7) Loser G2 @ Loser G6, TBA
- G8) Loser G3 @ Loser G5, TBA

1:45 PM

- G9) Winner G7 @ Winner G8, TBA



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NOTEBOOK

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.



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.



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.

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.



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.



photo by Greg Wagner

The ball slipped out of Minnesota Bees' pitcher Greg Knutson's hand before his delivery to the plate

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.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Banana Sharks 15, Midwest Pirates 12: (Sharks) Hitting: Jeff Vitale 4/6, 3 R; Orlando Colon 5 RBI

Chicago Giants 16, Banana Sharks 9: (Giants) Pitching: Angelio pitched five innings giving up nine runs, of which seven were earned. Lynn Strohl came in for the remaining three innings to get the save by giving up no runs. Hitting: Don Zeko and Jeff Messacar each had 3 hits. Messacar also had 3 RBIs.

Chicago Giants 3, Atlanta Astros 2: (Giants) Pitching: Bob Latchford 9 innings 2 runs and one ER, 7 hits and 2 BB. Hitting: Glenn Summers 2hits and 2 RBI's and Mike Kane 1 hit and 1 RBI

Oakville Golden A's 9, Kennebec Cubs 4: (Cubs) Hitting: Chris Rolfe 3/4 Run, Mike Wentworth 2/2 Run, RBI, Rick Caruso 3 RBI's

Omaha Indians 14, Boston GoodFellas 2: (Indians) Pitching: Jeff Breeling pitched seven complete innings for the win. Hitting: Duke Calvert went 3 for 4 with 1 RBI. Tom Henriksen went 2 for 2 with 3 RBIs and 1 double. Bob Peck went 2 for 2 with 1 RBI. Jim Waters went 2 for 4 with 1 RBI. Mike Metz went 2 for 4 with 1 RBI. Jeff Breeling went 2 for 4 with 2 RBIs. Game notes: The Indians record is now 2-1.

Orlando Blazers 18, Carolina Rockies 4: (Rockies) Hitting: Hobbie Dunkelburg: 2 for 2, 1 Run scored. John Yurko: 2 for 3, Ken Yeager: 1 for 2, 1 RBI. Lee Brooks: 1 for 1.

Harry Young Builders 4, PSOF Rangers 3: (Rangers) Pitching: George McCormack -4 IP, 6 H, 2ER, 3 BB, 1K, Mike Favorotto - 2 IP, 3 H, 3 BB, 1 ER, Doug Moyers - 2 IP, 1H, 2 BB, 1 R: Hitting: Bob Gray 2/4, 1 RBI, 1 SB, Dan Ross - 2/4, Tim Sullivan - 2/4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, Brad Asher - 1 3B, 1 RBI, 1 R



Atlanta Astros catcher chasing a pop up is manger Steve Rogers. "And I caught it, he said!"

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Scenes from Thursday's Hall of Fame celebration at Terry park. Courtesy of the Windy City Warriors and Albany Capitals.
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