

Mydland's I pro season was 'a hoot'



photo by Greg Wagner

South Dakota Rushmores' Dave Mydland and Border City's Dave Cooper meet at pre-game Thursday in 4A playoffs.

BY GLENN MILLER Roy Hobbs Baseball

South Dakota Rushmores manager Dave Mydland's taste of professional baseball wasn't like that of millionaire ballplayers jetting around on chartered flights.

Hardly.

When the Twins signed him out of South Dakota State in 1974 his bonus - if you want to call it that - was modest.

"I signed for a plane ticket and a new glove," Myland said Thursday at JetBlue before his team played the Border City Brewers.

The glove was a Rawlings 2000.

And he was on his way to the Elizabethon Twins of the rookie level Appalachian League.

The "glamor" of Myland's only pro season did not include a fancy sports car.

Hardly.

He had a 1964 Chevy Impala. There aren't chartered flights in rookie ball. In 1974 road games for Myland's team meant bus trips to Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee towns such as Bristol, Bluefield and Pulaski.

Although his pro career consisted of only one season, Myland isn't complaining.

"Oh, it was a hoot," Mydland, a 2016 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame inductee, said of pro ball.

In 31 games he hits ,229 in 99 plate appearances and wasn't invited back in 1975.

Although his career was short Myland remained a recreational player in South Dakota and has been coming to Fort Myers since 2004. Like many managers he has challenges sometimes finding players.

"It's hard to get a lot of players to come down here this time of year," Myland said. "I got a lot of teachers and I got a lot of see MYDLAND on page 2



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farmers and it makes it kind of tough."

The teachers are often busy in school and it's harvest time for the farmers.

Mydland is a significant figure in South Dakota amateur baseball. He is a member of the South Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame. He was named the organization's 2015 Man of the Year.

He was an outstanding player for the South Dakota State Jackrabbits, hitting .345 with four triples and six homers in his senior season in 1974.

Rushmore David Sendelbach was a Jackrabbit freshman when Mydland was a senior.

"He was all-conference," Sendelbach said. "He had his best year by far. Shortstop. He had a strong arm. He hit for power and average and he could run."

Mydland still suits up and although he can't run and throw like he did in 1974 there is something about the Roy Hobbs World Series that is the same for him as playing pro ball.

"I just love to come down here," Mydland said. "It's just a hoot."

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STANDINGS

	AAA Team	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4	
1	Staten Island Bombers	5	0	1.000	15	9	
2	Salty Dogs	5	0	1.000	21	12	
3	Oakville Golden A's	5	0	1.000	23	13	
4	Americans Baseball Club	4	1	0.800	15	4	
5	PSOF Rangers	4	1	0.800	19	13	
6	Huntsville Dirtbags	4	1	0.800	33	14	
7	Steel City Hawks	4	1	0.800	28	16	
8	Chicago Giants	4	1	0.800	31	16	
9	Long Island Athletics	4	1	0.800	33	20	
10	Kennebec Cubs	4	1	0.800	33	23	
11	Windy City Warriors	4	1	0.800	34	25	
12	Minnesota Bees	1	4	0.200	49	33	
13	Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	4	0.200	57	36	
14	Bergen Yankees	3	2	0.600	24	14	
15	Chicago Knights	3	2	0.600	26	16	
16	Bahama Breeze Islanders	3	2	0.600	26	17	

NOTES: Top 16 teams, including 2 4A teams dropping down (Minnesota Bees and Nova Scotia Monarchs); 2018 AA winner Steel City Hawks earned AAA position. Teams seeded by record and then runs allowed in best 4 games. Lower number seed is home. Bees & Monarchs placed in bracket at the discretion of Roy Hobbs. #1 is playing #15 and #2 playing #16 in first round to avoid a rematch from earlier in the week.

	AA Team	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Omaha Indians	3	2	0.600	28	18
2	St Louis Grays	3	2	0.600	31	18
3	Boston GoodFellas	3	2	0.600	33	19
4	Minnesota Bandits	3	2	0.600	43	19
5	Baltimore Thunder	3	2	0.600	29	20
6	DC Pirates	3	2	0.600	34	21
7	Orlando Blazers	3	2	0.600	33	23
8	New Jersey Twins	3	2	0.600	39	24
9	Cuyahoga Indians	3	2	0.600	34	25
10	Minnesota Posse	3	2	0.600	51	30
11	Salem/Pitt Warlocks	3	2	0.600	53	38
12	Wright Field Reds	2	3	0.400	38	23
13	Summa Ortho Brewers	2	3	0.400	38	26
14	St Louis Patriots	2	3	0.400	42	26

15	Lansing Blue Jays	2	3	0.400	47	30
16	Chesapeake Redwings	2	3	0.400	55	30

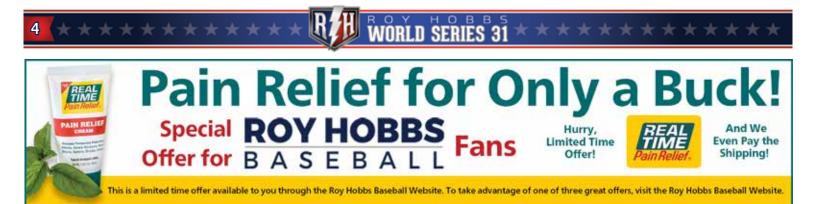
NOTES: Teams 17-32, by ranking, seeded by record and then runs allowed in best 4 games. Lower number seed is home. #s 3-4 and #s 12-13 swap opponents in first round to avoid rematches.

	A Team	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Harry Young Builders	2	3	0.400	47	31
2	Midwest Pirates	2	3	0.400	48	33
3	Albany Capitals	2	3	0.400	49	35
4	Carolina Rockies	2	3	0.400	53	35
5	Banana Sharks	2	3	0.400	53	37
6	Aurora Islanders	2	3	0.400	55	37
7	Florida Sharks	2	3	0.400	61	42
8	Pensacola Barracudas	2	3	0.400	62	42
9	South Chicago Yaquis	2	3	0.400	64	44
10	Kodak Reds	1	4	0.200	43	31
11	Minnesota Goats	1	4	0.200	47	32
12	New Scotland Monarchs	1	4	0.200	50	36
13	Toledo Outlaws	1	4	0.200	53	38
14	DuPage Indians	1	4	0.200	58	40
15	Tidewater Drillers	1	4	0.200	61	40
16	Tuscaloosa Tornados	1	4	0.200	60	41
17	Carolina Thunder	1	4	0.200	70	51

NOTES: Teams 33-49, include all teams with at least 1 victory, seeded by record and then runs allowed in best 4 games. Ties broken by RA in all 5 games; no head-to-head involved. Lower number seed is home. #16-#17 play at 10 am, winner goes to play #1 at 1:45; loser goes to play Bellacino's Red Sox at 1:45 pm. #2-3 & #14-15 swap first round opponents to avoid rematches; Same for #s 7-8-9-10.

Non-Playoff teams	W	L	РСТ	RA	RA4
Atlanta Astros	0	5	0.000	42	30
St Michael Angels	0	5	0.000	82	61
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	5	0.000	98	71

NOTES: Astros and Angels play at 10 a.m. on JetBlue 2. Bellacino's plays the loser of Tuscaloosa-Carolina on JetBlue 2 at 1:45 pm



RESULTS

Wednesday Results

Chicago Knights - 12, Banana Sharks - 3 Cuyahoga Indians - 17, Aurora Islanders - 4 Florida Sharks - 10, Atlanta Astros - 9 Long Island Athletics - 9, DC Pirates - 7 New Scotland Monarchs - 21, Bellacino's Red Sox - 3 Oakville Golden A's - 11, Americans Baseball Club - 1 PSOF Rangers - 7, Minnesota Bandits - 6 Salem/Pitt Warlocks - 16, Harry Young Builders - 13 St Louis Patriots - 19, Carolina Thunder - 2 Staten Island Bombers - 14, Minnesota Bees - 2 Steel City Hawks - 21, Minnesota Posse - 6 Summa Ortho Brewers - 13, DuPage Indians - 3 Tuscaloosa Tornados - 11, St Michael Angels - 2 Windy City Warriors - 10, Orlando Blazers - 7 Bergen Yankees - 12, Chesapeake Redwings - 2 Salty Dogs - 15, Chicago Giants - 9 Carolina Rockies - 13, Kodak Reds - 9 Boston GoodFellas - 8, Lansing Blue Jays - 7 Midwest Pirates - 14, Minnesota Goats - 4 Kennebec Cubs - 10, New Jersey Twins - 4 Baltimore Thunder - 17, Pensacola Barracudas - 7 Omaha Indians - 8, South Chicago Yaquis - 7 Huntsville Dirtbags - 13, St Louis Grays - 3 Nova Scotia Monarchs - 12, Tidewater Drillers - 6 Albany Capitals - 10, Toledo Outlaws - 3 Bahama Breeze Islanders - 8, Wright Field Reds - 2



Massachusetts Chiefs 3rd baseman John Collins throw out Puerto Rico Orioles runner Thursdav

photo by Greg Wagner

Thursday's Results AAAA playoffs First round

#5 South Dakota Rushmores 7, #4 Border City Brewers 4 #3 Puerto Rico Orioles 8, #6 Massachusetts Chiefs 4

Second round

#1 Sacramento Royals 6, #5 SD Rushmores 1 #2 Dupage Angels 15, #3 PR Orioles 7



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SCHEDULE

Friday Schedule

AAAA Division

- #4 Border City Brewers @ #3 Puerto Rico Orioles, 10:00 AM @ CP-S
 #6 Massacusetts Chiefs @ #5 South Dakota Rushmores, 10:00 AM
 @ CL-S
- #2 DuPage Angels @ #1 Sacramento Royals, 1:45 PM @ CL-S
- #6 Massachusetts Chiefs-#5 SD Rushmores winner at #4 BC Brewers-#3 PR Orioles winner, 1:45 p.m., JB-S

AAA Division

#15 Chicago Knights @ #1 Staten Island Bombers, 10:00 AM @ CL2

#9 Long Island A's @ #8 Chicago Giants, 10:00 AM @ CL4 Winner #15 - #1 @ Higher seed winner #9 - #8, 1:45 PM @ CL3 #12 Minnesota Bees @ #5 PSOF Rangers, 10:00 AM @ CL3

- #13 Nova Scotia Monarchs @ #4 Americans Baseball Club, 10:00 AM @ CL6
- Winner #12 #5 @ Higher seed winner #13 #4, 1:45 PM @ CL2
- #14 Bergen Yankees @ #3 Oakville Golden A's, 10:00 AM @ PDC2
 #11 Windy City Warriors @ #6 Huntsville Dirtbags, 10:00 AM @ PDC4
- Winner #14 #3 @ Higher seed winner #13 #4, 1:45 PM @ PDC3
- #10 Kennebec Cubs @ #7 Steel City Hawks, 10:00 AM @ PDC3 #16 Bahama Breeze Islanders @ #2 Salty Dogs, 10:00 AM @
- PDC5 Winner #10 - #7 @ Higher seed winner #16 - #2, 1:45 PM @ PDC4

AA Division

#16 Chesapeake Redwings @ #1 Omaha Indians, 10:00 AM @ JB3 #9 Cuyahoga Indians @ #8 New Jersey Twins, 10:00 AM @ JB5 Winner #16 - #1 @ Higner seed winner #9 - #8, 1:45 PM @ JB6 #12 Wright Field Reds @ #5 Baltimore Thunder, 10:00 AM @ JB4
#14 St Louis Patriots @ #4 Minnesota Bandits, 10:00 AM @ JB6
Winner #12 - #5 @ Higner seed winner #14 - #4, 1:45 PM @ JB5
#13 Summa Ortho Brewers @ #3 Boston GoodFellas, 10:00 AM @ TP4

#11 Salem/Pitt Warlocks @ #6 DC Pirates, 10:00 AM @ TP2 Winner #13 - #3 @ Higher seed winner #11 - #6, 1:45 PM @ TP-S #10 Minnesota Posse @ #7 Orlando Blazers, 10:00 AM @ TP3 #15 Lansing Blue Jays @ #2 St Louis Grays, 10:00 AM @ TP-S Winner #10 - #7 @ Higher seed winner #15 - #2, 1:45 PM @ TP2

A Division

#17 Carolina Thunder @ #16 Tuscaloosa Tornados, 10:00 AM @ JB-S

Winner #17 - #16 @ #1 Harry Young Builders, 1:45 PM @ JB3 Winner #14 - #2 @ Higher seed winner #? - #1, 5:30 PM @ TP-S #10 Kodak Reds @ #8 Pensacola Barracudas, 1:45 PM @ JB4 #12 New Scotland Monarchs @ #5 Banana Sharks, 1:45 PM @ CL4

#13 Toledo Outlaws @ #4 Carolina Rockies, 1:45 PM @ CL6
Winner #12 - #4 @ Higher seed winner #13 - #4, 5:30 PM @ TP3
#15 Tidewater Drillers @ #3 Albany Capitals, 1:45 PM @ PDC5
#11 Minnesota Goats @ #6 Aurora Islanders, 1:45 PM @ PDC2
Winner #15 - #3 @ Higher seed winner #11 - #6, 5:30 PM @ TP2
#9 South Chicago Yaquis @ #7 Florida Sharks, 1:45 PM @ PDC1
#14 DuPage Indians @ #2 Midwest Pirates, 10:00 AM @ PDC1
Winner #9 - #7 @ Higher seed winner #14 - #2, 5:30 PM @ TP2

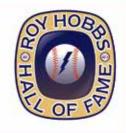
Friday

Atlanta Astros @ St Michael Angels, 10:00 AM @ JB2 Loser of A div #17 - #16 @ Bellacino's Red Sox, 1:45 PM @ JB2





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NOTEBOOK

Picking up T-Shirts ... Today is the last day for Legends to get 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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First Aid

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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.

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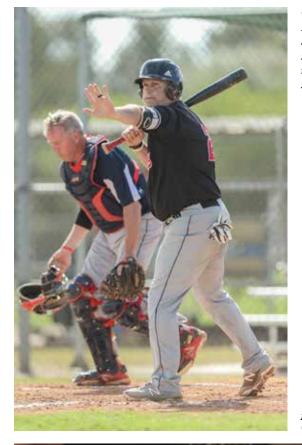
Revenues from the 2018 RHWS 50/50 led to nearly \$5,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.

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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 see NOTEBOOK on page 7



Chesapeake RedWings Batter Scott Reeling signals to his runner at third to stay put

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Omaha Indians runner slides safely into second base ahead of the throw to Staten Island Bombers shortstop Anthony Matteo

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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.

Please help with dugouts Roy Hobbs Baseball and the grounds crews need your help

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HIGHLIGHTS

Carolina Rockies 13, Kodak Reds 9: (Rockies) Pitching: Ronnie Alexander pitched seven strong innings. Ken Yeager came in with bases loaded and no out and gave up no runs in two innings. Hitting: JJ Johnson: 4 for 5, 3 RBIs, 3 Runs scored. Stacey Stegall: 3 for 5, 2 Runs scored: Ken Yeager: 1 for 3. Lee Brooks: 1 for 1.Gary Graham: 1 for 2, 1 RBI. David Splawn: 1 for 3.

Omaha Indians 8, South Chicago Yaquis 7: (Indians)

Pitching: With the combined effort of Kosmecki, Childers, Connelly, and Nemecek, who picked up the win, the Omaha Indians are now 3 and 2 in the tournament. Hitting: Tom Henriksen went 3 for 5 with 1 RBI. Rob Childers went 3 for 5 with a double and 1 RBI. Lad Nemecek went 2 for 5 with a double and 2 RBIs. Jeff Breeling went 2 for 5 with a double and 1 RBI.

Oakville Golden A's 11, Americans Baseball Club

1: (A's) Pitching: Al Rutherford 9 IP - CG - 5 Hits -1 K: Hitting: Greg MacDonald 3 Hits 3 Runs 2 RBIs / Tim Lessard 2 Hits 2 RBIs /Scotty Hughes 2 Hits 2 Runs

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Staten Island Bombers on-deck hitter coaches home plate.

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Massachusetts Chiefs Pitcher Barry Foster delivers against Puerto Rico Thursday

photo by Greg Wagner

