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Roy Hobbs Honors 6 at HoF Ceremonies



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Class of 2019 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame (from left), Brian Power representing his brother Dave Power, the 2019 Ambassador of Baseball honoree, Bill Coburn, Ron Michaelson, Sam Sibeto, Tim McCoy and Bob Dearthl

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Themes of service, sacrifice, camaraderie, respect for the game and love resonated through Saturday night's induction ceremony for the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame 2019 class.

The night at Ron Dao's Sports Grill began with a salute the 2019 Ambassador of Baseball recipient, the late Dave Power.

Power's brother, Brian, spoke about Dave's love of the game and everlasting dedication to promoting it.

"He made sure if you wanted to play you could play," Brian Power said.

Then Roy Hobbs president Tom Giffen, who served as master of ceremonies, talked about the 2019 inductees - Sam Sibeto, Tim McCoy, Ron Michaelson, Bob Dearth, Bill Coburn and Steve LaRussa; LaRussa could not attend due to a family illness.

"These folks are leaders," Giffen said of the inductees.

That means folks such as Sibeto, who learned the game and to respect it from his father and older brother, Joe.

"Do it the right way," Sibeto said.

Bob Dearth, who was a Chicago police officer for 25 years, certainly knows about that.

"He is no stranger to the concept of service," Giffen said.

Dearth has said that his wife, Kim, jokes that he loves the game more than he loves her.

"That's not true," Dearth said, assuring Kim and the audience.

As a big-city police officer for a quarter of century Dearth has seen bad things. Baseball is therapy.

"Going out to a ball field is my way of forgetting," Dearth said.

Bill Coburn talked of how his father instilled a love of the game in him.

"He always had time for me," Coburn said.

Giffen talked about McCoy's subtle leadership style.

"His quiet demeanor has always impressed me," Giffen said.

Michaelson, who has a Ph.D. in political science and has worked as a professor, talked about the dichotomy in his life between sports and academia.

His fellow professors might not always grasp his love of baseball.

"They're in another world, that ivory tower," Michaelson said.

Like his fellow inductees, Michaelson has a deep love for the game. Not even having both knees replaced several years

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Ron Michaelson giving his acceptance speech at the Hall of Fame Ceremony

ago can keep him away from catching. The work ethic that brought him back to the game has apparently inspired his surgeon back in Springfield, Ill.

"He said I'm his poster child," Michaelson said.

The 2019 inductee are all poster children for what Roy Hobbs Baseball is all about. Although, of course, they're a bit old to be called poster children.



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Sam Panayotovitch and Tony Esposito of Team America prior to the Sunday game vs. Maine Woods 75's at City of Palms Park

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Vintage 65+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Maine Woods Baseball	1	0	1.000	0
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	0
Austin Express	1	0	1.000	1
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	0	1.000	2
South Jersey Indians	1	0	1.000	2
Sacramento Tribe	2	0	1.000	3
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	3
Kent Mudhens	1	0	1.000	4
DHBA Athletics	1	0	1.000	5
Midwest 9	1	0	1.000	5
TSP Fire	1	0	1.000	6
Lehigh Baseball	1	0	1.000	7
North Coast Nationals	1	0	1.000	7
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	8
Livingston Dodgers	1	0	1.000	8
Vintages Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	9
Philadelphia Brewers	1	0	1.000	11
Rhode Island Rockies	1	1	0.500	19
Raynham Baseball Club	0	1	0.000	7
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	0.000	11
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	0	1	0.000	12
Potomac Senators	0	1	0.000	12
Long Island Yankees	0	1	0.000	14
Tallahassee Classics	0	1	0.000	14
USA Volkers Group	0	1	0.000	14
MBI Baseball	0	1	0.000	15
Minnesota Goats	0	1	0.000	16
Philadelphia A's	0	1	0.000	17
Silver Foxes	0	1	0.000	17
St Louis Braves	0	1	0.000	17
Toledo McGuire Insurance	0	1	0.000	17
Wilmington Thunder	0	1	0.000	17
Naturals	0	1	0.000	18
Asheville Sox	0	1	0.000	22
San Antonio Texans	0	2	0.000	29



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Philadelphia A's battery - pitcher John Jones & catcher Glen Goldberg - discuss the next pitch

Forever Young 75+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
San Diego Padres	1	0	1.000	2
National Spirit	1	0	1.000	4
Team America	1	0	1.000	4
New England Red Sox	1	0	1.000	5
Avengers	1	0	1.000	8
South Dakota Rushmores	1	1	0.500	10
New Jersey Cardinals	0	1	0.000	6
Toledo McGuire Insurance	0	1	0.000	11
Kent Mudhens	0	1	0.000	14
Tri-Cities	0	1	0.000	15
Maine Woods Baseball	0	1	0.000	20

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RESULTS

Sunday

Vintage 65+

Austin Express 7, Raynham Baseball 1
Baltimore Baseball Club 12, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 8
Cincinnati Colt .45s 17, Wilmington Thunder 2
DHBA Athletics 18, Naturals 5
Kent Mudhens 14, Tallahassee Classics 4
Lehigh Baseball 17, St. Louis Braves 7
Livingston Dodgers 11, Nova Scotia Monarchs 8
Maine Woods Baseball 17, Philadelphia A's 0
Midwest 9 14, USA Volkers Group 5
Minnesota Bees 15, MBI Baseball 0
North Coast Nationals 17, Silver Foxes 7
Philadelphia Brewers 12, Potomac Senators 11
Rhode Island Rockies 13, San Antonio Texans 3
Sacramento Tribe 16, San Antonio Texans 0
Sacramento Tribe 17, Toledo McGuire Insurance 3
South Jersey Indians 16, Minnesota Goats 2
TSP Fire 16, Rhode Island Rockies 6
Vintages Baseball Club 22, Asheville Sox 9
Washington Titans 14, Long Island Yankees 3

Forever Young 75+

Avengers 15, Tri-Cities 8
National Spirit 11, Toledo McGuire Insurance 4
New England Red Sox 6, New Jersey Cardinals 5
San Diego Padres 6, South Dakota Rushmores 2
South Dakota Rushmores 14, Kent Mudhens 4
Team America 20, Maine Woods Baseball 4



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Juuuuuust a bit inside: Maine Woods 65's Tom Tashea backs away from a pitch vs. the Philadelphia A's



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SCHEDULE

Vintage 65+

9:30 AM

Rhode Island Rockies @ Kent Mudhens @ 9:30 AM,
CP-S

10:00 AM

USA Volkers Group @ Austin Express, CL-S
Maine Woods Baseball @ Raynham Baseball Club,
JB-S

Tallahassee Classics @ Potomac Senators, PDC1
Minnesota Bees @ Vintages Baseball Club, PDC3
North Coast Nationals @ DHBA Athletics, PDC4
San Antonio Texans @ TSP Fire, PDC5
Naturals @ South Jersey Indians, TP-S
Asheville Sox @ MBI Baseball, TP2
Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Nova Scotia
Monarchs, TP4

12:45 PM

Philadelphia Brewers @ Sacramento Tribe, CP-S

1:45 PM

St. Louis Braves @ Midwest 9, CL-S
Lehigh Baseball @ Wilmington Thunder, JB-S
Washington Titans @ Minnesota Bees, PDC3
Toledo McGuire Insurance @ Tallahassee Classics,
PDC4
Minnesota Goats @ Livingston Dodgers, PDC5
Baltimore Baseball Club @ Silver Foxes, TP-S
Long Island Yankees @ Asheville Sox, TP2

5:30 PM

Philadelphia A's @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, CL-S



photo by Greg Wagner
Kent Mudhens 75's batter and Hall of Famer Lane Green at bat vs. the South
Dakota Rushmores

Forever Young 75+

10:00 AM

National Spirit @ New England Red Sox, CL2
Tri-Cities @ New Jersey Cardinals, CL3
Kent Mudhens @ Maine Woods Baseball, CL4
South Dakota Rushmores @ Team America, CL6
Avengers @ Toledo McGuire Insurance, PDC2

1:45 PM

San Diego Padres @ Maine Woods Baseball, CL4
Team America @ Kent Mudhens, CL6



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*Team
America
starting
pitcher
DJ Jones
vs. Maine
Woods 75's*

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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.



Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament

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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.



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

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Kent Mudhens 75s' Ross Rupp makes the play on a South Dakota Rushmores runner

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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.



Admission, \$1 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is \$1 per day or \$5 for a tournament pass. Players will pay their \$1 at check-in for their player ID card that guarantees them access to all games in which they are not playing. Spectators will pay \$1 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day.

The \$5 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters or from the Site Concierges at each security table; there is no family pass. The tournament pass is a plastic card that guarantees admission for that person for the duration of the RHWS. A loop comes with the tournament pass card for easy attachment to purses, belt loops, etc.



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



This is kind of creepy. Kent Mudhens 75's right fielder Phil Ketterling is being watched.

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

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.