

Companerismo brings Yamasa teammates together at RHWS



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Companerismo – camaraderie – integral for Yamasa teammates as shown by manager Henry De La Cruz (left) and Estivinson Lina.

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Looking at the name Yamasa on a Roy Hobbs World Series schedule some might assume it is a Japanese name and team.

The name sure looks Japanese. It even sounds Japanese. There is even a Japanese corporation founded in 1645 that is called Yamasa. It's big in soy sauce, seasonings and pharmaceutical products.

But look closer at that schedule and the second part of the team name. Its full name is Yamasa Beisbohl. Beisbohl is, of course, the Spanish spelling of baseball, which is fitting because this team is from the Monte Plata province of the Dominican Republic.

Then go to a Yamasa game. That is definitely Spanish spoken. The team's roster is full of Spanish names and not Japanese ones – Perez, Cruz, Gomez, Figueroa, Peralta and Sosa.

And like its counterpart halfway around the world in Japan, this Yamasa has a connection to food. Yamasa is an agricultural region of the Dominican where organic cocoa, sugar cane, plantains and mangoes are grown.

Whatever the language, of course, the Yamasa players share a love of the game that is shared by the Russian team they beat Monday at CenturyLink Sports Complex.

When the game ended, Yamasa players high-fived one another and then
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AAA-AA playoff brackets set

The 16-team AAA and AA playoff brackets are set.

AAA features 5-0, 4-1 and 3-2 teams; AA features 2-3, 1-4 and the one 0-5 teams.

Based on the 16-team brackets, teams must win 4 games Friday and Saturday to grab a championship.

AAA games will be at JetBlue and PDC complexes on Friday, leading to a championship round at Hammond Stadium/Centurylink Complex on Saturday. AA games will be at Centurylink and Terry Park Friday, leading to a championship round at Centurylink on Saturday.

Meanwhile the AAAA double-elimination playoffs will continue Friday at City of Palms Stadium, JetBlue Stadium and Centurylink Stadium.

In AAA & AA divisions, the seeds were based on record and runs allowed in best 4 games (RA, 4). Additionally, the Minnesota Bulldogs and Bronx Warriors dropped from AAAA and were placed in the divisional playoffs at Roy Hobbs' discretion.

Glass City Black Sox won AA in 2017 and was moved up to AAA by rule.

Seeds stay the same throughout the playoffs, but in both divisions, matchups were adjusted to avoid rematches of games earlier in the week or first-round matchups of teams from the same neighborhood. Lower seed – i.e. 1-2-3-4 – are the home teams throughout the playoffs.



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❖ Broadcast plans

Roy Hobbs is working on a plan to broadcast selected World Series games, both live-streaming via the internet and as a posted post-game podcast on the Roy Hobbs website.

The immediate goal for 2019 is to be able to offer teams the opportunity to have one of their games broadcast from Hammond Stadium at the Centurylink Complex. Teams buying into the plan – we would broadcast 2 games a day Sunday through Wednesday – would have their stadium game at Centurylink. Roy Hobbs would then broadcast 2 championship games each Saturday. We are talking broadcasting 48 games.

Preparing to be able to present that option to its members, Roy Hobbs plans to broadcast 4 games this year

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It was a hot one on Thursday. Just ask the NJ Twins catcher.

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gathered behind the mound for selfies and team photos. Just like Americans. Or Russians. Or Japanese.

Most of the players live in the Dominican Republic and made the long trip to play baseball and share in the sport's special camaraderie. Or as is said in Spanish – *companerismo*.

Catcher Estivinson Lina wrote that word in a notepad for this writer.

He was standing in the third base dugout of Field No. 4 at CenturyLink and still wearing his uniform after the game.

He is now a barber in Miami but playing at CenturyLink was a return in a way to his youth. He played in the Texas Rangers farm system in the mid-1990s when the team's spring home was at the Charlotte County Sports Complex. The Rangers' team in the rookie-level Gulf Coast League often played road games against their Minnesota Twins counterparts on the same field where Lina played on Monday.

Lina never made it to the big leagues, but he still playing baseball. No matter the language, it's the same love of the game that brings Lina and his Yamasa teammates to the World Series.

It's also, of course, that *companerismo* that is universal to ballplayers of all nations.

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Notes, referencing both divisions: Seeds based on record and runs allowed in best 4 games (RA4); # -- Minnesota Bulldogs and Bronx Warriors dropped from AAAA and placed at Roy Hobbs' discretion. @ -- Glass City Black Sox won AA in 2017, moves up by rule. \$ -- Seeds stay the same throughout, but in both divisions, matchups were adjusted to avoid rematches of games earlier in the week or first-round matchups of teams from the same neighborhood. Lower seed – i.e. 1-2-3-4 – are the home teams throughout the playoffs.

Seed	AAA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	MaxBat	5	0	1.000	26	16
2	\$ Minnesota Web Gems	4	1	0.800	10	6
3	\$ Puerto Rico Braves	4	1	0.800	27	14
4	\$ Tidewater Drillers	4	1	0.800	25	15
5	Tall. Tomahawks	4	1	0.800	26	15
6	\$ Nova Scotia Alpines	4	1	0.800	41	25
7	\$ Yamasa Beisbol Club	3	2	0.600	12	7
8	\$ Americans Baseball	3	2	0.600	24	9
9	Chicago Knights	3	2	0.600	25	15
10	Detroit Dodgers	3	2	0.600	41	22
11	DRS Astros	3	2	0.600	32	23
12	Baltimore Chop	3	2	0.600	31	24
13	Germain Ohio Aces	3	2	0.600	42	26
14	Panhandle Pirates	3	2	0.600	53	36
15	# Minnesota Bulldogs	2	3	0.400	33	19
16	@ Glass City Black Sox	2	3	0.400	34	22



NJ Twins manager and outfielder Joe Adams leads off 1st base vs. the Chicago Woodpeckers

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Seed	AA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	South Bend Cardinals	2	3	0.400	31	18
2	Miami Cubs	2	3	0.400	31	21
3	RusStar Baseball Club	2	3	0.400	36	21
4	Pensacola Sharks	2	3	0.400	43	28
5	\$ Ft Myers Hooter's Owls	2	3	0.400	49	30
6	\$ Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	3	0.400	53	33

7	\$ Pigs Heaven	2	3	0.400	44	34
8	\$ Flint Tigers	2	3	0.400	51	34
9	Akron Cardinals	2	3	0.400	59	41
10	NEO Angels	1	4	0.200	49	31
11	# Bronx Warriors	1	4	0.200	52	3
12	TTown Jack-Os	1	4	0.200	62	34
13	Can-Am Padres	1	4	0.200	57	37
14	Tennessee Dirtbags	1	4	0.200	55	39
15	Kodak Reds	1	4	0.200	65	48
16	Bellacino's Red Sox	0	5	0.000	78	59



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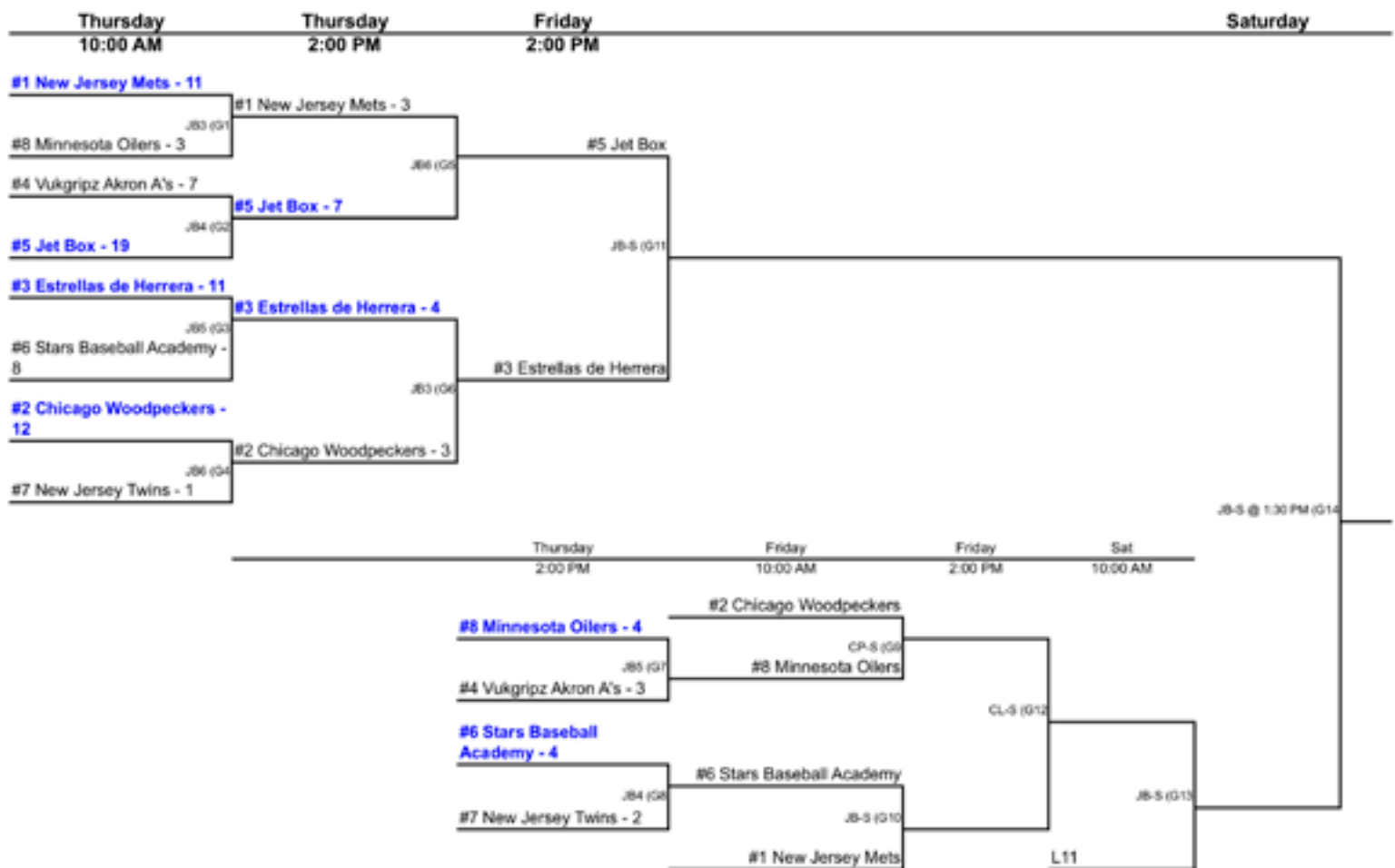




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– 2 championship games on both November 4 & 11. This is our test drive, so to speak, and our opportunity to be able to show teams what can be done in this format.

Stay tuned!



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 Thursdays or Saturdays.**

Hours to pick up the Tournament T-shirt are from Noon to 6 p.m. With the shirt, each player will get a tournament patch and a World Series Gift.

Players will need their RHWS ID card to get their shirts, no exceptions – No drivers licenses needed.



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.



First Aid

Two key First Aid items: Drink plenty of fluids while playing; 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. He has 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,

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Stars Academy batter slides safely into 2nd base with a double vs. Estrellas de Herrera

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HIGHLIGHTS

Game Highlights

Sunday

Stars Baseball Academy 3, Bronx Warriors 1 – CP-S:
Warriors: PITCHING: W. Pagan 9IP; BATTING: M. Nunez
-2/2; W. Pagan – 0/1, BB, Sac RBI

Tuesday

Panhandle Pirates 19, Detroit Dodgers 14 – PDC-4:
Dodgers PITCHING: S. Dobson SP; P. Ben-Ezra RP;
BATTING: A. Wick 2B; M. Dawson 2B; JC 2/3, 2B

No Hitter

Americans Baseball Club 10, Tidewater Drillers 0 – CL-4:
Americans: PITCHING: R. Farnham 6 IP 0 H; M. Marold 1
IP 0 H; BATTING: M. Anderson 3/4, 2B, 2 RBI; T. Stocktom
3/3, 2B 1 RBI; J. Hodges 2/2, 2 RBI; R. Dimare 2/2, 2 R



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Stars Baseball Academy
starting pitcher vs. Estrellas de Herrera.

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Photo By: Greg Wagner
Americans LHP Ron Farnham (pictured) was the starter vs. Tidewater
Drillers and threw 6 innings of no-hit ball. Matt Marold relieved in the
7th and also allowed no hits. Combined no-hitter and 10-run rule.



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I'm guessing this license plate belongs to a pitcher

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are available each day at the Player Development Complex. Tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held in the patio area at the Player Development Complex at 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 2017 RHWS led to some \$15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenged Athletes.



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 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.



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*Stars Academy 2nd basemann turns a double play vs.
Estrellas de Herrera*