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## Baseball a welcome respite from Tree of Life tragedy



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Stan Lederman (L), long time Roy Hobbs player and manager.

Howard Elson (R), long time Roy Hobbs pitcher and player.

**BY GLENN MILLER**  
**Roy Hobbs Baseball**

The worst massacre of Jews in American history is not something from the history books for Howard Elson and Stan Lederman.

It's real. All too real.

They're members of the Tree of Life synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh. On Oct. 27,

11 members of their congregation were killed by an anti-Semitic gunman.

For two weeks, Elson and Lederman are playing for Maine Woods teams in the Vintage and Timeless divisions of the Roy Hobbs World Series.

These weeks, they're baseball players. They probably never needed baseball more.

Lederman, a 69-year-old third

baseman, made a fine stop of a hard smash in a game Monday at JetBlue Park and forced a runner out at third to end an inning. A teammate shouted, "Way to go! Stan the man!"

He's not Stan the Jewish guy. He's Stan the third baseman. But what happened is never far from his mind.

"We will get through this," Lederman said. "We will overcome it. That's Jewish history. It will repeat itself again. It's inevitable."

But so is the Jewish response.

"It will never discourage Jewish people from being Jewish people," said Lederman, whose wife, Lynette, was once the synagogue president. "It's just the way it is."

Elson, also a former president of the synagogue, said he lives about three blocks from the Tree of Life and was home when he heard the news. The neighborhood was locked down. Authorities didn't know if the gunman was acting alone or had accomplices.

"I'm behind a locked door holding a baseball bat," Elson said.

The alleged gunman used a weapon far more lethal than a bat.

"I'm going up against an AR-15," Elson said.

Fortunately, the gunman never approached his home. This week, Elson and Lederman can use baseball bats for their intended purpose. The World Series is a welcome escape.

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## 30 YEARS OF MEMORIES

Welcome to the 30<sup>th</sup> renewal of the Roy Hobbs World Series.

As the Hobbs internal family talked about what to do to make #30 special, we decided to ask participants – after all you are the ones who make the Roy Hobbs World Series special – why it is special to them.

We received many, many comments and stories, thank you.

Please enjoy ...

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**John Lamanna, Philadelphia**

**Brewers:** This will be my 9th year at the tournament with the last 5 as manager all with the Philadelphia

Brewers 60 team. Our team is comprised of players from our area that play on different teams in the leagues we play on back home. We all come together for this tournament as if we've played together all year. As soon as the tournament is over we all start

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# TREE OF LIFE

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Howard Elson (L) and Stan Lederman visit with Roy Hobbs' Glenn Miller about the tragedy at their Tree of Life Synagogue.



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Greg Wagner

"This year is not about hits and runs," Lederman said. "It's about clearing my mind."

Lederman revels in his time at the World Series.

"I'll tell you what I do every year," Lederman said. "The first day, I say to myself out loud and I pound my glove and I say, 'you're 71 years old. You're standing on a major-league baseball field. You're playing in a game that means something.' It doesn't get any better than this."

Lederman and Elson don't want to blame hateful political rhetoric for what happened less than two weeks ago.

"This is about dead people," Lederman said. "I knew all 11. OK?"

This week is about baseball for Elson and Lederman. Go to a Maine Woods dugout looking for them and one is in a baseball universe.

Lederman wears No. 9. Like Ted Williams?

"Like Bill Mazeroski," said Lederman, a Pirates fan.

Elson wears No. 21. That's the same number worn by the greatest Pirate ever – Roberto Clemente. Does Elson wear 21 like Clemente?

"No, like Howard Elson," Elson said with a smile.

In the wake of the attack, the reaction of their city has buoyed the spirits of Mr. Elson and Mr. Lederman. These sports fans were touched when the Pittsburgh Steelers took time away from the NFL season.

"The entire Steeler team including the head coach walked up the street en masse and went to the funeral to pay their respects," Mr. Lederman said. "That's one of the reasons the city of Pittsburgh is a special place."

But not the only one. ...

Other houses of worship in Squirrel Hill have opened their hearts and wallets.

"Including the Islamic Center and that's what I was getting at about the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh," Mr. Lederman said. "The Islamic Center of Pittsburgh has raised almost \$200,000 for the Jewish community."

Elson and Lederman certainly don't seem intimidated.

"Jews are never intimidated," Lederman said.

He then added, "I'm never going to be intimidated."

Play ball!

## NOTEBOOK

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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-register 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 Roy Hobbs in case of [rg@royhobbs.com](mailto:rg@royhobbs.com) by 7 p.m. the night before their playoffs begin.



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## RESULTS

### 60's

Atlanta Heat 9, St. Louis Patriots 5  
 Baltimore Orioles 3, San Antonio Texans 2  
 Border City Brewers 9, Washington Titans 1  
 Bronx Cardinals 10, Bergen Yankees 7  
 Carolina Rockies 18, Stay Thirsty My Friends 2  
 Cecil's Margin Service 9, Philadelphia Athletics 4  
 DuPage Lugnuts 19, Livingston Dodgers 16  
 JD Jaguars 15, Kennebec Cubs 1  
 Kent Mudhens 15, Pensacola Salt Bandits 14  
 Long Island A's 10, Cleveland Spiders 5  
 Long Island Yankees 14, Massachusetts Chiefs 3  
 Michigan Stars 4, Huntsville Stars 2  
 Michigan Stars 17, Cincinnati Colt .45s 8  
 Midwest Nine 14, DC Mets 2  
 Midwest Nine 22, Toledo McGuire Insurance 0  
 Minnesota Bees 9, Border City Brewers 8  
 Minnesota Goats 11, Nova Scotia Monarchs 1  
 Orlando Wrinkles 13, Minnesota Bandits 12  
 Philadelphia Cutters 13, Windy City White Sox 3  
 Rhode Island Rockies 15, Blue Ridge Rangers 5  
 Rhode Island Rockies 10, Windy City White Sox 9  
 Richmond Riverdogs 19, Kent Mudhens 13  
 Richmond Riverdogs 19, Long Island Braves 0  
 St. Louis Dodgers 18, Carolina Rockies 5  
 Tampa Bay Sharks 5, Cincinnati Colt .45s 4  
 Team Top Lumber 11, Stay Thirsty My Friends 1  
 Tidewater Drillers 14, Pensacola Salt Bandits 5  
 Youngstown A2Z 12, Massachusetts Chiefs 11



*Inside pitch:  
 Maine Woods  
 Baseball  
 batter gets  
 hit by the  
 pitch vs. the  
 New Jersey  
 Wonderboys*

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 Greg Wagner*

### 70's

Maine Woods Baseball 13, New Jersey Wonderboys 1  
 Minnesota Saints 16, Philadelphia Mustangs 3  
 New England Bo Sox 3, San Diego Padres 2  
 Sacramento Solons 9, Kent Mudhens 8  
 Silver Foxes of R.I. 14, Toledo McGuire Insurance 9  
 Team America 9, Potomac Senators 6  
 USA Volkers Group 14, New England Red Sox 4  
 Washington Titans 11, Detroit 70's 9



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Classics Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA					
Philadelphia Cutters	2	0	1.000	3	Carolina Rockies	1	2	0.333	24
Long Island A's	2	0	1.000	6	Windy City White Sox	1	2	0.333	35
Team Top Lumber	2	0	1.000	7	Bergen Yankees	0	2	0.000	25
Tidewater Drillers	2	0	1.000	9	Bahama Breeze Bandits	0	2	0.000	25
Minnesota Bees	2	0	1.000	9	Kennebec Cubs	0	2	0.000	26
Baltimore Orioles	2	0	1.000	9	Blue Ridge Rangers	0	2	0.000	28
Michigan Stars	3	0	1.000	10	Cleveland Spiders	0	2	0.000	29
Richmond Riverdogs	3	0	1.000	16	Long Island Braves	0	2	0.000	31
Rhode Island Rockies	3	0	1.000	20	Livingston Dodgers	0	2	0.000	33
DuPage Lugnuts	3	0	1.000	26	Toledo McGuire Insurance	0	2	0.000	35
Orlando Wrinkles	3	0	1.000	27	Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	3	0.000	35
Border City Brewers	2	1	0.667	13	Massachusetts Chiefs	0	3	0.000	37
Midwest Nine	2	1	0.667	13	Pensacola Salt Bandits	0	3	0.000	41
St. Louis Patriots	2	1	0.667	22	Stay Thirsty My Friends	0	3	0.000	41
Kent Mudhens	2	1	0.667	37	Timeless Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Huntsville Stars	1	1	0.500	6	USA Volkers Group	2	0	1.000	8
Washington Titans	1	1	0.500	13	Washington Titans	2	0	1.000	11
Minnesota Bandits	1	1	0.500	14	Sacramento Solons	2	0	1.000	11
Philadelphia Athletics	1	1	0.500	14	Kent Mudhens	1	1	0.500	9
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	1	0.500	15	Team America	1	1	0.500	11
Minnesota Goats	1	1	0.500	15	New England Bo Sox	1	1	0.500	14
Atlanta Heat	1	1	0.500	15	Detroit 70s	1	1	0.500	15
Tampa Bay Sharks	1	1	0.500	16	Minnesota Saints	1	1	0.500	17
DC Mets	1	1	0.500	17	Philadelphia Mustangs	1	1	0.500	18
Bronx Cardinals	1	1	0.500	17	Potomac Senators	1	1	0.500	19
JD Jaguars	1	1	0.500	17	Silver Foxes 70s	1	1	0.500	22
St. Louis Dodgers	1	1	0.500	19	Maine Woods Baseball	1	1	0.500	22
Youngstown A 2 Z	1	1	0.500	20	Toledo McGuire Insurance	1	1	0.500	23
Long Island Yankees	1	1	0.500	22	San Diego Padres	0	2	0.000	16
Cecil's Margin Service	1	1	0.500	24	New Jersey Wonderboys	0	2	0.000	24
San Antonio Texans	1	2	0.333	22	New England Red Sox	0	2	0.000	30



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## SCHEDULE

### 60's 9:30 AM

Stay Thirsty My Friends @ St. Louis Dodgers CP-S

### 60's 10:00 AM

Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Bahama Breeze Bandits PDC2

Cleveland Spiders @ Cecil's Margin Service JB-S

DuPage Lugnuts @ Atlanta Heat TP-S

Huntsville Stars @ Blue Ridge Rangers PDC1

JD Jaguars @ Livingston Dodgers PDC5

Massachusetts Chiefs @ Minnesota Bees CL4

Orlando Wrinkles @ Baltimore Orioles TP4

Pensacola Salt Bandits @ Long Island Braves CL6

Richmond Riverdogs @ Nova Scotia Monarchs CL-S

Tidewater Drillers @ DC Mets TP3

### 60's 12:45 PM

Long Island A's @ St. Louis Patriots CP-S

### 60's 1:45 PM

Bergen Yankees @ Team Top Lumber TP2

Bronx Cardinals @ San Antonio Texans PDC3

Carolina Rockies @ Minnesota Bandits TP-S

Kent Mudhens @ Midwest Nine CL6

Long Island Yankees @ Border City Brewers JB3

Minnesota Goats @ Toledo McGuire Insurance CL-S

Philadelphia Athletics @ Kennebec Cubs PDC4

Rhode Island Rockies @ Philadelphia Cutters JB-S

Tampa Bay Sharks @ Michigan Stars CL4

Youngstown A2Z @ Washington Titans JB4



Another inside pitch. Kent Mudhens 70's vs. the Sacramento Solons

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Greg Wagner

### 70's 10:00 AM

Kent Mudhens @ San Diego Padres JB3

Maine Woods Baseball @ Detroit 70s PDC3

Minnesota Saints @ Team America TP2

New England Bo Sox @ Sacramento Solons JB4

New Jersey Wonderboys @ Washington Titans PDC4

Silver Foxes of R. I. @ New England Red Sox JB5

USA Volkers Group @ Toledo McGuire Insurance CL3

### 70's 1:45 PM

Potomac Senators @ Philadelphia Mustangs PDC3



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NJ Wonderboys batter goes opposite field vs. Maine Woods Baseball

## 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.

## 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 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.

## Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament Headquarters (330.352.2175) 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.

## 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.

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# HIGHLIGHTS

## Game Highlights

### Sunday

60's

Baltimore Orioles 10, Bronx Cardinals 7 – CL4 Cardinals:  
BATTING: J. Rafti 3/3, RBI, SB; G. Camhy 2/3; K. Wilner 2/3;  
G. Clark 2 RBI

Huntsville Stars 12, Tampa Bay Sharks 2 – CL-S Stars:

PITCHING: M. Sargent CG, 5K, BB, 4 H, 2 HBP, 2 ER;  
BATTING: Pittman 2/4; Whisenant 3/4; Sargent 2/4, 2 2B;  
Zielinski 2/2

Kent Mudhens 12, Long Island Braves JB-S Mudhens

PITCHING: G. Salhany 9 IP, 2 ER, 2 K; BATTING: J. Catalano  
3/4, R, 2 SB; B. Reed 3/4, 2B, 2 RBI, R, SB; D. Bloom 2/3,  
RBI; R. Kimble 2/3, 2 R; S. Ruhe 2/4, 2 RBI, R; D. Franks 2/3,  
2 RBI, BB; L. Munoz 2/4, 3 R, SB

Orlando Wrinkles 4, Carolina Rockies 2 – CL2 Rockies:

PITCHING: P. James 9 IP, 8 H, 0 BB, 8 K; BATTING: R. Harris  
2/2; B. Brown 1/3; R. Alexander 1/2; J. Zitney 1/4

70's

Philadelphia Mustangs 5, Team America 2 – JB4 Mustangs:

PITCHING: J. Barsky 9 IP, 4 H, 0 W, 1 ER; J. Cupo 2 H, 4  
RBI, R

### Monday

60's

JD Jaguars 15, Kennebec Cubs 1 – TP-S Jaguars:

PITCHING: J. Lazarich 5 IP, 0 ER, 5 H, 3 K; K. Yockey 4/4, R;  
G. Barrata 3/3, 2 R

Michigan Stars 4, Huntsville Stars 2 – JB3 Huntsville:

PITCHING: J. Denney CG, 4 R, 6 H, 2 K; BATTING: R. Turner  
2/3; G. Johnson 2/3; G. Jacobs 1/2, R; T. Kitko RBI

Youngstown A2Z 12, Massachusetts Chiefs 11 – CL2 A2Z:

PITCHING: J. Hay 2 IP, W; BATTING: E. Martin 3/4; J. Sams  
2/2; D. Fairmen 2/2; G. Strasbaugh 2/4; B. Wright 2/5; M.  
Cherol 2/3

70's

USA Volkers Group 14, New England Red Sox 4 USA:

PITCHING: W. Faas 7 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 K, W; BATTING: L.  
Ingalls 3 H, 2 R; J. McGroaty 2 2B, 2 RBI; D. Weaver 2 H, 3  
RBI; T. Keyser 2 H, 2 RBI; L. Weaver 2 H, A. Pickering 2 H



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Perfect view of an official Roy Hobbs baseball in a Maine Woods  
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## 30 YEAR MEMORIES

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planning and talking about next year. This by far is the highlight of our baseball season.

**Paul Laubenstein, STMF:** As a catcher, I usually greet each player when they take their first at bat and that usually sets the tone for the game. My team might not win too many but there is nobody out there who doesn't know "Stay Thirsty My Friends."

**Steve Murfin, Baltimore Orioles:** I have been on the field for the Super Bowl, been in the press box for the World Series and have organized and managed sports events with hundreds of participants. The Roy Hobbs World Series is, bar far, one of the most unique sports events ever. It is **the** best run adult baseball event in the world. Today it is the standard against which *all* adult baseball leagues and events are measured. It blends together the wonderful game of baseball and the relationships we all have with each other and the game. It brings together teams and teammates from all over the world.

**Dave Parker, San Antonio Texans:** Our team plans our whole season around our week. I guess you can say that the tournament is our reason for living, as the song says. Our team is very diverse and from many different walks of life, but baseball is our universal bond. We have been to other baseball tournaments, but to a man, the Hobbs is very, very special to us. We are currently among the biggest fans that the Roy Hobbs family has! We also love all the teams we play, everyone that comes there is a class act! Thank you!

**Glenn Powers, Washington Titans:** Florida baseball in November is a treat. Boarding a plane to leave the cold, rainy, grey clouds of Seattle, to fly to the complete opposite corner of the country for sunshine, baseball, and relaxation in November? What's not to understand? You work and toil all year long just so you are ready physically, mentally, and financially, for the yearly excursion. It is my birthday present to myself. One that is refreshed into a different experience each year. Can't wait. And if I am lucky enough to have surrounded myself with 24 other guys that feel the "burn in the belly" to win as I do, then you have a special week. One that you can say was time, money, and effort, well spent. After all, "you can't take it with you," so you might as well just leave it all out on the field. The sights, smells, and sounds of being at those ballparks just never gets old



(even though I do). It literally allows you to feel young again and just immerse yourself in the baseball. You forget about work and just be a ball player for a whole week. It's so much fun hanging with your boys, just trying really hard to be good at baseball, and help your team win.

**Ron Richmond, Atlanta Heat:** The RHWS is a special time to reunite with ball players from all over the country sharing the game we love. It's a great time to reconnect. One year your team might be the best of the best winning the AAAA Division or your team might be the best of the worst teams winning the A Division. Regardless, the fun

factor is higher by knowing you are competitive at whatever level you end up playing.

**Bob McCord, Omaha Indians:** The reason why I come have to the tournament every year since 1992 is the camaraderie of playing ball with other players that have the same passion of playing a sport that has been a big part of my life. Playing in a very competitive atmosphere, playing on beautiful fields and just being in the Florida sun while others at home are in the cold, is another great reason to be here. The highlight of this long career is winning the Veterans Division Championship in 2012. I wear that Championship ring proudly. We still talk about that game.

**Tim McCoy, Fort Myers Brewers:** I started out playing when obviously much younger, just playing one week and ending the week hardly being able to move from being so sore and out of shape to playing 4 consecutive weeks for the last 5 years! Maybe the best part is still being able to go to the ballpark, grab your equipment bag, walk out onto the field and play a kid's game.

**Rick McGalliard, Kenmore Eastern Brewers:** I am so happy to be heading to RHWS for my 28th time. I look forward each year to making the trip from northeast Ohio to Fort Myers for the "Best Week of The Year." The best memories of playing in the World Series is not always about the games. The new friends I've made, the new adventures I've encountered through the years are priceless. I believe that is one of the biggest reason the Brewers family has grown so much through the years. I am so glad to be a part of the Roy Hobbs family and the great experience of the World Series, looking forward to another week of baseball and renewed friendships every year.