



# THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 1

VETERANS  
DIVISION

OCT. 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Tomahawk Tointigh embraces his heritage

BY GLENN MILLER

*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

John Tointigh of the Tallahassee Tomahawks is likely similar to all Roy Hobbs players. Some of the details may vary but love of the game is universal.

Tointigh's favorite team is the Boston Red Sox and has been since he was a boy and his mother gave him a Red Sox cap.

He recalls vividly the first time he stepped into JetBlue Park and glanced at the Green Monster and the park's dimensions, which are the same as Fenway Park.

"I had to stop and weep," Tointigh said.

Tointigh is distinctive in another way. He is a Native American of the Kiowa-Apache tribe. But the main thing at the Roy Hobbs World Series is baseball.

Tointigh is a baseball man through and through. His children carry baseball names.

His oldest son is 18 and his first name is Gehrig, as in Yankees legend Lou Gehrig.

"As a Red Sox fan that sounds crazy," Tointigh said. "People give me a hard time for that and it's OK. I'll cover my bases."

His 15-year-old son is named Boston.

But then comes another Yankee name,

Tointigh's 10-year-old son is named Maris, as in yet another legendary Yankee, Roger Maris.

Three years ago, Tointigh and his wife, Keli, adopted two young children. One is named Nolan after fireballing legend Nolan Ryan and the other is named Caroline, after the Neil Diamond song "Sweet Caroline" that has become a Fenway Park musical tradition.



*photo by Meg Giffen*

*Native American John Tointigh is a baseball man through and through.*

Tointigh is the president of a marketing company named Black Horse. The name pays homage to his native American roots. His great-grandmother was a grand-daughter of a war chief named Black Horse.

His father, Jackie, is an artist who works primarily in watercolors and paints under the name Black Horse.

"I started this company and wanted to name it after him," Tointigh said. "With his blessing of course. He was happy to let me use it."

Many Native American athletes have played big-league baseball. When Tointigh was asked to pick his favorite, he chose one born in Oklahoma and certainly one of the most gifted athletes to play baseball, Jim Thorpe.

"That's obviously the easy answer," Tointigh said. "It sounds cliché, perhaps. But when there's a clear choice."

Tointigh said he isn't offended his team is called the Tomahawks and takes no offense at professional sport team names such as Redskins, Braves and Indians. The Washington NFL franchise, formerly the Redskins, has been the center of the controversy.

"I don't think there's any necessity for them to change their name," said Tointigh.

Under any name, John Tointigh is a baseball man through and through.

## Ohio Ace having 'grand' time

BY GLENN MILLER

*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

George Parker of the Germain Ohio Aces is getting noticed this week for a couple of reasons.

He's bashed 2 grand slams and he travels with a "Jobu" figurine.

"He goes everywhere with me," Parker said.

"Jobu", of course, was the voodoo good luck doll of slugger Pedro Cerrano in the baseball comedy "Major League."

"It's my favorite piece of equipment," Parker said.

After his first grand slam of the week, Parker said, "I used 'Jobu's power to hit that grand slam."

Parker said he's been taking the doll with him to every game for 5 or 6 years. He got the figurine from a cousin, Zach Braddock, who pitched for the Milwaukee Brewers in 2010 and 2011.



# 'Mr. Trumpet' jazzed to perform

BY GLENN MILLER  
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Jim Doepke will play the national anthem on his trumpet for five successive Saturdays prior to championship games at City of Palms Park. He brings an unusual resume.

Doepke has played in 29 of the current 30 Major League Baseball stadiums, missing only Globe Life Field. That is the new home of the Texas Rangers. Doepke played in their previous stadium.

How many Roy Hobbs players can say they played in 30 big-league stadiums, whether as a player or musician? The Estero, Florida resident and former Wisconsin high school band director plays the anthem on a Bach Stradivarius trumpet.

Since retiring from Waukesha North High School in 2007, Doepke

has played the anthem before numerous pro baseball games and collegiate sporting events.

The pandemic has sidelined him. Saturday's appearance at City of Palms Park will be his first performance since March 11, when he played prior to a Florida Gulf Coast University women's basketball game. His last baseball game was March 9 at Hammond Stadium before a Cardinals-Twins Grapefruit League game.

"I'm absolutely thrilled to play again," said Doepke, who is known as Mr. Trumpet.

Doepke first heard about the Roy Hobbs World Series last winter and was intrigued by the event.

Now, he's scheduled to play the anthem on championship Saturdays.

"It's an honor," Doepke said.



*photo courtesy of Jim Doepke*  
Jim Doepke will play the national anthem at RHWS 32 4A championship games on his trumpet.

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## VETERANS RESULTS



*Minnesota Web Gems 2B Drew VanLoy awaits late throw against Vukgripz Akron A's runner stealing second.*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

### Thursday

South Bend Cardinals 12, Central Florida Bulldogs 7  
Rock Solid Americans 19, Detroit Dodgers 6  
Germain Ohio Aces 22, Akron Cardinals 10  
Ukraine-NMR 1926 9, Tennessee White Lightnin' 5  
Fort Myers Breeze 11, Bellacino's 10  
Cleveland Steve's Sports 12, Chicago Knights 2

Minnesota Bulldogs 11, Miami Cubs 3  
Cobra Kai 9, Glass City Black Sox 5  
Baltimore Chop 18, Cincinnati Colt .45s 12  
TTown Jack-O's 16, NEO Angels 9  
Panhandle Pirates 23, Flint Tigers 7  
Ukraine-NMR 18, Fort Myers Breeze 16  
Tennessee White Lightnin' 13, Bellacino's Red Sox 2



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# VETERANS STANDINGS

# VETERANS AA PLAYOFF

## Veterans Division Playoffs

### AAA Division

Seed	Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Rock Solid Americans	4	1	.800	21	15
2	Chicago Knights	1	4	.200	60	39
3	Cobra Kai	5	0	1.000	33	19
4	Detroit Dodgers	3	2	.600	45	26
5	South Bend Cardinals	4	1	.800	22	15
6	Germain Ohio Aces	3	2	.600	27	17
7	Glass City Black Sox	3	2	.600	32	15
8	Cleveland Steve Sports	2	3	.400	35	22
9	Central Florida Bulldogs	3	2	.600	38	26
10	Minnesota Bulldogs	2	3	.400	37	23
11	Baltimore Chop	3	2	.600	42	28
12	Miami Cubs	0	5	.000	47	36

Byes/Seeds done by blind draw, with winless teams assigned

### AA Division

Seed	Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Ukraine-NMR 1926	3	2	.600	48	32
2	Akron Cardinals	2	3	.400	51	29
3	Fort Myers Breeze	1	4	.200	77	58
4	Flint Tigers	1	4	.200	68	45
5	TTown Jack-Os	2	3	.400	38	25
6	Tennessee White Lightnin'	2	3	.400	37	27
7	NEO Angels	2	3	.400	64	46
8	Panhandle Pirates	2	3	.400	43	38
9	Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	3	.400	51	33
10	Bellacino's Red Sox	0	5	.000	63	41

Byes/Seeds done by blind draw, with winless teams assigned







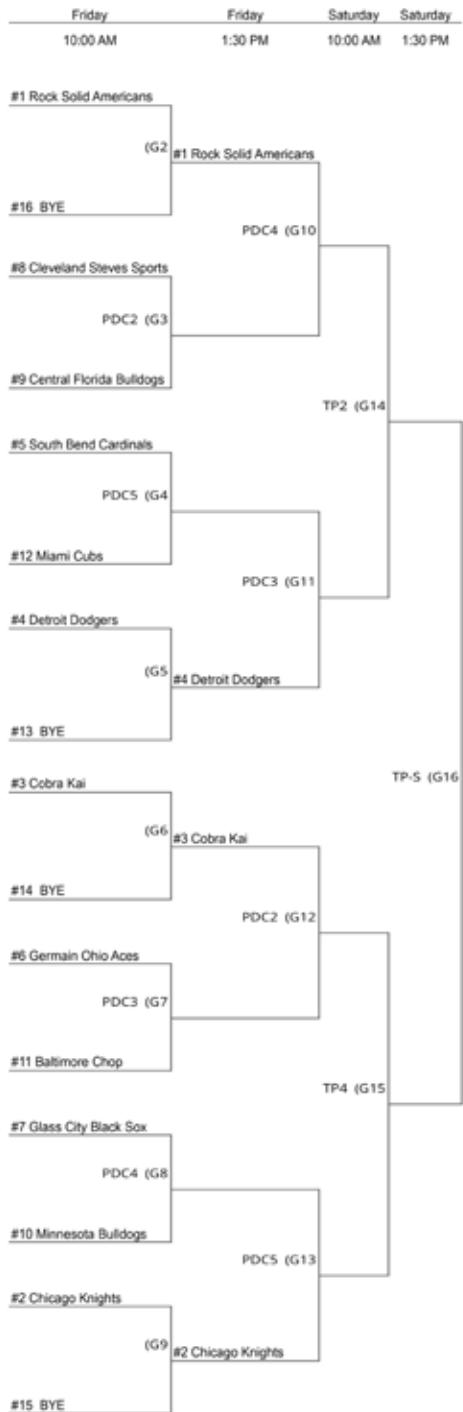
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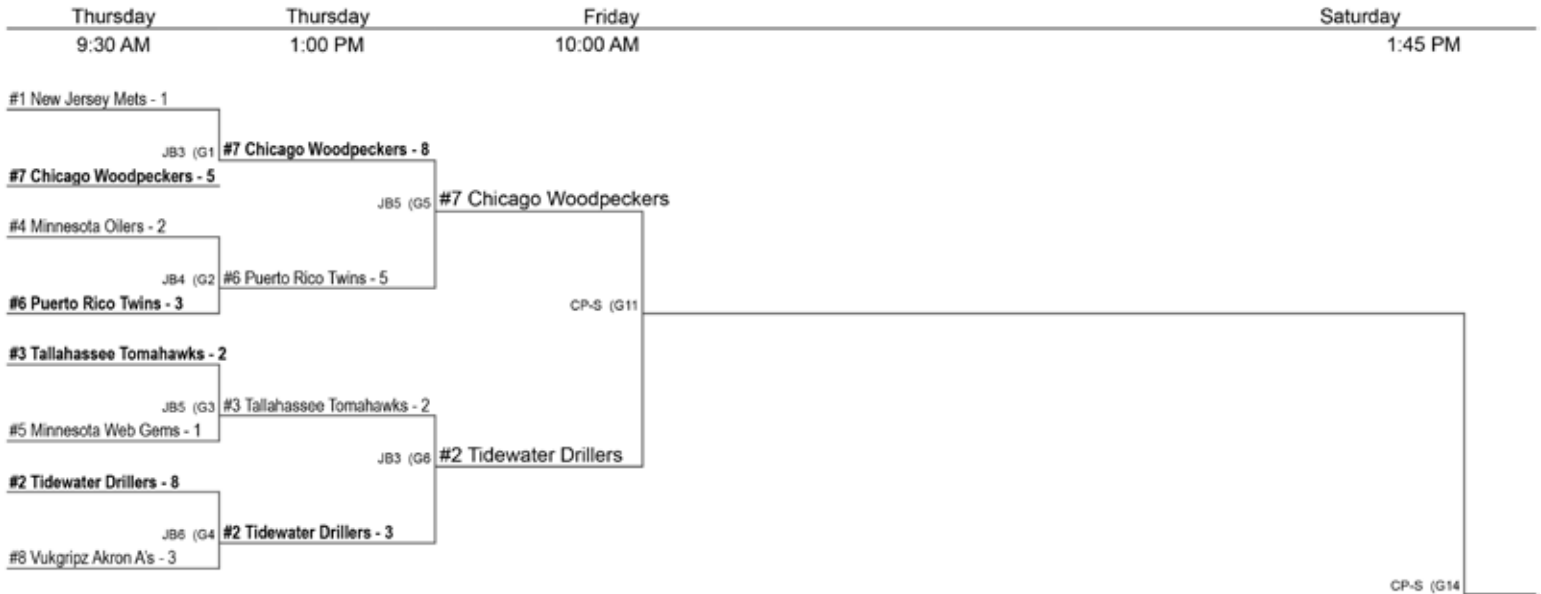
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# VETERANS AAA PLAYOFF



*photo by Greg Wagner*  
Minnesota Oilers center fielder Charlie Rudd tracks down a high fly ball vs. the New Jersey Mets.

# VETERANS AAA PLAYOFF



Ukraine NM1926 pitcher vs. the Fort Myers Breeze.



photo by Greg Wagner

NEO Angels Dex Littlefield steals second as T-Town Jack-O's Jason Freeman awaits throw.



photo by Greg Wagner

# NOTEBOOK

## Welcome to RHWS 2020, COVID-19 19 Style

Welcome to 2020 Roy Hobbs World Series. We are glad you are here, but as you can see, this is a new day, a different day.

Our goal here at Roy Hobbs is for you to have a great time and to be safe here at this tournament.

With that in mind, here are some things we expect and are doing ...

1. All participants and patrons must show proof of a mask in their possession and get their temperature taken before entering any of the complexes we are using.
2. Players must have their player ID card in order to enter.
3. Wearing masks is not mandated inside the complexes; however, it is required if social distancing – 3-4 feet outside – is not possible. Specific sites for masks will be stands, outside batting cages, the Pro Shop and offices.
4. We are providing game participants bottled water in the dugouts; please recycle.
5. Headquarters offices are outside the clubhouse on

the lanai area; all are welcome. All meetings will be held outside.

6. Our CV19 protocols are on pages 9-15 of your event program and available at royhobbs.com.

End of the day, we want everyone to be safe, to be able to return home safely and whole.

Please remember, know the risks, avoid risks and practice **individual social responsibility**.



## 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 first 4 games.

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their line-up 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

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Panhandle Pirates baserunner leads off of 3rd base vs. the Flint Tigers

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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 Monday/Tuesday to return on Thursday/Friday 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 Rob Giffen [rg@royhobbs.com](mailto:rg@royhobbs.com) the night before their playoffs begin.



## 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 2019 RHWS led to some \$15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.



## Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings EVERY DAY.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament Headquarters ([rg@royhobbs.com](mailto:rg@royhobbs.com) or text 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 dug-out, please police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### Thursday

**Tennessee White Lightnin' 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 7:** (Lightnin'): Hitting: Dennis Allen 2 for 3, 2 RBI, Garrett Calhoun 2 for 4 2 RBI, Gabe Orendorff 2 for 4 2 RBI. Pitching: Gabe Orendorff W, 8 IP, 9 Hits, 7 Runs, 5 ER.

### Tuesday

**New Jersey Mets 8, Minnesota Web Gems 4:** (Mets) Hitting: Brendan Malone: 2 for 2, sacrifice fly. Pitching: Matt Desalvo: 6 IP, 0 ER.

**Glass City Black Sox 10, Tennessee White Lightnin' 0:** (White Lightnin') Hitting: Ed Tignor 1 for 2. Garrett Calhoun 1 for 2. Pitching: Ryan Willis 4 IP, 2 ER, 2 K.

**Rock Solid Americans 9, Tennessee White Lightnin' 2:** (White Lightnin') Hitting: Jon Mikel-Moody 1 for 2, 2b, RBI. Gabe Orendorff 1 for 2, BB. Pitching: Mike Mewbourn 7 IP, 4 ER, 1 K.

**Detroit Dodgers 3, T-Town Jacko's 2:** (Detroit) Hitting: Sean Dobson 2 for 2, 2b.

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