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Strachan's love of game best medicine for brain disorder

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Every Roy Hobbs baseball player sacrifices and takes risks to continue playing the game he loves.

Not many, though, willingly endure a 10-hour brain operation so they can resume playing. That's what Glenn Strachan of the Baltimore Astros did on Sept. 28, 2015 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

"It's quintessential me," Strachan said, "The real story of me."

The real story includes a familial disorder called benign essential tremor. Don't be confused by the word "benign."

From hopkinsmedicine.com: "When severe, it is certainly not 'benign' and can affect your ability to eat, drink, write or perform other activities of daily life."

Baseball is out of the question if one can't eat or drink.

Strachan, now 63, has loved the game since his California childhood. As his symptoms worsened through his 50s, playing baseball became impossible. So, at the age of 58, he underwent the procedure in which he was awake the entire time. He said the brain does not feel pain.

Still, the prospect of 10 hours on an operating table with doctors poking around in one's brain must be daunting. But Strachan had a strong desire - play baseball again.

"That was the only thing that motivated me," Strachan said.

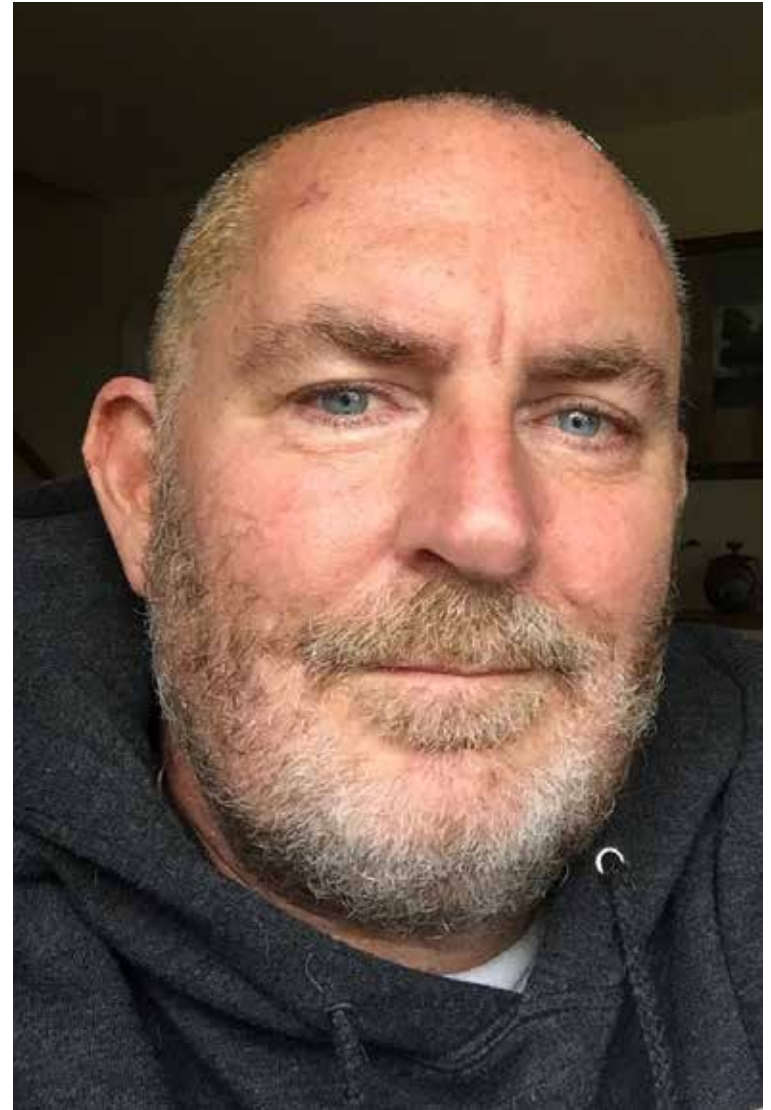
Strachan said the procedure involves attaching a pacemaker to the brain. He said a hole was drilled in the top of his head and a device in his chest "fires a 'charge' to his brain that controls the tremor.

There was a magical moment in the procedure when the pacemaker is attached to the hypothalamus at the base of the brain and turned on. Strachan said as soon it was turned on the tremors went away.

Strachan is the chief information and technology officer at Johns Hopkins University. The illness and surgery affected him in some ways.

"I am not as quick verbally as I was," Strachan said.

He didn't endure the operation to become wittier. He wanted to resume playing the game. Once the operation was over and he had recovered physically, Strachan focused



*photo courtesy of Glenn Strachan
Glenn Strachan, motivated by baseball.*

on returning to the field. He began exercising and eating better and dropped his weight from 223 pounds to 175.

He said the surgery costs \$250,000 but between his Johns Hopkins employee discount and insurance he had to pay only \$1,500 out of pocket.

Strachan was in the hospital only 24 hours and then was released because his doctors feared he was susceptible to MRSA, a dangerous staph infection.

Now, five years later and 48 pounds lighter, Glenn Strachan is playing baseball again.

That 10-hour operation?

"But to play baseball I'd do it again," Strachan said.

Fornicola brothers embrace return to diamond

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The last time Chuck, 54, and Bob Fornicola, 52, played on the same baseball team, the Toronto Blue Jays won the World Series, a kid named Derek Jeter was the No. 6 overall pick in the MLB Draft and Tom Seaver was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

That was 1992 and they played in a Wisconsin rec league. The brothers had previously played together at James Madison High in Milwaukee. This week, they are teammates on the Crystal Clinic Indians.

This is the first Roy Hobbs World Series for both.

Playing together isn't as easy now as when they attended the same high school. Chuck resides in Jackson Township, Ohio, and Bob is in Woodbridge, Ill.

Both have carved out careers far apart. Chuck has worked for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 25 years and is a senior global



photo courtesy of Bob Lay

Bob Fornicola (L) and Chuck Fornicola, playing together again.

program manager. Bob is a vice president for a software company called Mitchell International.

As boys, they played baseball or some variation of it as often as possible. Separated by only two years, sometimes that meant playing a version of baseball in the basement.

Now, under Florida sunshine, the

Fornicola boys are back together. They wear real uniforms and play on first-class diamonds and are staying on Fort Myers Beach.

But one thing counts the most.

"Honestly," Chuck said, "the best part is being with my brother."

Chuck echoed him and said, "Without a doubt."

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MASTERS RESULTS



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Kreuger's Krew centerfielder Tony Moore's great effort to capture an Orlando Brewers' hit into right center was not successful.

Thursday's Results

AAAA Playoffs

First Round

- #1 Orlando Brewers 14, #8 Keuger's Krew 4
- #6 New Jersey Railriders 12, #4 HPK Oilers 5
- #5 Minnesota Diamonds 12, #3 Orlando Braves 9

- #2 Pittsburgh 6, #7 Chicago North Redhawks 2

Second Round / Winners' Bracket

- #1 Orlando Brewers 7, #6 New Jersey Railriders 6 (10)
- #2 Pittsburgh 13, #5 Minnesota Diamonds 2

Second Round / Losers' Bracket

- #4 Oilers 11, #8 Kreuger's Krew 1
- #3 Orlando Braves 9, #7 Chicago North Redhawks 8



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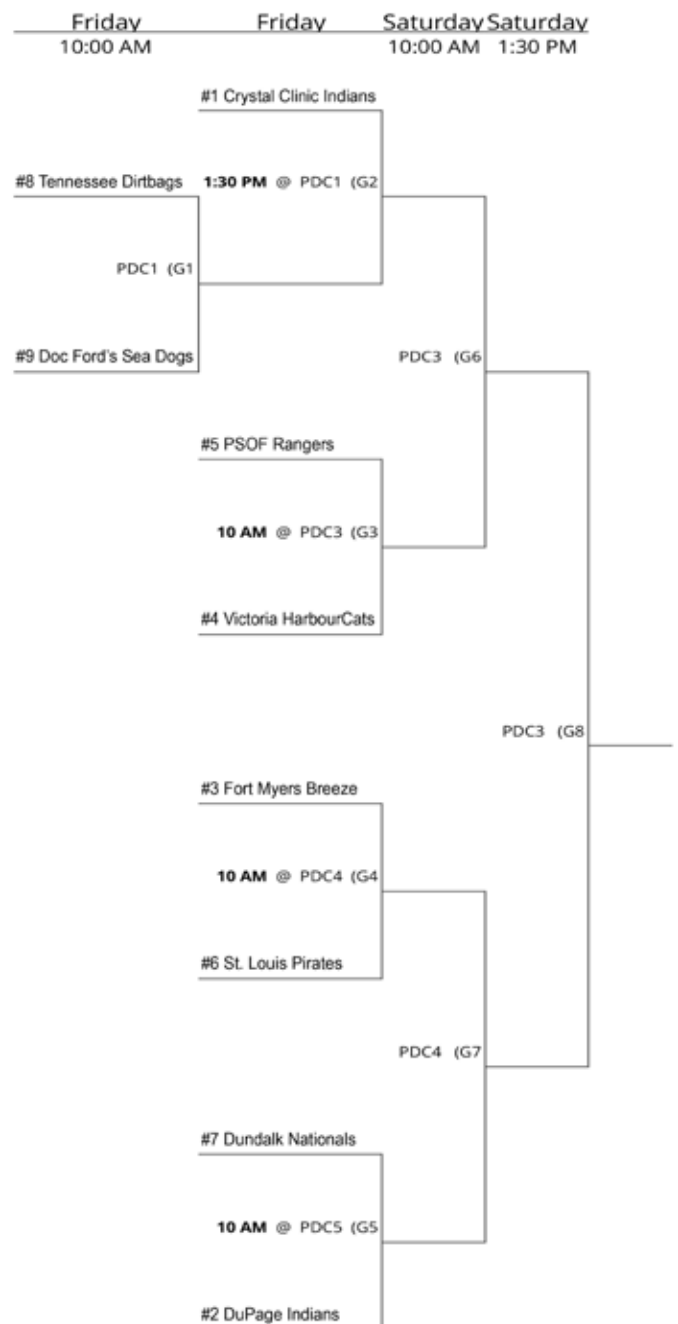
AAA Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
Chicago Knights	5	0	1.000	26	17
Cleveland Cobras	4	1	.800	29	16
Swamp Donkeys	4	1	.800	26	18
Dayton Ducks	4	1	.800	28	18
Maine Black Bears	4	1	.800	37	18
Jersey Shore Baseball	4	1	.800	42	24
*Lehigh Valley Railriders	3	2	.600	37	23
Lake Erie Blue Jays	3	2	.600	45	34
Windy City Warriors	3	2	.600	54	37
*Baltimore Thunder	3	2	.600	62	38
*Kent Mudhens	3	3	.500	67	48
*Jet Box	2	3	.400	30	22
*NW Indiana Dogs	2	3	.400	37	25
*Chicago Colts	2	3	.400	43	29
*Tidewater Drillers	2	3	.400	46	33
*Kenmore Orioles	1	4	.200	50	36

AA Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
Huntsville Havoc	2	3	.400	39	26
New Jersey Thunder Twins	2	3	.400	42	25
Lansing Blue Jays	2	3	.400	41	27
Baltimore Astros	3	2	.600	59	42
Chicago Cardinals	2	3	.400	36	22
Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	3	.400	45	28
Minnesota Bandits	2	3	.400	46	26
Carolina Thunder	2	3	.400	43	29
*South Atlanta Twins	2	3	.400	46	32
*Dayton Wolves	1	4	.200	47	32
*Winnepesaukee Muskrats	1	4	.200	49	34
*Minneapolis Millers	1	4	.200	53	38

A Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
Crystal Clinic Indians	1	4	.200	59	39
DuPage Indians	1	4	.200	50	32
Fort Myers Breeze	2	3	.400	56	39
Victoria HarbourCats	1	4	.200	60	35
PSOF Rangers	1	4	.200	72	48
St. Louis Pirates	1	4	.200	41	28
Dundalk Nationals	2	3	.400	66	43
Tennessee Dirtbags	1	4	.200	43	26
Doc Ford's Sea Dogs	0	5	.000	70	48

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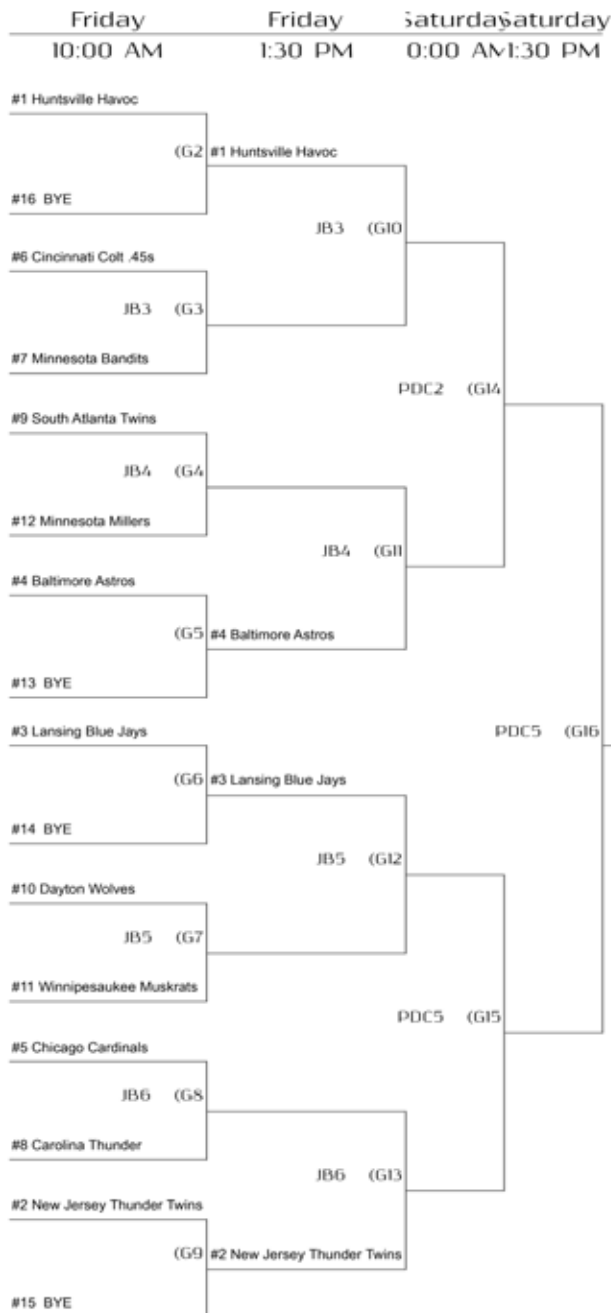


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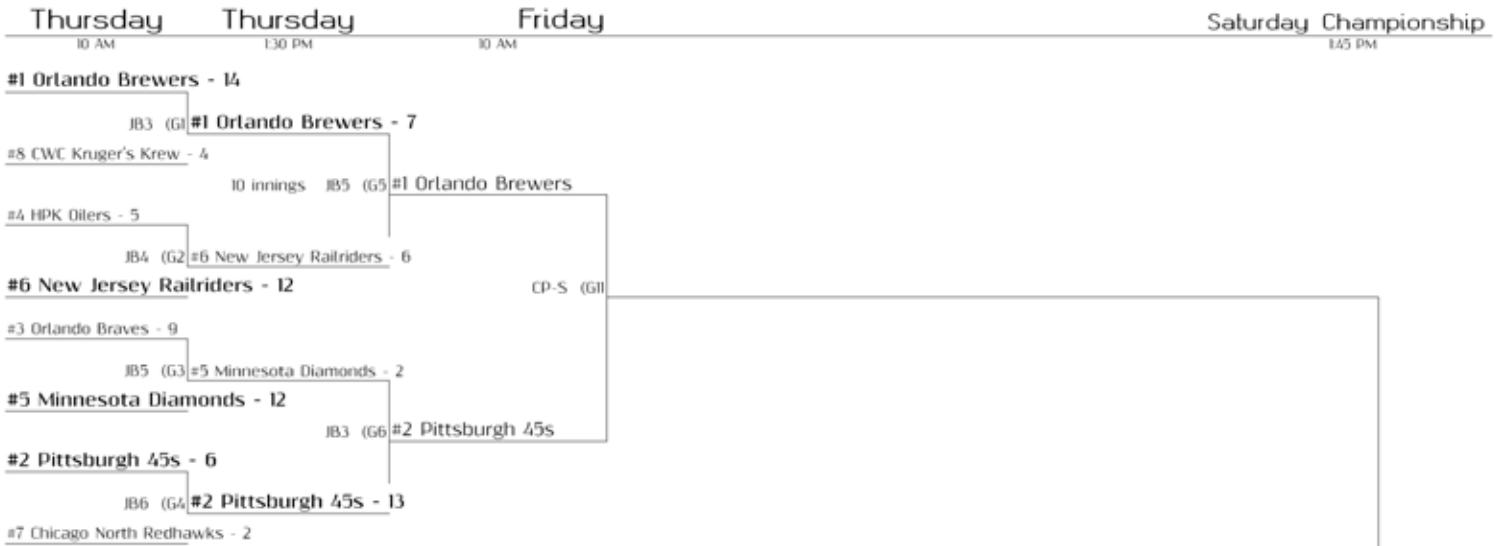


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 Kreuger's Krew 1B Dale Roe stretches for a throw.



photo by Greg Wagner
 Orlando Braves pitcher Fredi Pagan delivers vs. Minnesota Diamonds.

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NOTEBOOK

Welcome to RHWS 2020, COVID-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 **REQUIRED** 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



Cleveland Cobras Dan Lydon braces for impact from a high & tight pitch vs. DuPage Indians.

photo by Greg Wagner

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**.

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Long-time Roy Hobbs W.S. veteran Gary Fischer rips a solid single to center vs. the Baltimore Astros at C.O.P. Stadium

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Orlando Brewers
lefty Reggie
Torrealba
delivers pitch to
Kreuger's Krew.



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Tennessee
Dirtbags
Rick Miller
completing a
double play vs.
Chicago Colts.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Chicago Cardinals 17, Victoria HarbourCats 6: (Cardinals) Hitting: Kevin Renn 2-3, RBI; Jason Murray 2-2, 2 RBI; Mike Williams 2-2; Russell Walker 2-4 RBI; Tad Dickerson 2-2, 3 RBI; Johnny Taylor 3-4, RBI.

Cleveland Cobras 5, DuPage Indians 3: (Cobras) Hitting: Ron Stavnicky 3-3, SB; Bruce Ingleright 1-2 R. Pitching: Bob Ballenger 6 IP, 1 ER; Marc Adkins 2 IP, K.

Dayton Ducks 13, Cleveland Cobras 3: (Cobras) Hitting: Jack Baker 2-3; Jerry Patton 2B, RBI. Pitching: Marc Adkins 2 IP; Tony Martin 5 IP.

Orlando Braves 9, NW Indiana Dogs 2: (Braves) Pitching: Brad Schmor 9 IP, 9H, 0Rs, 3K, 1BB. Defense: The Braves turned 3DPs.

Winnepesaukee Muskrats 17, Fort Myers Breeze 6: (Muskrats) Hitting: Gary Pisa 3-4, 3 RBI; Mike Settles 3-4, 4 RBI; Mike Smith 2-3, 3 RBI, 1 HR. Pitching: Bill Harkins, 7 IP, 6R, 4 ER, 9H, 1K.

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