



THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 1

VETERANS
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BASEBALL BUDDIES FORGE STRONG BOND

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Jason Murray and Kevin Renn of the South Bend Cardinals epitomize what Roy Hobbs Baseball is about.

They met at the 2010 Roy Hobbs World Series, when as free agents they became teammates and later friends. A decade later they remain teammates and friends.

Their friendship was forged through baseball. They respect each other as ballplayers and their regard for each other was evident in the ribbing they exchanged Sunday morning at the PDC before a game against the NEO Angels.

When they met both were 35 and barely old enough to play Roy Hobbs. Now, a decade later they're settling into middle age but have not lost their passion for the game.

They respect the other man's love for the game.

"He can't get enough of the game," Murray said. "He plays more than I do. I play about 90 games a year and he plays 110, 115. Can't get enough of the game. We haven't grown up yet."

When they first met, Murray wasn't sure about Renn.

"I didn't like him the first time I met him," Murray said. "I thought he was cocky."

Now how do they feel about each other?

"The good news is I still don't like him" Renn said with a laugh.

All kidding aside, Murray recalls his first impression of Renn as a player.

"He was kind of a hard-nosed player," Murray said. "Playing short and battling third in the line-up and it's usually where you put the best player and he came over and proved he was the best player on the team."

Renn recalls his first look at the 6-foot-2, 230-pounder.

"A giant man," Renn said.

Despite his size, Murray downplays his ability.

"I'm pretty much a non-athlete," Murray said.



photo by Meg Giffen
South Bend (Indiana) Cardinals Kevin Renn (left) and Jason Murray celebrating 10 years friendship on the diamond at 2020 RHWS.

Ask Murray what position he plays and he will say "first base and left out."

To hear Renn talk about his friend that doesn't sound true. He talked in awed tones about a "bomb" for a grand slam that Murray hit at a field in Ohio. It soared out of the park and into treetops.

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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 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.



*photo by Greg Wagner
Puerto Rico Twins starting pitcher Jose Heredia delivers against the
Chicago Woodpeckers.*

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

Sunday's Games

Baltimore Chop 13, Detroit Dodgers 3
 Central Florida Bulldogs 12, Panhandle Pirates 5
 Cincinnati Colt .45s 14, Flint Tigers - 11
 Cobra Kai 15, Fort Myers Breeze 4
 Detroit Dodgers 10, Central Florida Bulldogs 5
 Flint Tigers 11, Ukraine-NMR 1926 8
 Glass City Black Sox 11, Bellacino's Red Sox 1
 Minnesota Oilers 10, Miami Cubs 3
 Minnesota Web Gems 9, Chicago Knights 6

NEO Angels 15, Fort Myers Breeze 14
 New Jersey Mets 4, Vukgripz Akron A's 3
 Puerto Rico Twins 5, Chicago Woodpeckers 1
 Rock Solid Americans 9, Tennessee White Lighnin' 2
 South Bend Cardinals 18, NEO Angels 4
 South Bend Cardinals 22, Bellacino's Red Sox 1
 Tallahassee Tomahawks 8, Minnesota Bulldogs 0
 Tidewater Drillers 11, Cleveland Steve's Sports 3
 TTown Jack-O's 4, Akron Cardinals 3
 Ukraine-NMR 1926 5, Germain Ohio Aces 4



Glass City Black Sox Theron Easley leads off against Bellacino's Red Sox.

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VETERANS STANDINGS

Group 1

Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Tallahassee Tomahawks	1	0	1.000	0
Puerto Rico Twins	1	0	1.000	1
Minnesota Oilers	1	0	1.000	3
New Jersey Mets	1	0	1.000	3
Tidewater Drillers	1	0	1.000	3
Minnesota Web Gems	1	0	1.000	6
Vukgripz Akron A's	0	1	.000	4
Chicago Woodpeckers	0	1	.000	5
Minnesota Bulldogs	0	1	.000	8
Chicago Knights	0	1	.000	9
Miami Cubs	0	1	.000	10
Cleveland Steve Sports	0	1	.000	11

Group 2

Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
South Bend Cardinals	2	0	1.000	5
Glass City Black Sox	1	0	1.000	1
Rock Solid Americans	1	0	1.000	2
Baltimore Chop	1	0	1.000	3
TTown Jack-Os	1	0	1.000	3
Cobra Kai	1	0	1.000	4
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	0	1.000	11
Ukraine-NMR 1926	1	1	.500	15
Central Florida Bulldogs	1	1	.500	16
Detroit Dodgers	1	1	.500	18
Flint Tigers	1	1	.500	22
NEO Angels	1	1	.500	32
Akron Cardinals	0	1	.000	4
Germain Ohio Aces	0	1	.000	5
Tennessee White Lightnin'	0	1	.000	9
Panhandle Pirates	0	1	.000	12
Fort Myers Breeze	0	1	.000	30
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	2	.000	33



photo by Greg Wagner
Chicago Woodpeckers infielder Hugo Munoz puts the tag on a Puerto Rico Twins Jesus Santiago after a rundown.



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VETERANS SCHEDULE



Tennessee White Lightnin' starting pitcher Mike Mewbourn against Rock Solid Americans at City of Palms Stadium.

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MONDAY 10:00

Chicago Woodpeckers @ Tallahassee Tomahawks, JB3
Puerto Rico Twins @ Cleveland Steve's Sports, JB4
Minnesota Bulldogs @ Tidewater Drillers, JB5
Cobra Kai @ Flint Tigers, CP-S
Minnesota Oilers @ New Jersey Mets, PDC1
NEO Angels @ Ukraine-NMR 1926, PDC2
Miami Cubs @ Minnesota Web Gems, PDC3
Baltimore Chop @ Akron Cardinals, PDC4
Vukgripz Akron A's @ Chicago Knights, PDC5
Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Bellacino's Red Sox, TP-S

Glass City Black Sox @ Rock Solid Americans, TP2
Fort Myers Breeze @ Germain Ohio Aces, TP4

2:00

Tidewater Drillers @ Chicago Woodpeckers, JB4
Tallahassee Tomahawks @ Puerto Rico Twins, JB5
Cleveland Steve's Sports, @ Minnesota Bulldogs, JB6
Detroit Dodgers @ Panhandle Pirates, CP-S
New Jersey Mets @ Miami Cubs, PDC2
Chicago Knights @ Minnesota Oilers, PDC3
Minnesota Web Gems @ Vukgripz Akron A's, PDC4
TTown Jack-O's @ Central Florida Bulldogs, PDC5
South Bend Cardinals @ Glass City Black Sox, TP-S
Tennessee White Lightnin' @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, TP2



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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 8th and 9th 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 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 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 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.



First Aid

Two key First Aid items: Drink plenty of water before and during the games; don't just wait until the game is starting. 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. If they are not readily available, the person in concessions can contact them.

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. While we are allowing personal coolers this year, pitchers need to plan for ice for their arms and supply it.

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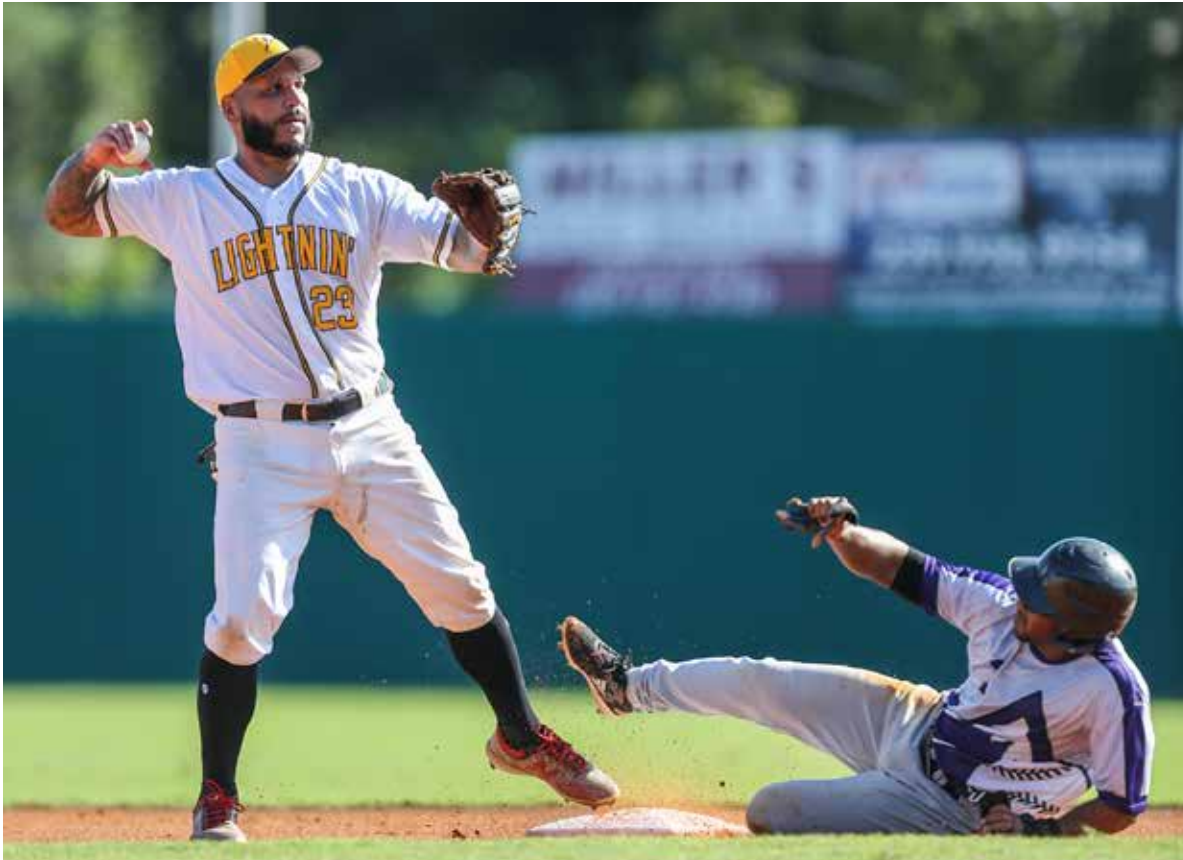
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Mike Wiesen on the mound for Bellacino's Red Sox vs. the Glass City Black Sox.

Get your team signed up
for a photo plan this week.
Call Greg at 239-898-8677 asap.

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Tennessee White Lightning's 2nd baseman Leo Rubio opted not to throw to first after forcing the Rock Solid Americans runner out at 2nd.

photo by Greg Wagner

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◆ ◆ ◆ Admission: \$1 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is \$1 per game or \$5 for a tournament pass. Players will use their player ID card that guarantees them access to all sites whether they are playing or not. Non-player spectators will pay \$1 for entrance into each complex and are good for all sites for one day.

The \$5 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters (PDC). There is no family pass. Everyone 12 and up needs to have a 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.

◆ ◆ ◆ Playing site security

The active steps taken several years ago to deal with parking lot security will continue as parking lot theft issues have – knock on wood – not been an issue the last 7 years.

Are we out of the woods? No, it is a daily procedure and effort to make sure parking lots are safe.

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BASEBALL BUDDIES

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"I came up next after him and the catcher says, 'top that,'" Renn said. "I popped up."

Murray recalls a 2011 World Series game in which Renn dazzled at short.

"A total human vacuum cleaner," Murray said.

He said opponents yelled at their own batters to not hit the ball to short.

"That day he was Ozzie Smith," Murray said.

Every day Jason Murray and Kevin Renn remain friends, a decade after first meeting.



photo by Greg Wagner

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Once again, Roy Hobbs will have personnel posted at the player/spectators' entrances to Terry Park, PDC, JetBlue Complex.

These individuals will have a view of the parking lot, and they will be available in emergencies, be enforcing our pandemic protocols and handling admissions.



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 as well.

