



THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 1

VETERANS
DIVISION

OCT. 22nd

Ohio Aces play for pleasure, not pressure



photo by Greg Wagner

Germain Ohio Aces ... (left to right) Lieutenant Ron Clark, Deputy Josh Crosby, Sergeant Keith Barker, Detective Scott Polgar

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Germain Ohio Aces know about real pressure, pressure beyond that of baseball.

The Aces' roster includes a Columbus, Ohio homicide detective who previously investigated sexual assaults. That is manager Scott Polgar, whose teammates include two other Columbus police officers, an officer from the suburb of Hilliard and a Franklin County officer.

Down a run in the ninth inning with the bases loaded and two outs in the ninth inning? That's not pressure compared to what Polgar confronts back home.

Other Aces include an emergency room doctor, a neurologist and an oncology nurse who deals with head and neck cancers.

"They are better at medicine than they are at baseball," Polgar said.

The Aces are professionals in

medicine and police work but baseball amateurs.

Polgar said the team used to be comprised of all police officers but some got older and drifted away. The squad this week includes players from three Ohio teams.

The professional training of the Aces came in handy on the way to a game at Terry Park this week when a car flipped on Summerlin Road in front of them. They were headed south when a north bound car flipped multiple times and hit a retaining wall. The female driver was not seriously injured.

They didn't need to perform any medical or police procedures.

"We just sat there," said Ace Ron Clark, who is an officer with the Hilliard Police Department. "Turned the car off. Made sure she got out."

That was real-life pressure. Either in station houses, on the beat or in hospitals there is camaraderie that

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8 teams set for AAAA playoffs

The Veterans Division AAAA double-elimination playoffs start Thursday with 8 teams.

The division will play two rounds of games Thursday, all at JetBlue.

The seeds and matchups in the division are:

#7 Chicago Woodpeckers at #1 New Jersey Mets

#5 Minnesota Web Gems at #3 Tallahassee Tomahawks

#6 Puerto Rico Twins at #4 Minnesota Oilers

#8 Vukgripz A's at #2 Tidewater Drillers.

5-6- and 7-8-seeded teams switched first-round opponents to avoid rematches of Wednesday afternoon games.

The Veterans Group 2 teams will play pool game 5 Thursday and move into AAA and AA playoffs on Friday.

Game 5 matches teams with similar records but have not played each other yet. Plus, there will be 2 Tuesday games suspended by rain completed Thursday.

AAA-AA playoff brackets will be set late Thursday afternoon. We anticipate 12 in AAA and 10 in AA. There will be byes available however, those will be established through a drawing in order to be fair to the teams dropping from AAAA since they faced top-level competition the first 4 games.

The seeding and scheduling for Thursday's games and the AAAA playoff games will be posted at World Series Headquarters at the Player Development Complex and be available on royhobbs.com/world-series.

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may be similar to baseball.

"We're both dealing with the unknown," said Dr. Steven Simensky, the neurologist.

Polgar believes their professional roles may help on the field.

"You handle pressure maybe better than other people handle it," Polgar said. "And you appreciate a little more that it's just a game."

Dr. Daniel Zelinski isn't in an emergency room this week. Josh Crosby isn't patrolling. Ron Clark wears a baseball uniform instead of a police uniform. Keith Barkley isn't in charge of field training for the Columbus Police Department.

Back home, their work investigating murders, and saving lives and comforting the ill is not a game.

This week is special for Aces such as Adrian Riley, an oncology nurse at the James Cancer Center in Columbus.

"I am not thinking about cancer while I'm here," Riley said. "I'm not checking emails. This is my no-stress, come down here and have some fun time. I love it."



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 Germain Ohio Aces' public servants ... (left to right) Lieutenant Ron Clark, Deputy Josh Crosby, Sergeant Keith Barker, Detective Scott Polgar.



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VETERANS RESULTS

Wednesday

10:00

Tallahassee Tomahawks 6, Chicago Woodpeckers 2
 Puerto Rico Twins 8, Cleveland Steve's Sports 0
 Tidewater Drillers 14, Minnesota Bulldogs 13
 Cobra Kai 15, Flint Tigers 14
 New Jersey Mets 8, Minnesota Oilers 7
 NEO Angels 12, Ukraine-NMR 6
 Minnesota Web Gems 9, Miami Cubs 4
 Akron Cardinals 14, Baltimore Chop 8
 Vukgripz Akron A's 10, Chicago Knights 3
 Cincinnati Colt .45s 6, Bellacino's Red Sox 5
 Glass City Black Sox 6, Rock Solid Americans 5
 Germain Ohio Aces 19, Fort Myers Breeze 2

2:00

Detroit Tigers 11, Panhandle Pirates 6
 Tidewater Drillers 10, Chicago Woodpeckers 5
 Tallahassee Tomahawks 8, Puerto Rico Twins 7
 Minnesota Bulldogs 13, Cleveland Steve's Sports 7
 New Jersey Mets 8, Miami Cubs 3
 Minnesota Oilers 21, Chicago Knights 2
 Minnesota Web Gems 11, Vukgripz Akron A's 7
 Central Florida Bulldogs 10, TTown Jack-O's 9
 South Bend Cardinals 17, Glass City Black Sox 3
 Tennessee White Lighnin' 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 7



photo by Greg Wagner
 Base umpire Frank Parker makes the out call in the White Lightnin'/Colt .45's game at Terry Park 2.



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VETERANS STANDINGS



Former Fort Myers Miracle player Jayson Best (pitcher, 1992) bats for the South Bend Cardinals vs. the Glass City Black Sox.

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Greg Wagner

Veterans Division Standings Group AAAA

Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
New Jersey Mets	4	0	1.000	17
Tidewater Drillers	4	0	1.000	24
Tallahassee Tomahawks	3	1	.750	12
Minnesota Oilers	3	1	.750	16
Minnesota Web Gems	3	1	.750	25
Puerto Rico Twins	2	2	.500	13
Chicago Woodpeckers	1	3	.250	21
Vukgripz Akron A's	1	3	.250	23

Group 2

Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Cobra Kai	4	0	1.000	28
Rock Solid Americans	3	1	.750	15
South Bend Cardinals	3	1	.750	15
Glass City Black Sox	3	1	.750	23

Detroit Dodgers	3	1	.750	26
Central Florida Bulldogs	3	1	.750	26
Germain Ohio Aces	2	2	.500	17
Akron Cardinals	2	2	.500	29
Baltimore Chop	2	2	.500	30
Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	2	.500	33
NEO Angels	2	2	.500	48
Tennessee White Lightnin'	1	2	.333	26
Ukraine-NMR 1926	1	2	.333	27
Flint Tigers	1	3	.333	45
TTown Jack-Os	1	3	.250	29
Cleveland Steve Sports*	1	3	.250	33
Minnesota Bulldogs*	1	3	.250	34
Panhandle Pirates	1	3	.250	43
Chicago Knights*	1	3	.250	48
Miami Cubs*	0	4	.000	36
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	3	.000	39
Fort Myers Breeze	0	3	.000	49



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VETERANS SCHEDULE

Veterans Division

Thursday's Pool Game 5 Schedule

Flip for home team in all games

10 AM

Central Florida Bulldogs vs. South Bend Cardinals, PDC1

Detroit Dodgers vs. Rock Solid Americans, PDC2

Akron Cardinals vs. Germain Ohio Aces, PDC3

Tennessee White Lightin' vs. Ukraine NMR-1926, PDC4

Bellacino's Red Sox vs. Fort Myers Breeze, PDC5

Chicago Knights vs. Cleveland Steve Sports, TP-S

Miami Cubs vs. Minnesota Bulldogs, TP2

Cobra Kai vs. Glass City Black Sox, TP3

Baltimore Chop vs. Cincinnati Colts, TP4

1:30 PM

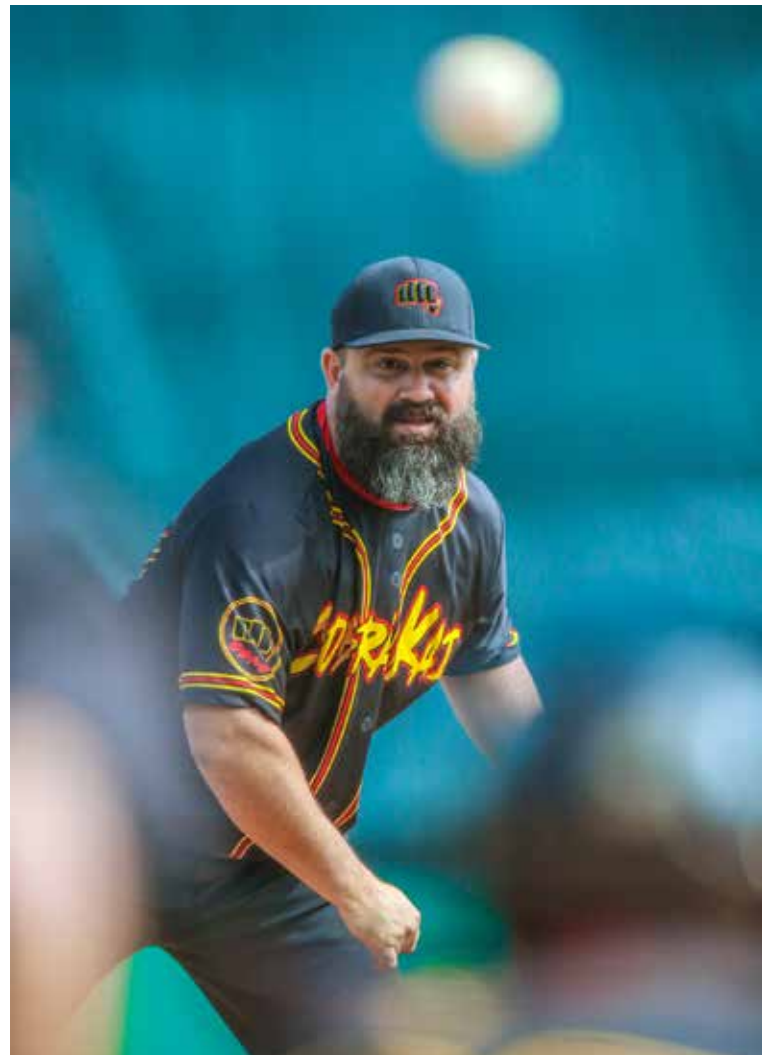
NEO Angels vs. T-Town Jackos, PDC4

Flint Tigers vs. Panhandle Pirates, PDC5

Resume Tuesday's suspended games, complete 7 innings

Bellacino's Red Sox @ Tennessee White Lightnin', PDC2

Ukraine NMR-1926 @ Fort Myers Breeze, PDC3



*photo by Greg Wagner
Cobra Kai right-hander Tully Steward delivers against Flint Tigers at CPS.*



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PLAYOFF BRACKET

Veterans AAAA Playoff

Thursday	Thursday	Friday
9:30 AM	1:00 PM	10:00 AM

#1 New Jersey Mets

JB3 (G1)

#7 Chicago Woodpeckers

JB5 (G5)

#4 Minnesota Oilers

JB4 (G2)

#6 Puerto Rico Twins

CP-S (G11)

#3 Tallahassee Tomahawks

JB5 (G3)

#5 Minnesota Web Gems

JB3 (G6)

#2 Tidewater Drillers

JB6 (G4)

#8 Vukgripz Akron A's

Loser's Bracket

Thursday	Friday
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1:00 PM	10 AM
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L6

L1

TP-S (G9)

JB6 (G7)

L2

L3

JB4 (G8)

L4

TP3 (G10)

L5

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.

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www.wagnerphotography.com



Cobra Kai turns a double play
vs. the Flint Tigers
at City of Palms Stadium

Is your team playing next week?
Call Greg at 239-898-8677 to get
signed up for a photo plan.

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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 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 de-

fensive 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 dugout, please police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.



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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.



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.

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.

HIGHLIGHTS From 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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