



# THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 2

MASTERS  
DIVISION

OCT. 27<sup>th</sup>

## Swamp Donkeys have the edge in name game

BY GLENN MILLER

*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

Swamp Donkeys certainly isn't a traditional baseball name like Dodgers, Yankees or Cardinals.

But it seems to fit this squad from the St. Louis area.

"We're also called Swamp Asses," Manager Scott Knepper said.

Swamp Donkey Jon Parrish said the name is appropriate for the team's fun-loving nature.

"If you knew the rest of the guys it's not unexpected," Parrish said between games of a doubleheader Monday at JetBlue.

The team name has a bit of an unpleasant meaning, according to Swamp Donkey Jason Kirkpatrick.

He said it is British slang for a drunken British whore.

Back in St. Louis, Kirkpatrick is a psychotherapist. Do his patients know of his baseball identity?

"No, they do not know I'm a Swamp Donkey," Kirkpatrick said.

As he spoke, Kirkpatrick was sitting in aluminum bleachers between games of a doubleheader, soaking up the comradeship of baseball with teammates Andre Payne and Arron Benne and engaging in banter.

"I'm paid to be the therapist," Kirkpatrick joked. "Not well. It's more work than I can handle."

It was a good day to be a Swamp Donkey. They played and won a baseball game on a warm fall day. The sun was shining. They had wolfed down hot dogs or cheeseburgers for a quick lunch between games.

The workaday world was far away. They are grown men playing a boy's game. Do the families and kids back home think their dads have lost their minds going away to Florida to play ball?



*photo courtesy of Carroll Wood*

*Scott Knepper of the Swamp Donkeys.*

"They already know dad lost his mind," Payne joked.

This week, Payne and Kirkpatrick and Knepper and Parrish and all the rest of the Swamp Donkeys, are sporting an SD on their jerseys.

The name may have an unpleasant taint in English slang but speaking of England ...

Years ago a fellow who didn't play baseball named William Shakespeare wrote in "Romeo & Juliet": "What's *in a name?* That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Donkeys may not be known for sweet

aromas, but for these Swamp Donkeys this week is a sweet time.

Swamp Donkey Bekin Youngblood likes the name and summed up what the team is about.

"I love it," Youngblood said of the name. "It's just unusual. What I really love about it is the guys that play on the team. It wouldn't matter what our name is. Great group of guys. We have a great time down here."

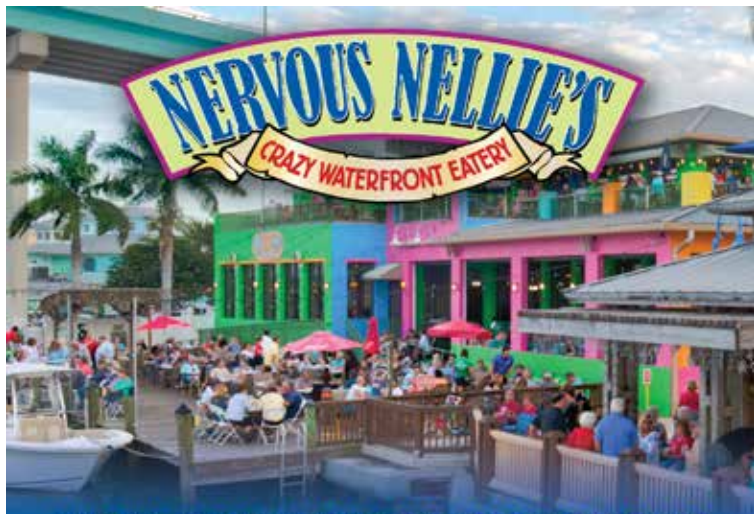
You can call them Swamp Donkeys but you can also call this group Teammates with a capital T.





*Kent MudHens  
2B Dan Kennedy  
forces a Pittsburgh  
baserunner at 2nd  
base.*

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## MASTERS RESULTS



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Orlando Braves baserunner John Rios dives back safely as CWC Krueger's Crew 1st baseman Purvis Cowens covers the bag.

**10:00**

Maine Black Bears 8, Chicago Cardinals 3  
Lake Erie Blue Jays 17, Fort Myers Breeze 7  
Minnesota Bandits 24, PSOF Rangers 1  
Swamp Donkeys 8, Victoria HarbourCats 2  
Jersey Shore Baseball 9, Huntsville Havoc 4  
HPK Oilers 6, Chicago North Redhawks 5  
Orlando Brewers 8, Dayton Wolves 2  
Orlando Braves 15, CWC-Krueger's Krew 6  
Pittsburgh 45s 13, Baltimore Thunder 3  
Lansing Blue Jays 18, DuPage Indians 8  
Crystal Clinic Indians 7, St. Louis Pirates 6  
Jet Box 13, Tidewater Drillers 3  
Carolina Thunder 17, Doc Ford's Sea Dog's 4  
Chicago Knights 9, Tennessee Dirtbags 2

**2:00**

Fort Myers Breeze 14, Minnesota Bandits 4  
New Jersey Railriders 11, Winnepesaukee Muskrats 1  
Minnesota Diamonds 14, Chicago Colts 4  
Orlando Brewers 10, South Atlanta Twins 0  
Pittsburgh 45s 13, Kent Mudhens 0  
Chicago Knights 17, Baltimore Astros 5  
Windy City Warriors 9, Carolina Thunder 6  
HPK Oilers 9, Kenmore Orioles 7  
Swamp Donkeys 6, Lake Erie Blue Jays 6, SPD-B7  
NW Indiana Dogs 5, Minneapolis Millers 2, SPD-T7  
CWC-Krueger's Krew 14, Lehigh Valley Railriders 8, SPD-T6  
Cleveland Cobras 3, DuPage Indians 3, SPD-B7  
Cincinnati Colt .45s 13, St. Louis Pirates 4, SPD-T7




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## MASTERS STANDINGS

### Masters Division Standings

#### Group 1

Teams	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
New Jersey Railriders	2	0	1.000	2
Pittsburgh 45s	3	0	1.000	3
Orlando Brewers	3	0	1.000	5
Orlando Braves	2	0	1.000	11
Lehigh Valley Railriders	2	0	1.000	15
HPK Oilers	3	0	1.000	16
Chicago North Redhawks	2	1	.667	11
Minnesota Diamonds	1	1	.500	9
Dayton Wolves	1	1	.500	13
CWC Kruger's Krew	1	1	.500	15
Baltimore Thunder	1	1	.500	31
Jet Box	1	2	.333	18
South Atlanta Twins	1	2	.333	24
Tidewater Drillers	1	2	.333	27
Winnepesaukee Muskrats	0	2	.000	18
Kenmore Orioles	0	2	.000	23
NW Indiana Dogs	0	2	.000	24
Chicago Colts	0	2	.000	24
Minneapolis Millers	0	2	.000	26
Kent Mudhens	0	3	.000	50

### Masters Division Standings

#### Group 2

Teams	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Swamp Donkeys	2	0	1.000	4
Cleveland Cobras	1	0	1.000	5
Jersey Shore Baseball	2	0	1.000	7
Maine Black Bears	2	0	1.000	9
Dayton Ducks	2	0	1.000	12
Chicago Knights	3	0	1.000	15
Windy City Warriors	2	0	1.000	23
Victoria HarbourCats	1	1	.500	9



Hit and run?  
Straight steal?  
Bad throw?  
Nonetheless,  
Cleveland Cobras  
2nd baseman  
Jack Baker and  
DuPage Indians  
runner try to avoid  
a collision.

photo by  
Greg Wagner

Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	1	.500	10
Huntsville Havoc	1	1	.500	11
New Jersey Thunder Twins	1	1	.500	12
Lansing Blue Jays	1	1	.500	15
Lake Erie Blue Jays	1	1	.500	18
Dundalk Nationals	1	1	.500	20
Baltimore Astros	1	1	.500	24
DuPage Indians	1	1	.500	26
Chicago Cardinals	1	2	.333	16
Tennessee Dirtbags	1	2	.333	19
Carolina Thunder	1	2	.333	20
Minnesota Bandits	1	2	.333	21
Fort Myers Breeze	1	2	.333	35
Crystal Clinic Indians	1	2	.333	37
St. Louis Pirates	0	3	.000	28
PSOF Rangers	0	2	.000	35
Doc Ford's Sea Dogs	0	3	.000	50

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## MASTERS SCHEDULE

### 10:00

New Jersey Railriders @ Pittsburgh 45s, JB3  
 Dayton Wolves @ Chicago Colts, JB4  
 Winnepesaukee Muskrats @ Baltimore Thunder, JB5  
 Minnesota Diamonds @ South Atlanta Twins, JB6  
 Tennessee Dirtbags @ Baltimore Astros, CP-S  
 Lansing Blue Jays @ Maine Black Bears, PDC1  
 Jersey Shore Baseball @ Chicago Knights, PFC2  
 Swamp Donkeys @ PSOF Rangers, PDC4  
 St. Louis Pirates @ Huntsville Havoc, PDC5  
 Chicago North Redhawks @ Kenmore Orioles, TP-S  
 Lehigh Valley Railriders @ Orlando Brave, TP2  
 Minneapolis Miller @ CWC-Krueger's Krew, TP3  
 Chicago Cardinals @ New Jersey Thunder Twins, TP4

### 1:00

NW Indiana Dogs 5, Minneapolis Millers 2 (resume), TP-S  
 CWC-Krueger's Krew 14, Lehigh Valley Railriders 8 (resume), TP2

### 2:00

Chicago Colts @ Orlando Brewers, JB3  
 Baltimore Thunder @ News Jersey Railriders, JB4  
 Dayton Wolves @ Minnesota Diamonds, JB5  
 Kent Mudhens @ Winnepesaukee Muskrats, JB6  
 Dundalk Nationals @ Minnesota Bandits, CP-S  
 Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Huntsville Havoc, PDC1  
 Cleveland Cobras @ Lansing Blue Jays, PDC2



HPK Oilers runner Joe Korkowski is safe at 1st as Kenmore Orioles 1B Joe Witcraft takes the throw.

photo by Greg Wagner

Crystal City Indians @ Jersey Shore Baseball, PDC3  
 PSOF Rangers @ Lake Erie Blue Jays, PDC4  
 Maine Black Bears @ Windy City Warriors, PDC5  
 Orlando Braves @ NW Indiana Dogs, TP2  
 Victoria HarbourCats @ Dayton Ducks, TP4

### 5:30

Tidewater Drillers @ HPK Oilers, TP3  
 Fort Myers Breeze @ Victoria HarbourCats, TP4



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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 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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photo by Greg Wagner  
Cleveland Cobras manager Tony Martin connects vs. the DuPage Indians.

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The Kent Mudhens 45's broke in their new white uniforms on Monday afternoon on PDC 4. Manager Ted Lesiak started against Pittsburg.

Today is the last day to get your team signed up for a photo plan this week.  
Call Greg at 239-898-8677 asap.

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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 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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*Kent MudHens first baseman Rich Gilmore makes a nice catch of a Pittsburgh pop foul.*

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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

**Cleveland Cobras 7, Chicago Cardinals 5:** (Cobras) Hitting: Jack Baker 2-3, 2B, RBI, John Phillips 1-2, 2R. Pitching: Marco Teran 6 IP, 2 ER, George Kenyan 3 IP 0 ER, 1 H.

**Jersey Shore Baseball 9, Huntsville Havoc 4:** (Jersey Shore) Hitting: Gregg Balin- 3-3, 2 RBI, Kerri Moody 3-4, 2 RBI, Reggie Easley, 2-4, 1 RBI.

**Huntsville Havoc 7, Tennessee Dirtbags 2:** (Havoc) Hitting: Stuart Avis 2-3, 1 RBI, Jason Barnes 2-4, 2 RBI, Willie Johnson 1-2, 1 RBI. (Pitching) Willie Johnson 9 IP, 4H, 3K, 2BB.

**Orlando Braves 15, Minneapolis Millers 5:** (Braves) Hitting: John Rios 4-4, 3 RBI 3R. Pitching: Fredy Pagen 6 IP, 7H, 2R, 6K, 1 BB.

**Orlando Braves 15, CWC Kreuger's Krew 6:** (Braves) Hitting: Angel Sanchez 3-4 2 2BB, 3 RBI, 3R. Pitching: Jose Ortiz 4 IP, 3H, 0R, 1K, 2 BB.

**Carolina Thunder 17, Doc Ford's Sea Dogs 5:** (Thunder): Hitting: Mike Burke 4-4, 2B, 2R, Tim Terreault 2-3 1B, Derryl Irby 2-4, Cress Bell 2-4. Pitching: Tim Terreault 5 IP.

**Maine Black Bears 9, New Jersey Thunder Twins 6:** (Bears) Hitting: Al Tolman 2-3, Rick Caruso 2-3, 1RBI.

**Maine Black Bears 8, Chicago Cardinals 3:** (Bears) Hitting: Christian Smith 2-3, 2 RBI, Bob Goldstein 2-3.

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