



# THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 1

VETERANS DIVISION

OCT. 21<sup>st</sup>

## Puerto Rico Twins - a family affair



*photo by Meg Giffen*

*Puerto Rico Twins are a family affair ... Minnesota Twins starting pitcher Jose Berrios (left) backed the team, managed by his uncle Jose Angel Berrios, and his brother Angel Berrios plays on the team.*

**By GLENN MILLER**  
**Roy Hobbs Baseball**

The best player on the Puerto Rico Twins this week suits up but has not and will not play an inning.

Why?

A couple of reasons.

Jose Berrios is only 26.

Jose Berrios is a pitcher with the Minnesota Twins.

This week is about two things to Berrios - family and baseball. His uncle, Jose Angel Berrios, and older brother, Angel Berrios, are on the team. His wife and mother and three young children, between the ages of 3 and 6, are with him.

When Major League Baseball shut down because of the pandemic in the spring, Berrios returned home to Puerto Rico. His uncle and old brother and teammates all provided

support for him and a place to stay sharp.

Now, seven months into the pandemic, Berrios is in Fort Myers where the big-league Twins hold spring training.

The reason the right-handed Berrios, who has a 48-38 record in five big-league seasons, is here is basic.

"Because they're family," Berrios said.

Berrios took time to chat Sunday afternoon at JetBlue Park Field No. 3 after the Twins beat the Chicago Woodpeckers 5-1.

Sunday was his first day at the World Series and he was impressed by what he witnessed.

"I saw a lot of older, veteran guys who still love the game of baseball," Berrios said. "They come here to do what they love."

He watched men who perhaps did not have big-league

*see FAMILY AFFAIR on page 2*

## FAMILY AFFAIR

continued from page 1

ability but are still skilled players.

"It's amazing," Berrios said. "You have to consider their age. They do a really nice job."

The team is now called the Puerto Rico Twins for an obvious reason - Berrios plays for the Minnesota Twins. Is he sponsoring the team?

"Not really," Berrios said. "I just came here to be myself."

His uncle and older brother encouraged Berrios when he was a boy. He now encourages them. His uncle and brother don't speak English so Berrios translated their comments to Inside Pitch.

Berrios said his brother said, "I coached him and now he coaches me."

Berrios added that his brother said watches Jose pitch on TV.

"Still don't believe it," Berrios' brother said. "It's like a dream."

Berrios' uncle Jose Angel said of his nephew, "He did us proud."

Berrios' doesn't want to be considered a coach. In the ninth inning of Sunday's victory, Berrios visited the mound to encourage his pitcher.

"I didn't say anything about pitching," Berrios said.

What he has say this week is about family and friendship and baseball.

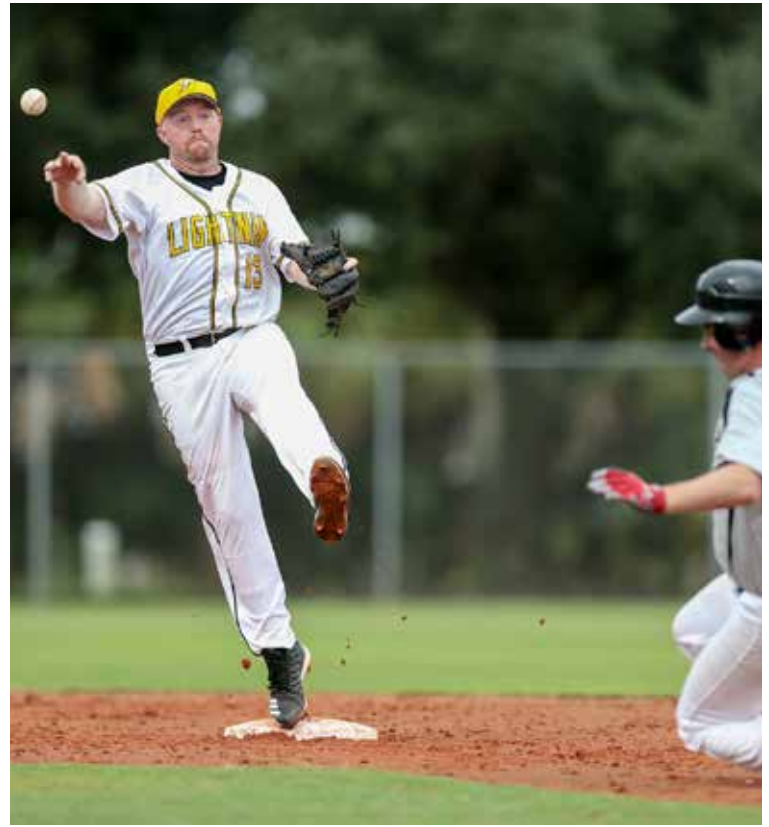


photo by Greg Wagner

Tennessee White Lightning's shortstop Gabe Orendorff turns a slick 6-3 double play vs. the Glass City Black Sox

**NERVOUS NELLIE'S**  
CRAZY WATERFRONT EATERY

VOTED BEST WATERFRONT RESTAURANT  
TASTE OF THE BEACH PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER FOR 3 YEARS

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT  
HAPPY HOUR  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 3-5

HUGE MENU FEATURING  
Fresh Seafood, Steaks, Signature Sandwiches, Pasta, Salads, Artisan Breads and More

1131 1ST ST., FT. MYERS BEACH  
WWW.NERVOUSNELLIES.NET • 239-463-8077

12730 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers 239-985-9895

**Hippy Trippy**  
Ice Cream Experience

A TASTY TRIP

Mention this AD

Buy one small cup or cake cone  
&  
Get another small cup or cake cone  
**Free!**

\*While supplies last



**ENJOY A MEAL DEAL**  
\*with Roy Hobbs player ID Card

**\$7.35** mini mike sub, chips & a 22oz. fountain drink

OR

**\$8.99** regular sub, chips & a 22oz. fountain drink

**Welcome Roy Hobbs World Series Players!**

12377 S Cleveland Ave., Ft. Myers

Offer valid at above location only. One coupon per visit. Not to be combined with other offers. Offer redeemable in person only.

## VETERANS RESULTS

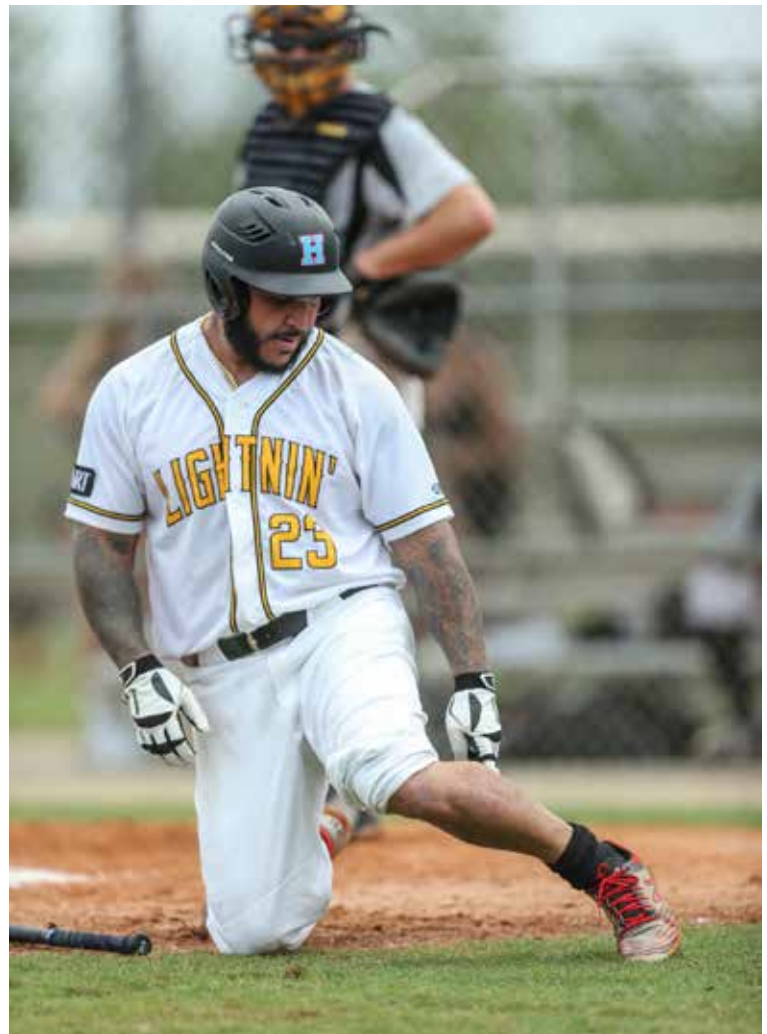
### Tuesday

#### 10:00

- Cobri Kai 10, NEO Angles 5
- Baltimore Chop 13, TTown Jack-O's 3
- Germain Ohio Aces 8, Flint Tigers 5
- Akron Cardinals 12, Panhandle Pirates 10
- Cleveland Steve's Sports 3, Tallahassee Tomahawks 1
- Tidewater Drillers 4, Puerto Rico Twins 3
- Chicago Knights 9, Miami Cubs 8
- Glass City Black Sox 10, Tennessee White Lighnin' 0
- Rock Solid Americans 7, Cincinnati Colt .45s 2
- New Jersey Mets 8, Minnesota Web Gems 4

#### 2:00

- Detroit Dodgets 3, TTown Jack-O's 2 (7-innings)
- Central Florida Bulldogs 7, Akron Cardinals 2 (7-innings)
- Panhandle Pirates 9, Baltimore Chop 8 (SPD 6<sup>th</sup>)
- Cobra Kai 6, Germain Ohio Aces 5 (7-innings)
- Ukraine-NMR 1926 5, Fort Myers Breeze 1 (SPD 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Minnesota Oilers 5, Vukgripz Akron A's 2 (SPD 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Bellacinos Red Sox vs. Tennessee White Lighnin' (rain)
- Rock Solid American 6, South Bend Cardinals 0 (SPD 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Chicago Woodpeckers 5, Minnesota Bulldogs 0 (SPD 4<sup>th</sup>)



*photo by Greg Wagner*  
 "The ball hit me right there". Tennessee White Lighnin' Leo Rubio tries to prove he was hit by the pitch




**SUPPORT THE ROY HOBBS FOUNDATION, RAISING FUNDS FOR LEUKEMIA RESEARCH AND HELPING CHALLENGED ATHLETES PLAY BASEBALL.**



LET BEMER HELP YOU  
FROM THE INSIDE OUT.

BEMER  
GROUP

If you do not make time  
for your wellness,  
you will be forced to make time  
for your illness.

CINDYANDMO.BEMERGROUP.COM  
SHIELDS.BEMERGROUP.COM

## VETERANS STANDINGS

### Veterans Division Standings

#### Group A

Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Tidewater Drillers	2	0	1.000	6
Minnesota Oilers	1	0	1.000	3
New Jersey Mets	1	0	1.000	3
Tallahassee Tomahawks	1	1	.500	3
Puerto Rico Twins	1	1	.500	5
Minnesota Web Gems	1	1	.500	14
Chicago Knights	1	1	.500	17
Cleveland Steve Sports	1	1	.500	12
Minnesota Bulldogs	0	1	.000	8
Miami Cubs	0	2	.000	19
Chicago Woodpeckers	0	1	.000	5
Vukgripz Akron A's	0	1	.000	4

In case of game completion issues, Roy Hobbs' goal is 7 innings to complete a game. We have included the results from the 3 games that did complete 7 innings yesterday. All other games are suspended, and RH is working to get those games to a 7-inning resolution.

### Veterans Division Standings

#### Group B

Team	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Glass City Black Sox	2	0	1.000	1
Rock Solid Americans	2	0	1.000	4
South Bend Cardinals	2	0	1.000	5
Baltimore Chop	2	0	1.000	6
Cobra Kai	3	0	1.000	14
Central Florida Bulldogs	2	1	.667	17
Detroit Dodgers	2	1	.667	20



photo by Greg Wagner  
Glass City Black Sox 1st baseman Doug Metz gets an out vs. the Tennessee White Lightnin'

Ukraine-NMR 1926	1	1	.500	15
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	1	.500	18
Germain Ohio Aces	1	2	.333	15
TTown Jack-Os	1	2	.333	19
Akron Cardinals	1	2	.333	21
Flint Tigers	1	2	.333	30
NEO Angels	1	2	.333	42
Tennessee White Lightnin'	0	2	.000	19
Panhandle Pirates	0	2	.000	24
Fort Myers Breeze	0	2	.000	30
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	2	.000	33

Roy Hobbs  
GEAR

VISIT THE ROY HOBBS GEAR  
STAND AT THE PLAYER  
DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX





ENJOY ONE FREE BREWZ!

\*EXCLUDES GUEST TAPS. ONE PER PERSON, PER VISIT. PLEASE PRESENT COUPON AT TIME OF PURCHASE.



## VETERANS SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

#### 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

- Detroit Dodgers @ Panhandle Pirates, JB3
- Tidewater Drillers @ Chicago Woodpeckers, JB4
- Tallahassee Tomahawks @ Puerto Rico Twins, JB5
- Cleveland Steve's Sports @ Minnesota Bulldogs, JB6
- 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 Lighnin' @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, TP2



*Glass City 2nd baseman Theron Easley camps under a Tennessee White Lighnin' pop fly*

*photo by Greg Wagner*



VISIT THE ROY HOBBS PRO SHOP AT PDC CLUBHOUSE FOR YOUR T-SHIRTS AND ROY HOBBS MEMORABILIA



# 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](http://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 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

*see NOTEBOOK on page 7*

To view your Roy Hobbs photos go to:  
[www.wagnerphotography.com](http://www.wagnerphotography.com)



Visit the RHWS Pro Shop to see this print.  
Or visit Wagner's photo art website:  
[www.wagnerphotography.me](http://www.wagnerphotography.me)

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

# NOTEBOOK

continued from page 6

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-

see NOTEBOOK on page 8



photo by Greg Wagner

Tennessee Lightnin' first baseman Matt Wilson focuses on throw against Miami Cubs.

**ZAXBY'S® IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE**  
**Roy Hobbs World Series**

**ZAXBY'S BOGO SANDWICH MEAL**  
 MUST PRESENT COUPON TO RECEIVE OFFER

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS ONLY:  
 11791 S. Cleveland Ave. 17500 Ben Hill Griffin Parkway  
 ZaxbysFortMyers ZaxbysOCTC

Expires 11/26/20. Free item must be compared to or lesser value than the meal purchased. Limit one coupon per guest, per visit. Offer not valid at any other locations. Not valid with any other offer. No cash value. No substitutions. © 2020 Zaxby's Franchising LLC. "Zaxby's" is a registered trademark of Zaxby's Franchising LLC. Each Zaxby's restaurant is independently owned and operated under a license agreement with Zaxby's Franchising LLC.

# NOTEBOOK

*continued from page 7*

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.



## 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.



## 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.



**THE SANDBAR & GRILLE**  
 Open Everyday 11 AM-2 AM  
 Happy Hour 11 AM-7 PM & 10 PM-2 AM  
 Everyday

**We ❤️ Roy Hobbs Baseball!**

**15% Off With Player ID Card**

**Dine-in & Free Local Delivery**  
 Located at the corner of Colonial BLVD & US 41  
 4606 S Cleveland Ave, Fort Myers, FL 33907  
 239-500-5520