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VINTAGE and FOREVER YOUNG DIVISIONS

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Decision to honor teammate, Hobbs legend was ironclad

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The name IronMan Maiden Padres is distinctive, a tribute and farewell salute to a Roy Hobbs Baseball legend, Joe Maiden.

Maiden was inducted into the inaugural Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame class in 2013 and as the decade unfurled, he continued managing and playing for the San Diego Padres. Not now, not in 2020.

Maiden, 80, suffered a fatal heart attack in May while driving in Georgia. He is no longer here but his teammates have not forgotten the man who ran the team.

IronMan is a fitting adjective to go in front of the name Maiden because he was a Naval Academy graduate, Marine Corps pilot in Vietnam and later an American Airlines pilot.

IronMan Maiden?

"It describes Joe pretty well," said Darryl Johnson, a member of the team since 2014.

Tony Cabrera spent 30 years working as an ironworker on skyscrapers and knows about tough. He thinks the name IronMan fits.

"He was tough," Cabrera said.

The team hangs Maiden's No. 10 Padres jersey in the dugout before games and has the No. 10 emblazoned on a sleeve of their uniforms.

The team name was the idea of John Ihrig, who could not make it to this year's World Series because he is battling COVID-19.

But others are here and talked fondly of Maiden Monday morning at the PDC before beating Maine Woods



photo by Rob Giffen

Tony Cabrera of the IronMan Maiden Padres points to the jersey of his late teammate Joe Maiden. The Padres are paying tribute to Maiden this year by Hanging Maiden's No. 10 jersey in their dugout. Maiden died at the age of 80 in May after suffering a heart attack.

25-2. They talked of Maiden's organizational ability running the team and taking care of myriad details. That's something that likely isn't surprising to hear about a Naval Academy alum and Marine Corps officer.

Maiden took care of details so his players could focus on playing.

"We didn't have to worry about anything besides showing up," Manager Ken Combs said.

Pete Gaskin played for Maiden for 15 years and knew him well.

"He cared for his people," Gaskin said. "He took care of his people."

Even in his 70s Maiden was a force as a player.

"He played second base a lot and for his age he could run," Gaskin said.

"He'd steal bases. Just amazing."

Johnson spent six years playing for Maiden.

"I thought he knew what the skills of his players were and could play them appropriately," said Johnson, who resides in Green Bay, Wisconsin. "The way he positioned them and put them in the batting order. I thought he had a very competitive nature and he was clear with you in terms of what he expected of you."

What would Maiden think of the name?

"He'd say, nah, or something like that," Johnson said. "Let's keep it San Diego Padres."

But the men of the IronMan Maiden Padres had another idea.



Long Island Yankees Frank Kiernan delivers vs. the Massachusetts Chiefs.

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RESULTS

Vintage Division

10:00

Philadelphia Brewers 7, Asheville Sox 2
 South Jersey Indians 15, Livingston Dodgers 7
 Cincinnati Colt .45s 12, Baltimore Baseball Club 10
 Minnesota Goats 12, Toledo McGuire Ins. 8
 Youngstown Astros 22, Lehigh Baseball 8
 Philadelphia Cutters 9, USA Volkers Group 8
 Minnesota Bees 17, Orlando Freedom 2
 Washington Titans 11, Cecil's Margin Service 7

1:45

Long Island Yankees 6, Massachusetts Chiefs 3
 North Coast Nationals 9, San Antonio Texas 8
 Maine Woods Baseball 13, Midwest Nine 10
 Raynham Baseball Club 20, USA Volkers Group 8
 Kenmore Eastern Brewers 9, Tallahassee Classics 5

Forever Young

10:00

Tri-Cities Baseball 10, National Spirit 8
 Iron Man Maiden Padres 25, Maine Woods Baseball 2

1:30

Iron Man Maiden Padres 18, New England Red Sox 3



Rodger Hoppe, safely making an out call in the Cecil Margin Service/ Washington Titans game on Monday morning.

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STANDINGS

Vintage Standings

Teams	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Minnesota Bees	2	0	1.000	3
Long Island Yankees	2	0	1.000	7
Philadelphia Brewers	2	0	1.000	8
Washington Titans	2	0	1.000	11
Raynham Baseball Club	2	0	1.000	13
Maine Woods Baseball	2	0	1.000	13
South Jersey Indians	2	0	1.000	16
Orlando Freedom	2	1	.667	26
Massachusetts Chiefs	1	1	.500	7
San Antonio Texans	1	1	.500	11
Minnesota Goats	1	1	.500	12
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	1	.500	16
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	1	1	.500	19
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	1	.500	20
Youngstown Astros	1	1	.500	21
North Coast Nationals	1	1	.500	23
Midwest Nine	1	1	.500	24
Philadelphia Cutters	1	1	.500	27
Asheville Sox	0	2	.000	19
Cecil's Margin Service	0	2	.000	21
Toledo McGuire Insurance	0	2	.000	24
Tallahassee Classics	0	2	.000	25
Livingston Dodgers	0	2	.000	29
Lehigh Baseball	0	2	.000	37
USA Volkers Group	0	3	.000	42

Forever Young Standings

Teams	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
IronMan Maiden Padres	3	0	1.000	10
National Spirit	1	1	.500	15
Tri-Cities Baseball	1	1	.500	21
Maine Woods Baseball	1	1	.500	27
New England Red Sox	0	3	.000	45



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Lehigh Legends pitcher R. J. Bailey delivers vs. the Youngstown Astros.

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TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Vintage Schedule

10:00

Tallahassee Classics @ Cecil's Margin Service, CP-S
 Orlando Freedom @ Lehigh Baseball, PDC1
 South Jersey Indians @ Baltimore Baseball Club, PDC2
 Raynham Baseball Club @ Minnesota Bees, PDC3
 Philadelphia Cutters @ Youngstown Astros, PDC4
 Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Midwest Nines, PDC5
 Minnesota Goats @ Massachusetts Chiefs, TP-S
 Asheville Sox @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, TP3

1:30

Minnesota Bees @ USA Voklers Group, PDC3
 Washington Titans @ Maine Woods Baseball, PDC4
 Philadelphia Brewers @ Livingston Dodgers, PDC5
 San Antonio Texans @ Long Island Yankees, TP2
 North Coast Nationals @ Toledo McGuire Ins., TP3

Forever Young Schedule

10:00

National Spirit @ Iron Man Maiden Padres, TP2
 New England Red Sox @ Tri-Cities Baseball, TP4

1:30

Maine Woods Baseball @ National Spirit, TP-S



Always yield to the tall guy. He's gonna get it anyway. Minnesota Bees defenders Lee Backhaus (L) and Bob Heidersheit convene on fly ball.

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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 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 lineup 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.

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To view your Roy Hobbs photos go to:
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Minnesota Bees batter at exact moment of impact.

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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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.



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 ac-

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photo by Greg Wagner
Orlando Freedom center fielder Doug Hauer makes a great catch of a Minnesota Bees fly ball.

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cess 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.



Massachusetts Chiefs 3rd baseman Tony Falcinelli snags a foul pop up vs. the Long Island Yankees.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Youngstown Astros 21, Lehigh Baseball 8: (Astros) Hitting: Dave Fairman 2-2, 4 RBI; Steve Ritz 3-3, 2RBI, 2SB.