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WEEK 5

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DIVISIONS

NOV. 18th

Veterans ceremony provides touching tribute



photo by Rob Giffen

Orlando Freedom manager Bob Misko led a patriotic ceremony at the PDC Tuesday morning before a game against Lehigh Baseball. Misko spent 26 years in the Navy.

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The calendar says Nov. 11 is Veterans Day. For some Americans every day is Veterans Day.

Count the men of Orlando Freedom among those Americans. Six days after the official holiday, Freedom Manager Bob Misko, wearing uniform No. 6, led a patriotic ceremony at the PDC Tuesday morning before a game against Lehigh Baseball.

The teams lined up along the base lines. The umpires stood at home plate. Misko, a Navy veteran, strode a few feet in front of home plate and spoke.

"Veterans Day is so important to all of us," Misko said.

He knows from his 26 years in the Navy and visits to Arlington National Cemetery where more than 400,000 service members now rest.

"These guys laid down their lives for us," Misko said.

The most revered cemetery in the country has a special place in his heart for personal reasons.

"I buried my little sister there," Misko told both teams.

His younger sister, Delores Schneider, served on a Navy search and rescue helicopter.

The Roy Hobbs World Series has provided Misko with fond memories, including a special Veterans Day moment. It came, he said, two years ago at Hammond Stadium on Veterans Day. The teams lined up for the anthem, but the public address system malfunctioned during the playing.

"Everyone on every team including the people in the stands, we all chimed in and finished the anthem," Misko said before Tuesday's ceremony.



photo by Rob Giffen

Tuesday's ceremony to honor veterans was held at the PDC. Players from both teams and all Roy Hobbs World Series players were recognized for their service.

In the ceremony he talked about visiting Arlington.

"It's very touching and solemn when you walk through and you see the thousands and thousands of people who gave everything so we could play ball today," Misko told each team.

One of Misko's players, Rob Leeds, served 26 years in the Navy. He was a flight officer who retired from active duty in 2004 and then worked eight years as a civilian in the Pentagon.

"A lot of people say thank you for your service," Leeds said. "I kind of look at it, it was something I was honored to do. It was fun. It was also a privilege; I always feel uncomfortable when people say thanks for your service. It was more of a privilege to do it."

Now, Misko and Leeds are retired but know others have picked up the service torch.

"As an American, I think it's important to realize that there are people who did serve and keep the country free the way we want it to be," Leeds said.

Nov. 11 holds profound significance for Misko.

"It hurts every Veterans Day," Misko said in the ceremony. "But we endure the pain and move on because they wanted us to."





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RESULTS

Veterans Division

10:00

Cecil's Margin Service 18, Tallahassee Classic 8
Orlando Freedom 16, Lehigh Baseball 0
South Jersey Indians 19, Baltimore Baseball Club 3
Minnesota Bees 12, Raynham Baseball Club 2
Youngstown 18, Philadelphia Cutter 5
Midwest Nine 8, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 7
Massachusetts Chiefs 9, Minnesota Goats 6
Cincinnati Colt .45s 14, Asheville Sox 9

1:30

Minnesota Bees 17, USA Volkers Group 4
Washington Titans 14, Maine Woods Baseball 2
Philadelphia Brewers 17, Livingston Dodgers 10
Long Island Yankees 18, San Antonio Texans 8
North Coast Nationals 14, Toledo McGuire Inc. 5

Forever Young Division

10:00

Iron Man Maiden Padres 13, National Spirit 4
Tri-Cities Baseball 18, New England Red Sox 0

1:30

National Spirit 12, Maine Woods Baseball 11



Massachusetts Chiefs right fielder Mike Cunningham camps under a Minnesota Goats fly ball.

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STANDINGS

Vintage 65+ Standings

Teams	W	L	PCT	RA
Minnesota Bees	4	0	1.000	9
Washington Titans	3	0	1.000	13
Long Island Yankees	3	0	1.000	15
Philadelphia Brewers	3	0	1.000	18
South Jersey Indians	3	0	1.000	19
Orlando Freedom	3	1	.750	26
Massachusetts Chiefs	2	1	.667	13
Raynham Baseball Club	2	1	.667	25
Youngstown Astros	2	1	.667	26
Maine Woods Baseball	2	1	.667	27
North Coast Nationals	2	1	.667	28
Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	1	.667	29
Midwest Nine	2	1	.667	31
Minnesota Goats	1	2	.333	21
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	1	2	.333	27
Cecil's Margin Service	1	2	.333	29
San Antonio Texans	1	2	.333	29
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	2	.333	35
Philadelphia Cutters	1	2	.333	45
Asheville Sox	0	3	.000	33
Toledo McGuire Insurance	0	3	.000	38
Tallahassee Classics	0	3	.000	43
Livingston Dodgers	0	3	.000	46
Lehigh Baseball	0	3	.000	53
USA Volkers Group	0	4	.000	59

Forever Young Standings

Teams	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
IronMan Maiden Padres	4	0	1.000	14
Tri-Cities Baseball	2	1	.667	21
National Spirit	2	2	.500	39
Maine Woods Baseball	1	2	.333	39
New England Red Sox	0	4	.000	63



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Minnesota Bees first baseman Felix Menendez had to come off the bag to field the throw on a bunt by Raynham Baseball Club's Bill Lee.

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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULES

Vintage Schedule

10:00

- Midwest Nine @ Washington Titans, JB3
- Tallahassee Classics @ Maine Woods Baseball, JB4
- Toledo McGuire Ins. @ San Antonio Texans, TP-S
- Youngstown Astros @ Raynham Baseball Club, TP2
- Philadelphia Cutters @ Lehigh Baseball, TP3
- Philadelphia Brewers @ Baltimore Baseball Club, TP4

1:30

- Cecil's Margin Service @ Kenmore Eastern Brewers, JB3
- Long Island Yankees @ Minnesota Goats, JB4
- North Coast Nationals @ Massachusetts Chiefs, JB5
- Cincinnati Colt .45s @ South Jersey Indians, TP-S
- Livingston Dodgers @ Asheville Sox, TP2

Forever Young Schedule

10:00

- Tri-Cities Baseball @ Maine Woods Baseball, CP-S



Maine Woods' 3rd baseman Rick Kekelis positions himself under a Washington Titans pop foul.

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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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Staten Island Bombers
high 5's after a
base hit vs.
Border City



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 access

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Raynham Baseball runner gets back to first as the Minnesota Bees first baseman Felix Menendez snags an easy pop fly.

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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.



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Massachusetts Chiefs pitcher Rich Petrillo gets the out at first on a Minnesota Goats come-backer to the mound.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Philadelphia Brewers 7, Asheville Sox 2: (Sox) Hitting: Tony Whitehurst 2-3, 1RBI; Gary Graham 1-3; Dan Fielder 1-3.