



## —THE— **INSIDE PITCH**

WEEK 5

VINTAGE and  
FOREVER YOUNG  
DIVISIONS

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# Baseball biker: Knazek wheels way around World Series



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*This year's Roy Hobbs World Series team photo of the Maine Woods 75s included Joe Knazek's bicycle.*

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*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

Every Roy Hobbs player, manager, staff member and fan this week has likely noticed a fellow pedaling a bicycle at ballparks.

He has a name - Joe Knazek. He plays for the Maine Woods 75s. A photo of Knazek and his bicycle in City of Palms Park was on Page 7 of Thursday's Inside Pitch.

"At least I can show my wife I was here," Knazek said Thursday at the PDC

before a game. "She didn't believe me."

Knazek was joking about his wife back in Medford, N.J. not believing he was playing baseball.

When Knazek arrived in Fort Myers in his Prius he didn't have a bicycle. He typically rides five miles a day back home. He wanted to continue cycling while at the Roy Hobbs World Series and purchased a Roadmaster mountain bike at a Wal-Mart for \$95.

What kind of bike does he ride at home?

"A bike on two wheels," Knazek said.

Knazek isn't one of those hard-core cyclists who spends thousands on a fancy bike and even more on cycling togs.

What about that New Jersey bike he rides? What brand is it?

"You know what, I don't know," said Knazek, an Army vet who served a tour in Vietnam in the mid-1960s and later taught history and civics for 40 years in New Jersey. "I'm not going to buy one of those thousand-dollar bikes and all that clothing,"

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## BASEBALL BIKER

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So, no black cycling shorts and jerseys that look as if they belong in the Tour de France.

"That's crazy," Knazek said. "You see me, I got my holey pants on."

That is holey as in pants with holes and not holy as in a sacred religious object.

Knazek turned 75 in August and after playing in the 65s and 70s this is his first World Series in the 75s.

He believes pedaling his Roadmaster around the PDC or JetBlue or Terry Park serves a useful function.

"It's a good way for me to loosen up my legs," Knazek said.

He transports the bike in his Prius by folding the seats down.

"It's a small car," Knazek said. "But it fits. It fits perfectly."

He believes the cycling he does in New Jersey and in Florida helps prepare him for baseball.

"It helps keep the legs going," Knazek said, "It's something I look forward to. If you miss you get depressed."

When the Maine Woods 75s posed for their team photo, Knazek's bicycle was in the photo.

Roy Hobbs photographer Greg Wagner said it was the first time in 35 years of taking team photos that he included a bicycle.



*photo by Meg Giffen*  
Joe Knazek of the Maine Woods 75s sits next to the bicycle he purchased when he got to the World Series. He rides the bike around the different complexes to keep his legs loose.

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### Vintage Division

**10:00**

Minnesota Bees 14, Washington Titans 4  
 South Jersey Indians 12, Long Island Yankees 2  
 Massachusetts Chiefs 19, Philadelphia Brewers 11  
 Orlando Freedom 8, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 2  
 Youngstown Astros 16, Maine Woods Baseball 10  
 Raynham Baseball Club 20, North Coast Nationals 6

**1:45**

Cincinnati Colt .45s 14, Midwest Nine 12  
 Baltimore Baseball Club 14, Philadelphia Cutters 11  
 San Antonio Texans 9, Minnesota Goats 6  
 Toledo McGuire Ins. 17, Cecil's Margin Service 9  
 Livingston Dodgers 15, Lehigh Baseball 3  
 USA Volkers Goup 8, Tallahassee Classics 6

### Forever Young Division

**10:00**

Tri-Cities Baseball 21, Maine Woods Baseball 1  
 Maine Woods Baseball 11, New England Red Sox 10  
 Tri-Cities Baseball 10, Iron Man Maiden Padres 9

**1:30**

National Spirit 13, New England Red Sox 4



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*A study in contrast. Maine Woods 65s runner Louis Cirineo and Youngstown Astros 1st baseman Dave Fairman.*



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## STANDINGS

### Vintage Standings

AAAA Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
Minnesota Bees	5	0	1.000	13	9
South Jersey Indians	5	0	1.000	32	21
Orlando Freedom	4	1	.800	28	11
Massachusetts Chiefs	4	1	.800	28	17
Long Island Yankees	4	1	.800	35	23
Washington Titans	4	1	.800	37	23
Youngstown Astros	4	1	.800	39	26
Raynham Baseball Club	3	2	.600	47	31

*Notes: 8 teams, single elimination; teams retain seeds but matchups adjust to avoid rematches from games already played this week, i.e, Bees played Titans, Astros & Raynham this week.*

AAA Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
Maine Woods Baseball	3	2	.600	47	31
Baltimore Baseball Club	3	2	.600	51	32
Philadelphia Brewers	3	2	.600	53	34
Cincinnati Colt .45s	3	2	.600	59	41
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	2	3	.400	43	29
Livingston Dodgers	2	3	.400	51	34
San Antonio Texans	2	3	.400	53	35
Toledo McGuire Insurance	2	3	.400	50	36

*Notes: 8 teams, single elimination; teams retain seeds but matchups adjust to avoid rematches from games already played this week, i.e, Brewers vs. Dodgers.*

AA Division	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
North Coast Nationals	2	3	.400	62	42
Midwest Nine	2	3	.400	63	45
Philadelphia Cutters	2	3	.400	65	46
Minnesota Goats	1	4	.200	41	30
Cecil's Margin Service	1	4	.200	55	38
USA Volkers Group	1	4	.200	65	45
Tallahassee Classics	0	5	0.000	65	47
Lehigh Baseball	0	5	0.000	80	58

*Notes: 8 teams, single elimination; teams retain seeds but matchups adjust to avoid rematches from games already played this week, i.e, Cutters vs. Volkers. AA Division added, so we will have to ship Gold & Silver medals to those teams.*



*photo by Greg Wagner  
Youngstown Astros Ed Derrick steals 2nd as Maine Woods 2nd baseman Stan Lederman takes the late throw.*



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## VINTAGE AA BRACKET

### Vintage 65+ AA

Friday 10:00 AM	Friday 1:30 PM	Saturday 10:00 AM
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#1 North Coast Nationals

PDC2 (G1)

#8 Lehigh Baseball

PDC5 (G5)

#6 USA Volkers Group

PDC3 (G2)

#4 Minnesota Goats

PDC5 (G7)

#3 Philadelphia Cutters

PDC4 (G3)

#5 Cecil's Margin Service

PDC3 (G6)

#7 Tallahassee Classics

PDC5 (G4)

#2 Midwest Nine

### Vintage 65+ AAA

Friday 10:00 AM	Friday 1:30 PM	Saturday 10:00 AM
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#1 Maine Woods Baseball

JB3 (G1)

#8 Toledo McGuire Ins.

JB5 (G5)

#6 Livingston Dodgers

JB4 (G2)

#4 Cincinnati Colt .45s

TP-5 (G7)

#3 Philadelphia Brewers

JB5 (G3)

#5 Kenmore Eastern Brewers

JB3 (G6)

#7 San Antonio Texans

JB6 (G4)

#2 Baltimore Baseball Club

# VINTAGE AAA BRACKET

## Vintage 65+ AAAA

Friday	Saturday	Saturday
1:30 PM	9:30 AM	1:30 PM

#1 Minnesota Bees

PDC2 (G1)

#5 Long Island Yankees

PDC3 (G5)

#6 Washington Titans

PDC4 (G2)

#4 Massachusetts Chiefs

CP-S (G7)

#3 Orlando Freedom

JB6 (G3)

#7 Youngstown Astros

PDC4 (G6)

#8 Raynham Baseball

JB4 (G4)

#2 South Jersey Indians

# FOREVER YOUNG BRACKET

## Forever Young 75+

Friday	Saturday	Saturday
9:30 AM	9:30 AM	1 PM

#2 Tri-Cities Baseball

TP2 (G2)

#3 National Spirit

TP-S (G4)

#4 Maine Woods Baseball

CP-S (G1)

#5 New England Red Sox

TP4 (G3)

#1 IronMan Maiden Padres



*Cincinnati Colt .45s Tom Huetter on the mound vs. the Midwest Nine.*

*photo by Greg Wagner*



# 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.

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Maine Woods 65s  
Gad Holland lays  
down a bunt but  
the ball rolled foul.

photo by  
Greg Wagner

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



Wright Field Reds catcher warms up his pitcher.

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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**.



*photo by Greg Wagner*  
Cincinnati Colt .45s catcher Mike "Mad Dog" Day runs back to his position after a brief time out.



*photo by Greg Wagner*  
Baltimore Baseball Club shortstop Ralph Leasure forces Philadelphia Cutters Bob Rausch and completes a double play as Ferris Allen watches.



Maine Woods 65s  
Dennis Fischer is safe at home as Youngstown Astros pitcher Don Christian applies a late tag.

*photo by Greg Wagner*