



THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 3

LEGENDS
DIVISION

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McCord, Samples find way to brush back cancer

By GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

No matter what happens this week for Bob McCord of the Omaha Indians and Larry Samples of the DuPage Indians, they've won.

Their teams could go winless, but they've won.

They could strike out in every at-bat, but they've won.

They've faced a tougher opponent than any team they will play this week and won.

McCord and Samples, both 65, are beating cancer to get back on ballfields at the Roy Hobbs World Series,

Samples finished treatment for salivary gland cancer in September after four months of chemo. Then yesterday, on a warm first day of November, wearing his Indians uniform, he sat at a picnic table in the shade at Terry Park.

"Ready to play ball," Samples said.

McCord's initial diagnoses was kidney cancer, but he said it spread to his brain and bones. He now has a rod in his right arm that replaced the bone in the upper part of the arm that was riddled with cancer.

McCord started playing in the World Series in 1992. He was diagnosed in February of 2019 and last year's World Series was the first one he missed.

"I'm doing great," McCord said.

It may not be accurate to say he is cancer free, but he is feeling well.

"Nothing growing," McCord said, referring to cancer cells.

McCord said he didn't go through chemotherapy. He said radiation was used in his case. His throwing arm isn't what it was when he was young.

"I still can't throw 25 feet," McCord said.

But he can throw.

His goal since the diagnosis was to



photos by Meg Giffen

Bob McCord (left) at his 30th RHWS, missing first year in Orlando and last year overcoming cancer. And Larry Samples (right) who is back on the diamond after four months of treatment.

be back at the 2020 World Series.

"I said I'd be back no matter what," McCord said. "As coach or spectator."

He's back in uniform as a player but it isn't the game itself that means the most.

"The people," McCord said. "I miss the people."

He's back with this baseball people.

So is Larry Samples, who is back with big brother Lonnie on the DuPage Indians.

Larry noticed a swollen gland in his neck, something that happened to him before. The previous swollen gland was

not cancerous.

"This one turned out to be a non-Hodgkin's lymphoma," Samples said.

He received an unnerving call from his ear, nose and throat specialist who told him the tumor had to come out. The doctor reassured him, though, that only 2 percent of such tumors turn out to be bad.

Samples offered advice for those who might face cancer.

"Trust your doctors," Samples said. "Have faith and don't worry about it. Seriously, there's nothing you can do. Don't obsess."





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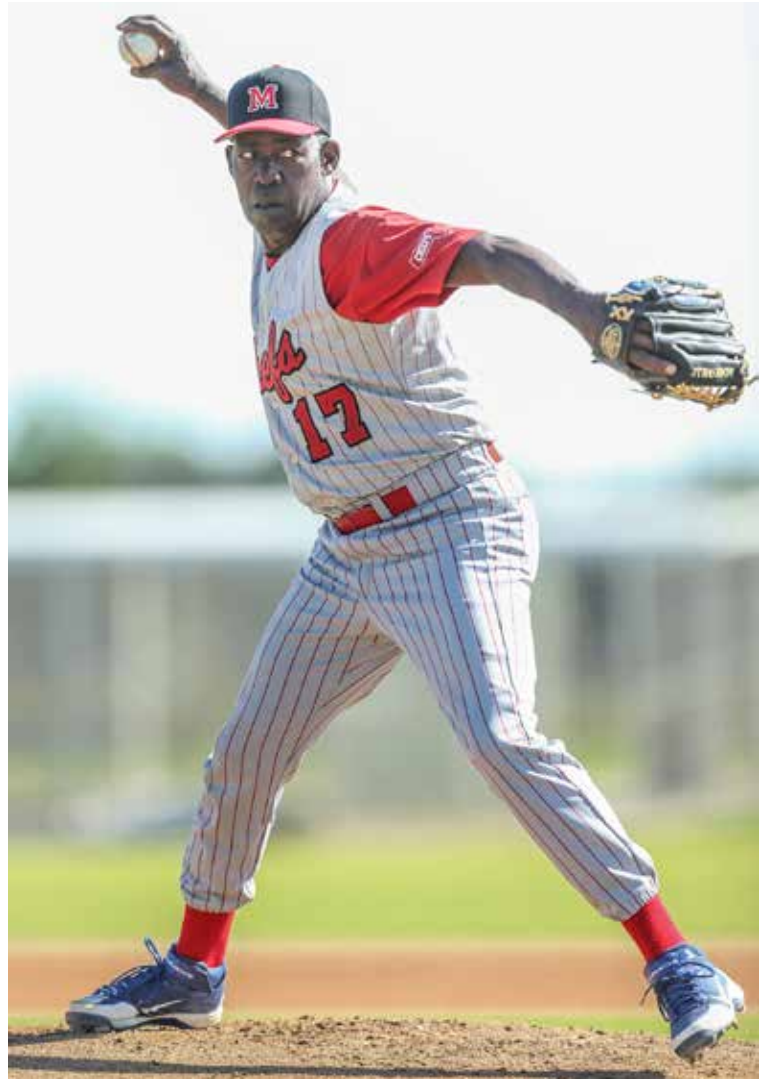
LEGENDS RESULTS

10:00

DuPage Angels 13, Huntsville Dirtbags 5
 PSOF Rangers 14, Massachusetts Chiefs 4
 Wright Field Reds 16, Windy City Warriors 5
 Florida Sharks 18, Midwest Pirates 2
 Carolina Rockies 17, Greenville Wolfpack 8
 Chicago Knights 11, Fort Myers Breeze 8
 Cuyahoga Indians 11, Philadelphia Generals 1
 Swamp Donkeys 13, South Dakota Rushmores 0
 Carolina Thunder 15, DuPage Wildcat 9
 Aurora Islanders 25, Huntsville Havoc 11
 Border City Brewers 9, Staten Island Bombers 6
 Orlando Blazer 11, Minnesota Bandits Gold 1
 Baltimore Thunder 13, Summa Ortho Brewers 3
 Banana Sharks 22, Minnesota Goats 2

1:45

DuPage Angles 22, Americans Baseball Club 8
 Kennebec Cubs 18, Massachusetts Chiefs 6
 Dallas Rangers 12, Windy City Warriors 8
 Florida Sharks 17, Albany Capitals 9
 Jersey Bananas 12, DuPage Indians 5
 Bergen Yankees 14, Minnesota Bandits Red 9
 Pensacola Barracudas 22, Huntsville Havoc 17
 South Dakota Rushmores 20, Steel City Hawks 10
 Aurora Islanders 14, Philadelphia Generals 4
 New Jersey Twins 19, Omaha Indians 12
 Baltimore Thunder 12, Doc Ford's Sea Dogs 10
 Chicago Giants , Border City Brewers 4
 Banana Sharks 15, Kodak Reds 13



*photo by Greg Wagner
 Mass Chiefs Martin Rivas delivers against PSOF Rangers.*




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LEGENDS STANDINGS

Group 1

	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Swamp Donkeys	3	0	1.000	3
PSOF Rangers	2	0	1.000	6
DuPage Angels	3	0	1.000	16
Bergen Yankees	2	0	1.000	19
Orlando Blazers	2	1	.667	14
Kennebec Cubs	2	1	.667	21
Border City Brewers	2	1	.667	23
Chicago Giants	2	1	.667	25
South Dakota Rushmores	2	1	.667	29
Staten Island Bombers	1	1	.500	11
Huntsville Dirtbags	1	1	.500	18
Steel City Hawks	1	1	.500	22
New Jersey Twins	1	1	.500	27
Chicago Knights	1	2	.333	45
Massachusetts Chiefs	1	2	.333	46
Minnesota Bandits Red	0	2	.000	23
Omaha Indians	0	2	.000	30
Fort Myers Breeze	0	3	.000	33
Minnesota Bandits Gold	0	3	.000	40
Americans Baseball Club	0	3	.000	53

Group 2

	Win	Loss	PCT	RA
Cuyahoga Indians	3	0	1.000	6
Florida Sharks	3	0	1.000	12
Banana Sharks	3	0	1.000	17
Carolina Rockies	2	0	1.000	13
Dallas Rangers	2	0	1.000	15
Baltimore Thunder	2	1	.667	16



Bergen Yankees
Bill Tolli steals
2nd as Red
Bandits Matt
Sanfelippo
focuses on
throw.

photo by
Greg Wagner

DuPage Wildcat	2	1	.667	20
Aurora Islanders	2	1	.667	21
Wright Field Reds	2	1	.667	27
Minnesota Goats	2	1	.667	30
Doc Ford's Sea Dogs	1	1	.500	13
Albany Capitals	1	1	.500	22
Carolina Thunder	1	2	.333	26
Greenville Wolfpack	1	2	.333	28
Windy City Warriors	1	2	.333	31
Jersey Bananas	1	2	.333	33
Pensacola Barracudas	1	2	.333	43
DuPage Indians	1	2	.333	44
Huntsville Havoc	1	2	.333	52
Kodak Reds	0	2	.000	21
Summa Ortho Brewers	0	3	.000	28
Philadelphia Generals	0	3	.000	31
Midwest Pirates	0	3	.000	37

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LEGENDS SCHEDULE

10:00

Summa Ortho Brewers @ Kodak Reds, JB3
 Bergen Yankees @ DuPage Angels, JB4
 Minnesota Bandits Red @ Huntsville Dirtbags, JB5
 Doc Ford's Sea Dogs @ Minnesota Goats, JB6
 Jersey Bananas @ Windy City Warriors, CP-S
 Omaha Indians @ Massachusetts Chiefs, PDC1
 Wright Field Reds @ Albany Capitals, PDC2
 Chicago Giants @ Staten Island Bombers, PDC3
 DuPage Wildcat @ Baltimore Thunders, PDC4
 PSOF Rangers @ New Jersey Twins, PDC5
 Florida Sharks @ Dallas Rangers, TP-S
 Carolina Rockies @ Cuyahoga Indians, TP2
 Swamp Donkeys @ Steel City Hawks, TP3
 Pensacola Barracudas @ Aurora Islanders, TP4

1:45

Americans Baseball Club @ Minnesota Bandits Red, JB3
 Banana Sharks @ Doc Ford's Sea Dogs, JB4
 Kodak Reds @ Carolina Thunder, JB5
 Huntsville Dirtbags @ Bergen Yankees, JB6
 Orlando Blazers @ Border City Brewers, CP-S
 New Jersey Twins @ Kennebec Cubs, PDC1
 Albany Capitals @ DuPage Indians, PDC2
 Staten Island Bombers @ Minnesota Bandits Gold, PDC3
 PSOF Rangers @ Omaha Indians, PDC4
 Fort Myers Breeze @ South Dakota Rushmores, PDC5
 Huntsville Havoc @ Carolina Rockies, TP-S
 Dallas Rangers @ Midwest Pirates, TP2
 Steel City Hawks @ Chicago Knights, TP4
 Greenville Wolfpack @ Philadelphia Generals, TP-S

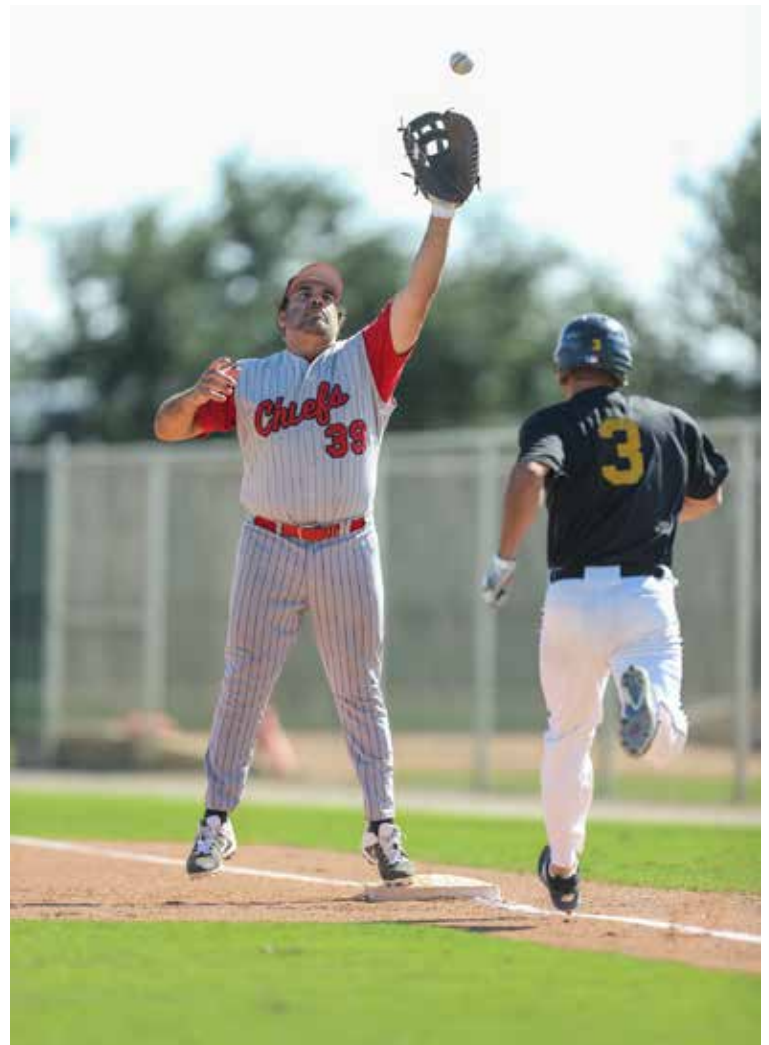


photo by Greg Wagner
 Great to have a tall 1st baseman! Mass Chiefs Joe Riashi reaches for high throw vs. PSOF Rangers.



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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 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 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.

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photo by Greg Wagner
South Dakota catcher Steve Fejfar fought the wind, sun and a high blue sky but came up short on a Steel City Hawks foul pop.

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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.

HIGHLIGHTS

Kennebec Cubs 12, Omaha Indians 9: Cubs (Hitting) Jim Waters 3-4; Jeff Breeling 2-5, 2B; Pat Calvert 1-2, 2B
Massachusetts Chiefs 15, NJ Twins 14: Twins (Hitting) Fran Fitzgerald 2-3, 3R, 2RBI; Tony Meli 1-4, 2RBI
DuPage Angels 9, Minnesota Bandits Red 3: Angels (Hitting) Joe Capparelli 2-4, 2B, 4 SB's; Bill Kazmierczak 2-3, 2B, 3B; Tom Foote 2-3; Eddie Sullivan 2-3, 3B, 3 RBI; Chuck Douthit 2-4; Matt Baer 2-4 (Pitching) Joe Capparelli 5 IP, 4H, 3R, 2ER

Cuyahoga Indians 6, Aurora Islanders 1: Indians (Pitching) Mark Niemi 0R, 2H, 2K, 3BB

PSOF Rangers 6, Kennebec Cubs 2: Cubs (Hitting) Tim Lysik 3-4, R (Pitching) Dan Proctor 6IP, 3R

DuPage Angels 13, Huntsville Dirt Bags 5: Angels (Hitting) Karl Falkstrom 2-3, HR, 2B; Bill Kazmierczak 3-4, 2 RBI, Tom Foote 2-4, 2 2B; Matt Baer 2-3 (Pitching) Jack Pohlmeier 7IP, 4R, 3 ER, 8H, 0BB

Carolina Rockies 17, Greenville Wolfpack 8: Rockies (Hitting) Steve Frellick 3-5, 3B. (Pitching) Gary Graham 6.1 IP, 1 H

New Jersey Twins 19, Omaha Indians 11: Twins (Hitting): Vinny Zarrella 2-3, 3B, 6RBI; Tom Juskus 1-1, 4BB, 3R; Angel Roman 2-4, 3B, 3 RBI. (Pitching) Joe Rossado 4.1 IP, 2 ER, 4H, WP. Indians (Hitting) Tom Henriksen 4-5, 2 2B, 2 RBI; Jim Waters 3-6, 3R; Rob Childers 2-4, 2B, RBI; Jay Jadowski 2-5, 2B.

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