



# THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 3

LEGENDS  
DIVISION

NOV. 4<sup>th</sup>

## Son of Indian immigrants embraces baseball rebirth

BY GLENN MILLER

*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

Sumi Ghosh of the Aurora Islanders is probably like virtually every Roy Hobbs player in one way. As a boy he dreamed of playing in the majors.

His dream, though, was distinctive.

Ghosh, 53, who is the son of Indian immigrants and grew up in a Detroit suburb, wanted to be the first Indian-American in the bigs.

"That was my dream," Ghosh said Monday at the PDC. "I wanted to be the first Indian baseball player."

An arm injury in high school when he pitched for three teams derailed that dream. Ghosh is now a Starbucks executive.

This is his first Roy Hobbs World Series. He's re-connected with the game he's loved since boyhood and rooted for the Detroit Tigers. When his sons, Sam and Adam, who are now in their 20s, were young, he coached their teams.

A friend he coached with hooked him up with the Islanders. Now, he's reveling in a week of playing with and against men like him. On the second day of his first week of a Roy Hobbs World Series he could see that.

"Everybody here has played for years and years and they eat, drink and sleep baseball, which is good," Ghosh said. "I haven't been around that in a long time."

Now his days are centered around baseball, about preparing for games and playing games and talking about games and telling baseball stories.

"I'm like a kid in a candy store playing the game I love," Ghosh said. "I never thought I'd play again."

Teammates told him ahead of time about this week.

"The guys talked about it like the best week of their lives," Ghosh said. "They look forward to it, so I was



*photo by Meg Giffen*

*Sumi Ghosh of the Aurora Islanders is playing in his first Roy Hobbs World Series.*

looking forward to it."

He's so hooked that he's talking about having surgery on his arm so he can once again pitch. Ghosh, who also has a daughter, Grace, 17, said his family supports him.

His sons now live in Los Angeles.

"They're loving it for me because they know how much it means to me," Ghosh said.

He said his wife, Susan, also approves.

"She said this is the first time I've

seen you do something for yourself in a long time," Ghosh said.

Ghosh did not become the first Indian-American in the bigs, but one may be on the way. The White Sox selected a pitcher named Karan Patel in the seventh round of the 2019 draft out of the University of Texas-San Antonio.

He's the first Indian-American ever drafted. Maybe Karan Patel will fulfill Sumi Ghosh's dream.





*photos by Greg Wagner*  
Umpire Herm Brown flips a game ball to the catcher as the Massachusetts Chiefs/PSOF Rangers game begins.





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Staten Island Bombers catcher puts the tag on Chicago Giants Todd Rehanek.



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## LEGENDS RESULTS

### 10:00

Summa Ortho Brewers 17, Kodak Reds 7  
 DuPage Angels 14, Bergen Yankees 3  
 Minnesota Bandits Red 10, Huntsville Dirtbags 5  
 Minnesota Goats 25, Doc Ford's Sea Dogs 24  
 Windy City Warriors 11, Jersey Bananas 1  
 Massachusetts Chiefs 14, Omaha Indians 13  
 Wright Field Reds 9, Albany Capitals 8  
 Staten Island Bombers 11, Chicago Giants 7  
 Baltimore Thunder 3, DuPage Wildcat 2  
 PSOF Rangers 15, New Jersey Twins 6  
 Dallas Rangers 6, Florida Sharks 1  
 Carolina Rockies 15, Cuyahoga Indians 7  
 Swamp Donkeys 20, Steel City Hawks 3  
 Aurora Islanders 17, Pensacola Barracudas 11

### 1:45

Americans Baseball Club 20, Minnesota Bandits Red 7  
 Doc Ford's Sea Dogs 5, Banana Sharks 3  
 Kodak Reds 20, Carolina Thunder 15  
 Huntsville Dirtbags 5, Bergen Yankees 3  
 Border City Brewers 15, Orlando Blazers 5  
 Kennebec Cubs 15, New Jersey Twins 5  
 Albany Capitals 17, DuPage Indians 3  
 Staten Island Bombers 20, Minnesota Bandits Gold 10  
 PSOF Rangers 18, Omaha Indians 16  
 South Dakota Rushmores 11, Fort Myers Breeze 1  
 Carolina Rockies 10, Huntsville Havoc 6  
 Dallas Rangers 9, Midwest Pirates 2  
 Chicago Knights 17, Steel City Hawks 16

### 5:00

Greenville Wolfpack 11, Philadelphia Generals 5



*photos by Greg Wagner*  
 A 'Giant' discussion between Al Almazan (left) and Steve Olszewski.



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### LEGENDS STANDINGS

#### AAAA Division

|                        | Win | Loss | PCT   | RA |
|------------------------|-----|------|-------|----|
| Swamp Donkeys          | 4   | 0    | 1.000 | 6  |
| DuPage Angels          | 4   | 0    | 1.000 | 19 |
| PSOF Rangers           | 4   | 0    | 1.000 | 28 |
| Kennebec Cubs          | 3   | 1    | .750  | 26 |
| Border City Brewers    | 3   | 1    | .750  | 28 |
| Staten Island Bombers  | 3   | 1    | .750  | 28 |
| South Dakota Rushmores | 3   | 1    | .750  | 30 |
| Huntsville Dirtbags    | 2   | 2    | .500  | 31 |

#### Group 2

|                        | Win | Loss | PCT   | RA |
|------------------------|-----|------|-------|----|
| Dallas Rangers         | 4   | 0    | 1.000 | 18 |
| Carolina Rockies       | 4   | 0    | 1.000 | 26 |
| Baltimore Thunder      | 3   | 1    | .750  | 18 |
| Florida Sharks         | 3   | 1    | .750  | 18 |
| Cuyahoga Indians       | 3   | 1    | .750  | 21 |
| Banana Sharks          | 3   | 1    | .750  | 22 |
| Aurora Islanders       | 3   | 1    | .750  | 32 |
| Wright Field Reds      | 3   | 1    | .750  | 35 |
| Minnesota Goats        | 3   | 1    | .750  | 54 |
| DuPage Wildcat         | 2   | 2    | .500  | 23 |
| *Orlando Blazers       | 2   | 2    | .500  | 29 |
| Windy City Warriors    | 2   | 2    | .500  | 32 |
| Greenville Wolfpack    | 2   | 2    | .500  | 33 |
| Albany Capitals        | 2   | 2    | .500  | 34 |
| *Chicago Giants        | 2   | 2    | .500  | 36 |
| *Bergen Yankees        | 2   | 2    | .500  | 38 |
| Doc Ford's Sea Dogs    | 2   | 2    | .500  | 41 |
| *Massachusetts Chiefs  | 2   | 2    | .500  | 59 |
| *Chicago Knights       | 2   | 2    | .500  | 61 |
| Summa Ortho Brewers    | 1   | 3    | .250  | 35 |
| Jersey Bananas         | 1   | 3    | .250  | 44 |
| Carolina Thunder       | 1   | 3    | .250  | 46 |
| *Minnesota Bandits Red | 1   | 3    | .250  | 48 |
| Kodak Reds             | 1   | 3    | .250  | 53 |



*Wright Field  
Reds baserunner  
is out by a mile  
as the Albany  
Capitals catcher  
waits at home.*

*photo by  
Greg Wagner*

|                          |   |   |      |    |
|--------------------------|---|---|------|----|
| *New Jersey Twins        | 1 | 3 | .250 | 57 |
| *Steel City Hawks        | 1 | 3 | .250 | 59 |
| Pensacola Barracudas     | 1 | 3 | .250 | 60 |
| *Americans Baseball Club | 1 | 3 | .250 | 60 |
| DuPage Indians           | 1 | 3 | .250 | 61 |
| Huntsville Havoc         | 1 | 3 | .250 | 62 |
| Philadelphia Generals    | 0 | 4 | .000 | 42 |
| *Fort Myers Breeze       | 0 | 4 | .000 | 44 |
| Midwest Pirates          | 0 | 4 | .000 | 46 |
| *Minnesota Bandits Gold  | 0 | 4 | .000 | 60 |
| *Omaha Indians           | 0 | 4 | .000 | 62 |



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## LEGENDS SCHEDULE

### Schedule

#### FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM

##### 10:00

Chicago Knights vs. Orlando Blazers, TP-S  
Chicago Giants vs. Bergen Yankees, TP2  
Albany Capital vs. Windy City Warriors, TP3  
Wright Field Reds vs. Baltimore Thunder, TP4  
Carolina Thunder vs. Summa Ortho Brewers, PDC2  
Jersey Bananas vs. Kodak Reds, PDC3  
Dallas Rangers vs. Carolina Rockies, PDC4  
Fort Myers Breeze vs. Minnesota Bandits Gold, PDC5

##### 10:30

Huntsville Havoc vs. Midwest Pirates, PDC1 (7-inning game)

##### 1:30

New Jersey Twins vs. Minnesota Bandits Red, TP-S  
Florida Sharks vs. Aurora Islanders, TP2  
Banana Sharks vs. Cuyahoga Indians, TP3  
Minnesota Goats vs. DuPage Wildcat, TP4  
Huntsville Havoc vs. DuPage Indians, PDC1 (7-inning game)  
Omaha Indians vs. Steel City Hawks, PDC2  
American Baseball Club vs. Massachusetts Chiefs, PDC3  
Pensacola Barracudas vs. Philadelphia Generals, PDC4  
Doc Ford's Sea Dogs vs. Greenville Wolfpack, PDC5



*photo by Greg Wagner  
Steel City Hawks Pat Bussey gets a pitch in the left arm with the first pitch  
thrown to him by the Chicago Knights pitcher.*



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## PLAYOFF BRACKET

*Legends AAAA Division*

Thursday Thursday Friday

10 AM

1:30 PM

10 AM

#1 Swamp Donkeys

JB3 (G1)

#8 Huntsville Dirtbags

JB5 (G5)

#4 Kennebec Cubs

JB4 (G2)

#5 Border City Brewers

CP-S (G11)

#3 PSOF Rangers

JB5 (G3)

#6 Staten Island Bombers

JB4 (G6)

#2 DuPage Angels

JB6 (G4)

#7 South Dakota Rushmores

Loser's Bracket

Thursday

1:30 PM

L1

JB6 (G7)

L2

L3

JB3 (G8)

L4

## 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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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 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](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.

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Chicago Giants catcher Don Zeko playing pickle with a S.I. Bombers runner, with Jerry Ortiz backing him up.

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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 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.



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Banana Sharks 22, Minnesota Gators 2:** (Sharks) Hitting: Dick Tate 3-4, 1 RBI, 2R, 2 SB; Ray Schmoltze 2-2, 2 RBI, 4R. Pitching: Gabe Mastrangelo 5 IP, 4H, 1R, 3K, 2BB.

**Banana Sharks 15, Kodak Reds 13:** (Sharks) Hitting: Mike Ickes 4-4, 3B, 4 RBI, 2R. Pitching: Gabe Mastrangelo WP.

**Aurora Islanders 25, Huntsville Havoc 11:** (Havoc) Hitting: Randy Bolton 4-5, 2B; Glen Stevenson 2-3, 2R; Jim Crum 1-3, 2B, 2 RBI.

**Pensacola Barracudas 22, Huntsville Havoc 17:** (Havoc) Hitting: Norberto Soto 4-5, 3B, 3R; Randall Turner 3-4, 3R; Wayne Harris 2-2, 3 RBI.

**Kennebec Cubs 18, Massachusetts Chiefs 6:** (Cubs) Hitting: Gonzalez 3-5; Hutchinson 3-5; Proctor 3-5. Pitching: Wilson Reyes CG.

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