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Bonded by baseball: Meet the Counsells



photo by Greg Wagner

When it comes to baseball families it would be difficult to top the Counsell family. John, seen here at the PDC where he mans the bats and glove sales for the Roy Hobbs World series, is the father of Milwaukee Brewer manager Craig Counsell

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Every Roy Hobbs player at some time walks by John Counsell at his PDC post between the batting cages and the clubhouse.

Players stroll by where gloves and bats are sold and probably don't know his rich baseball history or that long-time Milwaukee Brewers manager Craig Counsell is his son.

Washington All-Stars manager Tom Vartanian didn't know about Counsell until Sunday.

"Is that right?" a startled Vartanian said before a game Sunday at JetBlue.

From the time Craig was 8 to 18, his father worked for the Brewers and the kid had the run of County Stadium. Dad arranged speaking engagements for players and Craig often accompanied him to pick up players at their homes.

That included future Hall of Famers Robin Yount and Paul Molitor. Counsell recalls a time when his son was 12 and he asked the boy who his favorite player was. At the time the Brewers had colorful players such as Pete Vukovich and Gorman Thomas. Craig told his dad Yount and Molitor were his favorites.

Why?

Craig told his dad, "Because they are same at home as they are at the club."

Dad liked that mature comment so much he couldn't wait to tell his wife, Jan, about it.

Craig grew up also playing football and basketball. Well, he played football only until a sixth-grade injury.

"Scared the hell out of his mom,"
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Counsell said.

Counsell thinks his son might have suffered a slight concussion. But it was a note from a doctor telling him to wake his son every 20 minutes to make sure he was OK that sealed the deal.

"That's it," Counsell said. "No more football."

The focus on baseball paid off. Craig enjoyed a 16-year big-league career and won World Series rings with the Marlins and Diamondbacks.

Long before becoming Brewers manager, Craig accompanied his dad to the ballpark as a boy.

"I would turn him loose and just say don't get in trouble," Counsell said. "And he would disappear for 8, 10 hours,"

The boy worked his way down to the clubhouse and ran errands for players.

Counsell is usually at his Hobbs World Series post 4 days a week. He played four years in the Twins' organization in the 1960s but never advanced beyond A ball.

He and Jan have been married 54 years. They also have a daughter, Jennifer. They have six grandchildren, including a University of Minnesota baseball player named Brady.

He loves his Roy Hobbs job and has told his famous son about it. What's not to like?

"This is just talking baseball all day," Counsell said. "You can't beat that. And get paid for it."



John Counsell is a familiar face at the Roy Hobbs World Series. He runs the booth where bats and gloves are sold.

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Sunday's Games

Buxmont Cubs 15, St. Louis Pirates 3
 Cangrejeros RD 6, Glory Days 1
 Canton Tigers 19, Starbuck Stars 8
 Chesapeake Rays 8, Canton Tigers 2
 Chicago Colts 9, Crystal Clinic Indians 2
 Dallas Redbirds 13, Southeast Cardinals 0
 Dayton Wolves 4, JetBox 2
 Dundalk Nationals 10, St. Louis Pirates 3
 Dundalk Nationals 26, T-Town Jack-O's 10
 Fort Myers Breeze 9, St. Paul Senators 5
 Jersey Shore Hellcats 5, Tennessee Dirtbags 4
 Kent MudHens 22, Jersey Shore Hellcats 3
 Lake Erie Blue Jays 10, Carolina Thunder 4
 Lake Erie Blue Jays T10, Huntsville Havoc 2
 Maine Black Bears 5, Cleveland Cobras 2
 Maryland Monarchs 13, Nova Scotia Monarchs 0
 Maryland Monarchs 13, Washington All-Stars 10
 Miami SugarKings 8, Chicago Brooklyn Royals 5
 Minnesota Bandits 14, Kodak Reds 1
 Minnesota Diamonds 13, Chicago Woodpeckers 2
 NEO Knights 7, Tidewater Drillers 4
 New Jersey Twins 5, Chicago Colts 2
 NW Indiana Dogs 21, Cincinnati Colt .45s 6
 NW Indiana Dogs 7, New Jersey Rangers 2
 Orlando Braves 6, Dayton Ducks 1
 Orlando Brewers 10, Chicago Knights 2
 Pensacola Sharks 8, DuPage Indians 5
 Pensacola Sharks 9, Winnepesaukee Muskrats 4
 Pittsburgh 11, Baltimore Thunder 2
 Puerto Rico Orioles 18, Chicago North Redhawks 2
 Southeast Cardinals 16, Nova Scotia Monarchs 3
 St. Louis A's 9, Cincinnati Colt .45s 7
 Staten Island Bombers 7, Lehigh Valley Railriders 2
 Tidewater Drillers 3, PSOF Rangers 2
 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 20, South Bend Cardinals 4
 Victoria HarbourCats 9, Bellacinos' Red Sox 0
 Windy City Warriors 12, Flint Tigers 7
 Winnepesaukee Muskrats 15, Atlanta Baseball 10



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 Minnesota Bandits catcher/manager Tim Doboszinski stayed with it and caught
 a mile-high Kodak Reds infield popup.*



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TEAM	W	L	PCT	RA
Lake Erie Blue Jays	2	0	1.000	6
NW Indiana Dogs	2	0	1.000	8
Pensacola Sharks	2	0	1.000	9
Maryland Monarchs	2	0	1.000	10
Dundalk Nationals	2	0	1.000	13
Dallas Redbirds	1	0	1.000	0
Victoria HarbourCats	1	0	1.000	0
Cangrejeros RD Baseball	1	0	1.000	1
Minnesota Bandits	1	0	1.000	1
Orlando Braves	1	0	1.000	1
Dayton Wolves	1	0	1.000	2
Maine Black Bears	1	0	1.000	2
Minnesota Diamonds	1	0	1.000	2
New Jersey Twins	1	0	1.000	2
Orlando Brewers	1	0	1.000	2
Pittsburgh 45's	1	0	1.000	2
Puerto Rico Orioles 45	1	0	1.000	2
Staten Island Bombers 45+	1	0	1.000	2
Buxmont Cubs	1	0	1.000	3
Kent Mudhens 45	1	0	1.000	3
NEO Knights	1	0	1.000	4
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	1	0	1.000	4
Fort Myers Breeze	1	0	1.000	5
Miami SugarKings	1	0	1.000	5
Chesapeake Rays	1	0	1.000	7
St. Louis A's	1	0	1.000	7
Windy City Warriors	1	0	1.000	7
Chicago Colts	1	1	0.500	7
Tidewater Drillers	1	1	0.500	9
Canton Tigers	1	1	0.500	16
SouthEast Cardinals	1	1	0.500	16
Winnepesaukee Muskrats	1	1	0.500	19
Jersey Shore Hellcats	1	1	0.500	26
PSOF Rangers	0	1	0.000	3
Jet Box 45	0	1	0.000	4
Cleveland Cobras	0	1	0.000	5
Tennessee Dirtbags	0	1	0.000	5
Dayton Ducks	0	1	0.000	6
Glory Days	0	1	0.000	6
Lehigh Valley Railriders	0	1	0.000	7
New Jersey Rangers	0	1	0.000	7
Chicago Brooklyn Royals	0	1	0.000	8
DuPage Indians	0	1	0.000	8



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Cleveland Cobras pitcher Marco Teran vs. the Maine Black Bears.

Bellacinos' Red Sox	0	1	0.000	9
Crystal Clinic Indians	0	1	0.000	9
St. Paul Senators	0	1	0.000	9
Carolina Thunder	0	1	0.000	10
Chicago Knights	0	1	0.000	10
Huntsville Havoc	0	1	0.000	10
Baltimore Thunder	0	1	0.000	11
Flint Tigers	0	1	0.000	12
Chicago Woodpeckers 45s	0	1	0.000	13
Washington All Stars	0	1	0.000	13
Kodak Reds	0	1	0.000	14
Atlanta Baseball	0	1	0.000	15
Chicago North Redhawks	0	1	0.000	18
Starbuck Stars	0	1	0.000	19
South Bend Cardinals	0	1	0.000	20
St. Louis Pirates	0	2	0.000	25
TTown Jackos 45	0	1	0.000	26
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	2	0.000	29
Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	2	0.000	30



Head to *Sidelines* to replay the game and tell lies

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MASTERS SCHEDULE

Monday

10:00 AM

PSOF Rangers @ Dundalk Nationals CL-S
 Flint Tigers @ Chesapeake Rays CL1
 Orlando Brewers @ Staten Island Bombers CL2
 Tidewater Drillers @ T-Town Jacko's CL3
 Chicago Knights @ Cleveland Cobras CL4
 South Bend Cardinals @ Kent MudHens CL6
 Starbuck Stars @ Huntsville Havoc JB-S
 NW Indiana Dogs @ Dallas Redbirds JB1
 NEO Knights @ Winnepesaukee Muskrats JB2
 Dayton Ducks @ Puerto Rico Orioles JB3
 Southeast Cardinals @ Twin Peaks Lumberjacks JB4

Orlando Braves @ Chicago North Redhawks JB5
 Carolina Thunder @ Windy City Warriors JB6
 Pittsburgh @ Miami SugarKings PDC1
 Chicago Woodpeckers @ Glory Days PDC2
 Baltimore Thunder @ Dayton Wolves PDC3
 JetBox @ Minnesota Diamonds PDC4

Fort Myers Breeze @ Victoria HarbourCats PDC5
 Tennessee Dirtbags @ Pensacola Sharks TP-S
 St. Louis Pirates @ New Jersey Twins TP2
 Chicago Colts @ Buxmont Cubs TP3
 Washington All-Stars @ St. Paul Senators TP4

1:45 PM

Kent MudHens @ Maryland Monarchs CL-S
 T-Town Jacko's @ PSOF Rangers CL2
 Staten Island Bombers @ Chicago Knights CL3
 Jersey Shore Hellcats @ South Bend Cardinals CL4
 Cleveland Cobras @ Lehigh Valley Railriders CL6
 Canton Tigers @ Carolina Thunder JB-S
 Dallas Redbirds @ New Jersey Rangers JB1
 Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Cincinnati Colt .45s JB2
 Lake Erie Blue Jays @ Starbuck Stars JB3
 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks @ St. Louis A's JB4
 Puerto Rico Orioles @ Orlando Braves JB5



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Minnesota Bandits 2B Doug Ohs turns a double play vs. the Kodak Reds

Chicago North Redhawks @ Maine Black Bears JB6
 Cangrejeros RD @ Chicago Woodpeckers PDC1
 Miami SugarKings @ Baltimore Thunder PDC2
 Glory Days @ JetBox PDC3
 Dayton Wolves @ Chicago Brooklyn Royals PDC4
 Victoria HarbourCats @ Atlanta Baseball PDC5
 DuPage Indians @ Washington All-Stars TP-S
 Kodak Reds @ Bellacinos' Red Sox TP2
 Buxmont Cubs @ Crystal Clinic Indians TP3
 New Jersey Twins @ Minnesota Bandits TP4
 Lehigh Valley Railriders @ Orlando Brewers CL-S
 Maine Black Bears @ Dayton Ducks JB-S
 Chicago Brooklyn Royals @ Pittsburgh TP-S

5:30 PM

Minnesota Diamonds @ Cangrejeros RD TP2



NOTEBOOK

Hall of Fame Celebration Wednesday

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees cordially invite you to join Roy Hobbs Baseball for the 2021 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner and ceremonies.

The first of two events is Wednesday, October 27, 7 p.m., at Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill. Honorees that evening will be Tim Doboszanski, Gary Fischer, Mike Miller and Robert Provost. (The second event will be November 13.)

Sidelines is located at the corner of Veronica Shoemaker Blvd and Colonial Blvd.

Social time starts at 6:30 p.m., with a multi-station buffet served at 7 p.m., to be followed by the induction ceremonies at approximately 7:45 p.m. The events should be completed by 9:30 p.m.

Admission is \$50 for adults and \$20 for ages 10-16; children under 10 are free. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets include dinner, soft drinks, and, for those 21 and over, there will be 2 drink tickets per person available for beer or wine.

Tickets may be purchased at PDC Headquarters from Tom Giffen. There are a limited number of tickets available.

All ticket proceeds of the events benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation.



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 pool play.

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 to return on Thursday MUST turn in their player ID Card and re-register 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 Roy Hobbs: tg@royhobbs.com by 7 p.m. 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


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Kodak Reds starting pitcher John Kuhn fields a MN Bandits slow roller and threw him out at first

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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.

Revenues from the 2020 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 each day.

Managers should **contact Tom** at the Tournament Headquarters. Email to tg@royhobbs.com 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 fluids while playing; don't just wait until the game is over. 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

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Chesapeake Rays left fielder Randy Stattel camps under a Canton Tigers fly ball.



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as needed.

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. Roy Hobbs requests that managers plan for pitchers needing ice for their arms and to 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. Spectators will pay \$1 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day.

The \$5 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters or from the Site Concierges at each security table; there is no family 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, beltloops, 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 and at the entrance to the Quad fields at Lee County.

These individuals will have a view of the parking lot, and they will be available in emergencies, be enforcing cooler guidelines 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.



National Anthem tradition

Jim Doepke, who has performed the national anthem in 30 big-league ballparks, will play the anthem on his trumpet at one championship game each Saturday of the Roy Hobbs World Series. He will also play taps at 10 a.m. on Veterans Day at the PDC. Doepke, a retired high school band director from Wisconsin and Lee County resident, also played the anthem at championship games in the 2020 Roy Hobbs World Series.

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