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Cobra Kai defines baseball brotherhood

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The names of Roy Hobbs Baseball teams are born many ways and are inspired from many sources.

Cobra Kai was born during a poker game in Pensacola in Florida's Panhandle that involved three men who played baseball at Tate High School in that part of Florida.

Cobra Kai has nothing to do with a snake or the Bell AH-1 Cobra attack helicopter. Marty Ham, Tully Steward and Chuck Peterson love a television show called "Cobra Kai," which is a spin-off from a popular 1984 movie, "The Karate Kid."

The show moves the story forward with a focus on the movie's villain, Johnny Lawrence, who becomes more fully developed and much more than a bully. He continues his rivalry with Daniel LaRusso.

The baseball players of Cobra Kai like the brotherhood embodied in the show.

"They do karate together, we do baseball," said Joe Johnescheck of the team.

The brotherhood theme resonates with the team. That's certainly something picked up by Cobra Kai manager Marty Ham.

"This is a tough group of guys and they're brothers who never go without each other," Ham said. "They like to be bad-ass and cool and they got this machismo about them."

The Cobra Kai name has been noticed beyond ballfields. Ham said he was in a Total Wine store wearing a Cobra Kai jersey and customers asked about the name. He told them the story.

The core of this baseball team previously played as the Pensacola Sharks. Many of the Sharks moved up to play in older age groups.

"We wanted to keep playing but we wanted to come up with a different name and start our own tradition," Steward said.

Ham, Steward and Peterson have their baseball tradition dating back to the 1990s. Steward and Ham were Tate High seniors when Peterson was a freshman.

"I looked up to them like they were grown men," Peterson said. "Tully took me under his wing. Don't anybody (mess) with this guy here. I was small and he was like my bodyguard. We became friends and remained friends after all these years."



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photo by Greg Wagner
Tully Steward of Cobra Kai gets ready to make a throw during World Series play.



COBRA KAI

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"The Karate Kid" was one of the most popular movies of their childhood.

"That was our era," Peterson said.

He also likes the macho appeal of the show.

"We just thought it was really awesome," Peterson said.

"Who wouldn't want to be Cobra Kai?"

The poker game was at Peterson's house and involved just the three Tate High alums. A tradition was born in that game, a tradition of brotherhood that goes back to those now long-gone days and will continue on.

*Cobra Kai's
Marty Ham
makes contact
during a Veteran's
Division game*



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*Cobra Kai's
Chuck Peterson
makes a throw
at the 33rd Roy
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Series*

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Chicago Giants 2nd baseman and longtime Roy Hobbs W.S. veteran Micky Rodriguez.

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VETERANS RESULTS

Tuesday

Chicago Knights 6, Glass City Black Sox 3
 Chicago Woodpeckers 19, Minnesota Bulldogs 3
 Chicago Woodpeckers 9, Indiana Yankees 5
 Cincinnati Colt 15, Can-Am Padres 2
 Cleveland Steve Sports 8, Rock Solid Americans 6
 Detroit Dodgers 13, Germain Ohio Aces 3
 Fort Myers Lumberjacks 20, Ukraine Baseball 7
 Germain Ohio Aces 14, Chi-Sox 1
 Glass City Black Sox 7, Panhandle Pirates 6
 Indiana Yankees 12, Vukgripz Akron A's 0
 Lakeville Lobos 15, Central Florida Bulldogs 4
 Minnesota Blenders 14, Cobra Kai 2
 Minnesota WebGems 14, Puerto Rico, Twins2
 NEO Angels 17, Ukraine Baseball 4
 Orlando Lugnuts 4, Chicago Giants 1
 South Bend Cardinals 17, RusStar Baseball 14
 Tennessee White Lightnin' 13, RusStar Baseball 12
 Tennessee White Lightnin' 19, Cincinnati Colt 4
 The Oilers 7, New Jersey Mets 6 (11)
 Tidewater Drillers 17, Minnesota Blenders 6
 Tidewater Drillers 7, South Florida Eagles 5
 TTown, Jack-Os 7, Akron Cardinals 4
 TTown, Jack-Os 8, Baltimore Chop 2



photo by Greg Wagner
 RusStar base runner dives safely back to first base vs. the Tennessee White Lightnin'



photo by Greg Wagner
 Germain Ohio Aces 3rd baseman had to charge the ball to make the play vs. the Chi-Sox



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VETERANS STANDINGS

Veterans 4A Division

	W	L	PCT	RA
Minnesota Web Gems	4	0	1.000	27
Indiana Yankees	3	1	0.750	11
Puerto Rico Twins	3	1	0.750	17
Cleveland Steve Sports	3	1	0.750	19
The Oilers	3	1	0.750	21
Orlando Lugnuts	3	1	0.750	23
New Jersey Mets	2	2	0.500	31
Chicago Woodpeckers	2	2	0.500	38

Veterans Division

	W	L	PCT	RA
Lakeville Lobos	4	0	1.000	11
Detroit Dodgers	4	0	1.000	14
TTown Jack-Os 35s	3	1	0.750	16
Chicago Knights	3	1	0.750	22
Glass City Black Sox	3	1	0.750	26
South Bend Cardinals	3	1	0.750	32
Tennessee White Lightnin'	3	1	0.750	50
Rock Solid Americans	2	2	0.500	15
Minnesota Blenders	2	2	0.500	30
Tidewater Drillers 35+	2	2	0.500	31
Baltimore Chop	2	2	0.500	36
Panhandle Pirates	2	2	0.500	36
RusStar Baseball Club	2	2	0.500	38
Fort Myers Lumberjacks	2	2	0.500	41
NEO Angels	2	2	0.500	42
Chicago Giants	1	3	0.250	27
Akron Cardinals	1	3	0.250	30
Vukegrip Akron A's	1	3	0.250	34
Germain Ohio Aces	1	3	0.250	39
Minnesota Bulldogs	1	3	0.250	41
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	3	0.250	42
Central Florida Bulldogs	1	3	0.250	46
Chi - Sox	1	3	0.250	55
South Florida Eagles	0	4	0.000	37
Cobra Kai	0	4	0.000	57
Ukraine Baseball	0	4	0.000	59
Can-Am Padres	0	4	0.000	74



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Stay up, stay up! Ed Tignor (#11) and teammate coaching the runner at home

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VETERANS SCHEDULE

Wednesday's games

Flip a coin for home team

10 a.m.

Baltimore Chop vs. Fort Myers Lumberjacks, PDC1
Chicago Giants vs. NEO Angels, JB5
Chicago Knights vs. Ttown Jack-Os, PDC4
Cincinnati Colt .45s vs. Vukgripz Akron A's, JB6
Detroit Dodgers vs. Lakeville Lobos, PDC3
Glass City Black Sox vs. Tidewater Drillers, JB3
Minnesota Blenders vs. South Bend Cardinals, JB4
Panhandle Pirates vs. RusStar Baseball, PDC2
Rock Solid Americans vs. Tennessee White Lightnin', PDC5

1:45 p.m.

Akron Cardinals vs. Central Florida Bulldogs, PDC4
Can-Am Padres vs. Ukraine Baseball, PDC3
Cobra Kai vs. South Florida Eagles, PDC2
Germain Ohio Aces vs. Minnesota Bulldogs, PDC5

Bye

Chi-Sox (1-3 team with most runs allowed)

4A Qualifiers for Thursday at JetBlue quad fields

Chicago Woodpeckers
Cleveland Steve Sports
Indiana Yankees
Minnesota Web Gems
New Jersey Mets
Orlando Lugnuts
Puerto Rico Twins
The Oilers

Seedings and matchups to be announced Wednesday afternoon

*Chicago Giants
player warming
up the pitcher
while the
catcher puts on
his gear*



photo by
Greg Wagner



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Orlando Lugnuts pitcher Cory Huston threw a complete game and beat the Chicago Giants 4-1.



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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 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.



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The perpetual smile on Chi-Sox manager and catcher Kevin Payne is contagious. Nothing gets him down.

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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 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

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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.



Chicago Giants left fielder tracks down an Orlando Lugnuts fly ball

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