



## —THE— INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 1

VETERANS  
DIVISION

OCT. 22<sup>nd</sup>

# Smoke scene: Hobbs player cigar expert



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*Garrett Calhoun of the Tennessee White Lightning has traveled to tobacco farms in the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Nicaragua as a sales manager for Davidoff Cigars*

**BY GLENN MILLER**

*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

Baseball and cigars may not go together like Cracker Jacks and baseball, but for those in the know, each is special.

There is no other game like baseball and there may not be another pleasure as distinctive and satisfying as a cigar. For those on the outside of the sport and the smoke, each may appear puzzling.

Not to Garrett Calhoun of the Tennessee White Lightning. He is an aficionado of both. At 42, he's an area sales manager for Davidoff Cigars for 12 states and has traveled to tobacco farms in the Dominican Republic, Honduras and Nicaragua. He has been to his company's International headquarters in Switzerland.

Want to know about cigars? Ask Calhoun. Following a stir-

ring 5-run bottom of the ninth walk-off victory over RusStar Baseball on Tuesday, Calhoun sat down in the bleachers at PDC4 and talked about cigars.

The way some people might explain baseball to a Martian, Calhoun patiently explained cigars.

"For me it just puts me in a great thinking place," Calhoun said. "Even when I'm relaxing my mind is in 22 places at once, so to speak. It's one of those things that helps me organize my thoughts."

Calhoun first sampled tobacco when he was 16 and his Uncle Kevin introduced him to pipes. Calhoun hastened to add, he sampled pipes only on holidays because he was a three-sport athlete in high school who played soccer and basketball as well as baseball. At 18, he smoked his first cigar.

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# SMOKE SCENE

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On Tuesday, he lit up his favorite Davidoff cigar, the Aniversario No. 3.

"Our company is all about craftsmanship," Calhoun said. "In this industry we're kind of the Bentley, Rolls-Royce of the industry. High-end. This cigar is touched by over 150 people's hands from start to finish.

"You talk about the control, the blend. Everything. We have complete vertical control of our company so from the seed, from that seedling that is planted in the greenhouse to the roller to the banding to the boxing, we do everything in house."

Calhoun said cigars enhance sociability.

"It brings people together," Calhoun said. "They always say in our cigar business you never meet a stranger in a cigar store. Everybody is smoking a cigar. You're never with a stranger."

Calhoun gestured with his Aniversario No. 3 and added, "You're never with a stranger with this. This is a friend and you make friends by smoking together and if you're the guy talking with a cigar, you make a friend."

White Lightning teammate Ed Tignor also smokes cigars.

"It makes you slow down and enjoy where you are," Tignor said. "We're always thinking about where we need to be. Cigars make you just enjoy where you're at."

Davidoff cigars are not rushed to market. Calhoun's favorite brand takes a minimum of three years to go from seedling to market. Some Davidoff products are aged up to 25 years,

*Tennessee White  
Lightning's  
Garrett Calhoun  
is a cigar  
aficionado  
and works for  
Davidoff Cigars*



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*Garrett Calhoun  
swats a double  
in a Veteran's  
Division game  
against RusStar  
Baseball on  
Tuesday*

*photo by  
Greg Wagner*

He said cigars transcend race and gender. "Young, old, men, women, white, black," Calhoun said. "It's all inclusive."

He said there is a Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the Leaf. If only, perhaps, more people would be in the Brotherhood and Sisterhood of the Leaf.

"Bring it out to the world and it would be a better place," Calhoun said.

Calhoun was in a great place Tuesday, savoring not only a victory but a fine cigar.

"There is an art and etiquette that goes with it," Calhoun said. "But it can pair with anything. I know guys who do it with chocolate milk. That's not even a joke. I know guys who do it with coffee. It works with everything."

It probably works especially well following a ninth-inning come-from-behind victory.

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SD	Veterans 4A Division	W	L	PCT	RA
1	1-Minnesota Web Gems	4	0	1.000	27
2	2-Indiana Yankees	3	1	0.750	11
3	3-Puerto Rico Twins	3	1	0.750	17
4	4-Cleveland Steve Sports	3	1	0.750	19
5	5-The Oilers	3	1	0.750	21
6	6-Orlando Lugnuts	3	1	0.750	23
7	7-Chicago Woodpeckers	2	2	0.500	38
8	8-New Jersey Mets	2	2	0.500	31

SD	Veterans 3A Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Lakeville Lobos	5	0	1.000	14	9
2	TTown Jack-Os 35s	4	1	0.800	20	13
3	Detroit Dodgers	4	1	0.800	29	14
4	South Bend Cardinals	4	1	0.800	35	21
5	Rock Solid Americans	3	2	0.600	17	9
6	Chicago Knights	3	2	0.600	27	14
7	Tidewater Drillers 35+	3	2	0.600	33	22
8	Glass City Black Sox	3	2	0.600	43	26
9	Panhandle Pirates	3	2	0.600	43	27
10	Minnesota Blenders	2	3	0.400	34	17
11	Minnesota Bulldogs	2	3	0.400	42	23
12	Chicago Giants	2	3	0.400	41	27
13	Vukegrip Akron A's	2	3	0.400	42	28
14	NEO Angels	2	3	0.400	59	42
15	South Florida Eagles	1	4	0.200	45	34
16	Cobra Kai	0	5	0.000	68	47

**Notes:** 8 teams down from A group; Seeds 9-10-11 were slotted to avoid matchups of earlier games. NEO Angels won AA in 2020, and move up by rule.

SD	Veterans 2A Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Baltimore Chop	3	2	0.600	44	31
2	Tenn. White Lightnin'	3	2	0.600	67	49
3	Fort Myers Lumberjacks	2	3	0.400	51	33
4	Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	4	0.200	59	40
5	Central Florida Bulldogs	1	4	0.200	60	45
6	Germain Ohio Aces	1	4	0.200	53	39
7	Chi - Sox	1	3	0.250	55	37
8	Ukraine Baseball	1	4	0.200	73	53
9	Akron Cardinals	2	3	0.400	33	24
10	RusStar Baseball Club	2	3	0.400	46	29
11	Can-Am Padres	0	5	0.000	94	73

**Notes:** Draw for seeding byes.



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Foul ball. Home plate ump Barry Gross

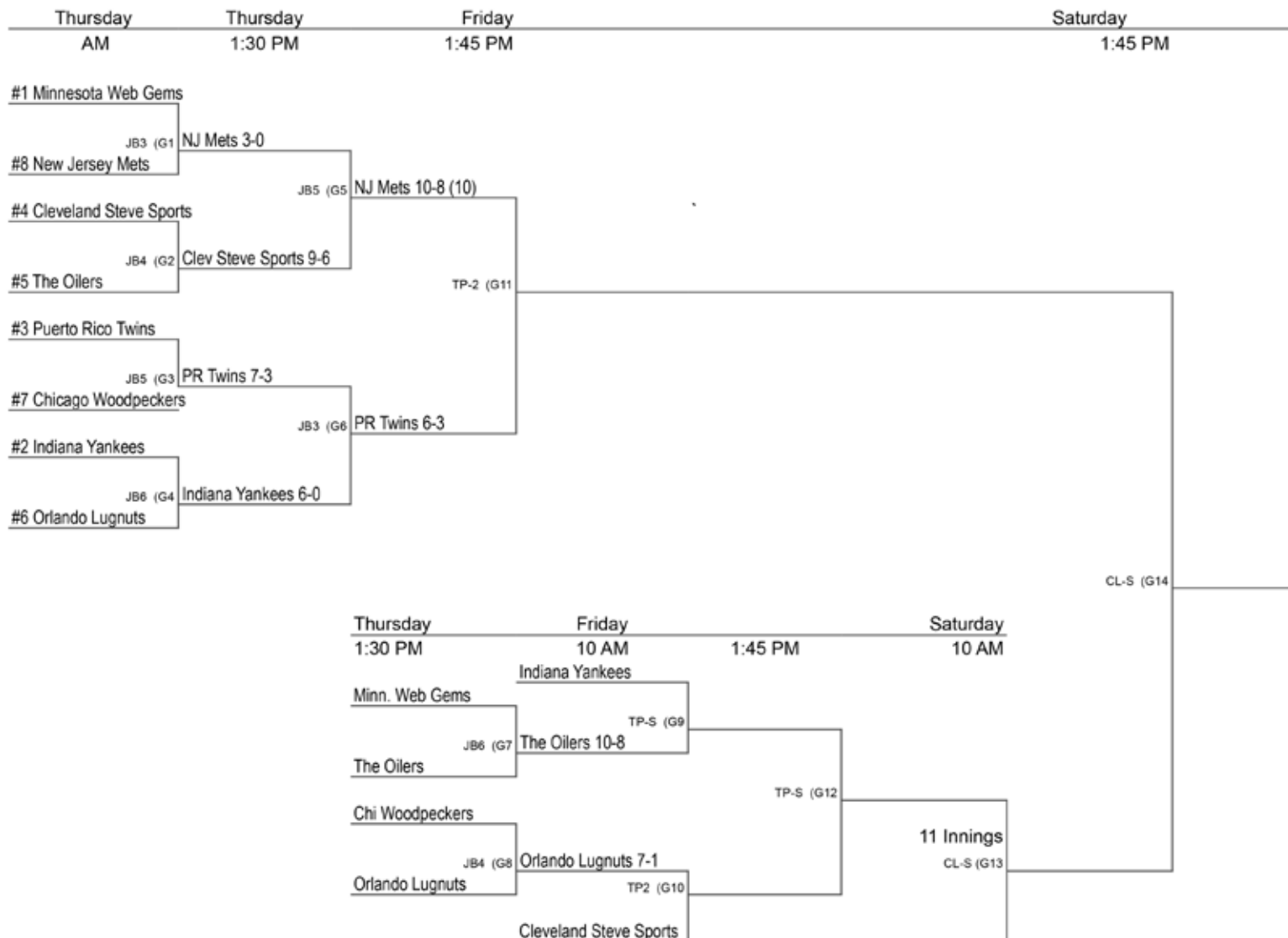


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### National Anthem tradition

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.



### 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:tg@royhobbs.com) with corrections to scores.

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Tennessee White Lightning' catcher Ed Tignor warming up the pitcher

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### 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 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

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A meeting at the mound between Akron Cardinals batterymates



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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.



*Chicago  
Giants Lynn  
Strohl tracks  
down Texas  
Leaguer flare  
vs. Vukgripz  
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