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Mudhens skipper relishes baseball family

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

One of the many hats Ted Lasiak of the Kent Mudhens wears is as the attorney for the Roy Hobbs Foundation.

He represents the arm of Roy Hobbs Baseball focused on, as its website notes, to “support the research into finding cures for leukemia and related blood cancers, and to financially support Challenged Baseball organizations.”

Lasiak, 57, is a man of other hats and duties. He manages the Mudhens and, speaking of arms, when he recovers from labrum surgery on his right shoulder, hopes to return to the mound.

He’s also the village solicitor for Seville, Ohio. And the pitching coach for the Cuyahoga Falls High baseball team. And the father of two, a daughter Sarah who teaches high school math, and a son, Trey, who is a First Lieutenant in Army intelligence stationed in South Korea.

Oh, Lasiak also works for an Akron law firm. Roderick Linton Belfance.

This week, though, the focus is the Roy Hobbs World Series, which he has been participating in for a long time. Lasiak believes his first World Series was 2004.

What keeps him returning?

When he was asked, Lasiak was standing between CenturyLink 6 and the stadium. His teammates were gathering nearby, walking into the first base dugout and beginning pre-game warm-ups.

So, what keeps Lasiak returning?

“These guys,” he said, gesturing to the MudHens.

Lasiak then singled out catcher Mike Miller.

“That guy right there - Mike,” Lasiak said. “He’s playing with us in Akron and his company transferred him to Tampa and he keeps coming here.”

Miller is so dedicated to the Mudhens
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photo by Greg Wagner

Along with managing the Kent Mudhens, Ted Lasiak, 57, is also the attorney representing the Roy Hobbs Foundation, which supports the research into finding cures for leukemia and related blood cancers, and to financially support Challenged Baseball organizations.

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that he makes a weekend trip to Akron every year to play with his old team. And he left Ohio in 2013.

Yet, he remains a Mudhen playing for Lasiak.

"He's definitely experienced," Miller said. "He brings a level of leadership and organization where he's able to corral 17, 18 different personalities and make it work."

It may be more challenging dealing with grown men than teenage boys.

"We feel like we already know everything," Miller said.

The Mudhens know Lasiak has persevered through three surgeries. He's had a tendon replaced in his left arm. The tendon came from a cadaver. He doesn't know the identity of the cadaver.

"I don't want to know," Lasiak said.

He had a hip replaced six years ago. Lasiak always returns to the Mudhens.

"The thing is kind of like a family," Lasiak said.

Then there is the magic of baseball and its lessons.

"You learn how to be a teammate," Lasiak said.

"You learn how to get along. Baseball is not about you. Baseball is about the team."



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Despite injuries, including a hip replacement six years ago, Ted Lasiak said he continues playing for the Kent Mudhens because "the thing is kind of like a family."

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Washington All-Stars batter squaring to bunt vs. the Kent MudHens.

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MASTERS RESULTS

Tuesday Masters Results

Atlanta Baseball 17, Fort Myers Breeze 3
Buxmont Cubs 16, Bellacinos' Red Sox 1
Cangrejeros RD 14, JetBox 2
Carolina Thunder 15, Flint Tigers 4
Chesapeake Rays 14, Starbuck Stars 8
Chesapeake Rays 15, Huntsville Havoc 3
Chicago Brooklyn Royals 21, Baltimore Thunder 5
Chicago Knights 9, Lehigh Valley Railriders 6
Crystal Clinic Indians 19, Bellacinos' Red Sox 4
Dallas Redbirds 16, Cincinnati Colt .45s 0
Dayton Ducks 8, Chicago North Redhawks 5
Dundalk Nationals 21, Atlanta Baseball 11
DuPage Indians 13, New Jersey Rangers 3
Flint Tigers 6, Canton Tigers 5
Huntsville Havoc 14, Windy City Warriors 2
Lake Erie Blue Jays 4, Windy City Warriors 0
Maine Black Bears 8, Puerto Rico Orioles 6
Maryland Monarchs 17, St. Paul Senators 1
Minnesota Bandits 11, Chicago Colts 4
Minnesota Bandits 14, Crystal Clinic Indians 10
Minnesota Diamonds 16, Glory Days 10
NEO Knights 18, T-Town Jack-O's 14
NEO Knights 8, Fort Myers Breeze 5
New Jersey Rangers 3, Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 2
New Jersey Twins 18, Kodak Reds 7
NW Indiana Dogs 7, St. Louis A's 6
Orlando Braves 9, Chicago Woodpeckers 3
Orlando Brewers 16, Cleveland Cobras 2
Pensacola Sharks 11, Jersey Shore Hellcats 9
Pittsburgh 12, Dayton Wolves 4
PSOF Rangers 11, T-Town Jack-O's 5
Southeast Cardinals 12, New Jersey Rangers 2
St. Louis A's 114, Nova Scotia Monarchs 12
St. Louis Pirates 8, Kodak Reds 2
Staten Island Bombers 14, Miami SugarKings 3
Tennessee Dirtbags 15, South Bend Cardinals 9
Tennessee Dirtbags 17, DuPage Indians 9
Tidewater Drillers 14, Winnepesaukee Muskrats 7
Victoria HarbourCats 14, PSOF Rangers 12
Washington All-Stars 14, Kent MudHens 6

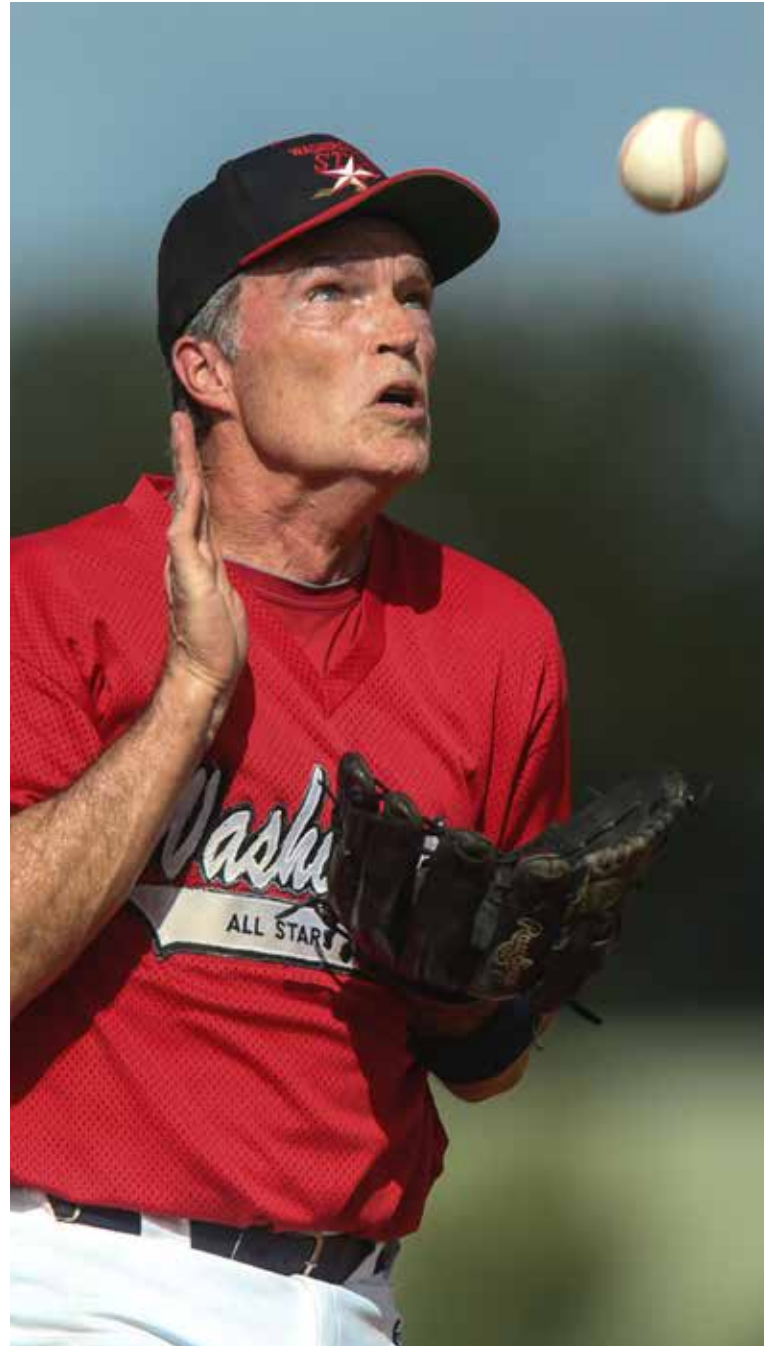


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Washington All-Stars 3rd baseman Steve Galgianitis catches a low pop fly
against the DuPage Indians



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MASTERS STANDINGS

45+ AAAA Division

	W	L	PCT	RA
1-Orlando Brewers	4	0	1.000	10
2-Cangrejeros RD	4	0	1.000	14
3-Orlando Braves	3	1	0.750	9
4-Staten Isl. Bombers	3	1	0.750	15
5-Puerto Rico Orioles	3	1	0.750	16
6-Pittsburgh	3	1	0.750	16
7-Chicago Brooklyn Royals	3	1	0.750	25
8-Maine Black Bears	3	1	0.750	26

45+ Pool Division

	W	L	PCT	RA
Buxmont Cubs	4	0	1.000	7
Dallas Redbirds	4	0	1.000	7
Lake Erie Blue Jays	4	0	1.000	10
Maryland Monarchs	4	0	1.000	11
Minnesota Bandits	4	0	1.000	17
Pensacola Sharks	4	0	1.000	27
Dundalk Nationals	4	0	1.000	28
Victoria HarbourCats	3	1	0.750	18
Carolina Thunder	3	1	0.750	23
Tidewater Drillers	3	1	0.750	24
SouthEast Cardinals	3	1	0.750	28
Minnesota Diamonds	3	1	0.750	30
St. Louis A's	3	1	0.750	30
Chesapeake Rays	3	1	0.750	32
NEO Knights	3	1	0.750	32
NW Indiana Dogs	3	1	0.750	32
New Jersey Twins	3	1	0.750	35
Washington All Stars	2	2	0.500	31
Tennessee Dirtbags	2	2	0.500	34
Flint Tigers	2	2	0.500	35
Chicago Knights	2	2	0.500	38
Baltimore Thunder	2	2	0.500	38
DuPage Indians	2	2	0.500	38
Winnepesaukee Muskrats	2	2	0.500	41
Atlanta Baseball	2	2	0.500	42
Kent Mudhens	2	2	0.500	43
Lehigh Valley Railriders	1	3	0.250	25
Chicago Colts	1	3	0.250	29
Dayton Wolves	1	3	0.250	29
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	1	3	0.250	30
Canton Tigers	1	3	0.250	31
Miami SugarKings	1	3	0.250	31
PSOF Rangers	1	3	0.250	31



photo by Greg Wagner

Staten Island Bomber Frank Russo slides into home vs. the Orlando Brewers

Dayton Ducks	1	3	0.250	32
Windy City Warriors	1	3	0.250	32
Glory Days	1	3	0.250	35
Chicago North Redhawks	1	3	0.250	36
New Jersey Rangers	1	3	0.250	36
Huntsville Havoc	1	3	0.250	37
Chicago Woodpeckers	1	3	0.250	38
St. Louis Pirates	1	3	0.250	38
Fort Myers Breeze	1	3	0.250	42
Kodak Reds	1	3	0.250	44
Crystal Clinic Indians	1	3	0.250	46
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	3	0.250	48
Jersey Shore Hellcats	1	3	0.250	55
South Bend Cardinals	1	3	0.250	61
Starbuck Stars	1	3	0.250	63
Jet Box	0	4	0.000	40
Cleveland Cobras	0	4	0.000	49
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	4	0.000	53
Bellacinos' Red Sox	0	4	0.000	59
St. Paul Senators	0	4	0.000	59
T-Town Jack-O's	0	4	0.000	81

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MASTERS SCHEDULE

Wednesday's games AAAA Playoffs

First Round

All 4A games at 2 PM

#8 Maine Black Bears @ #1 Orlando Brewers CL6

#7 Chicago Brooklyn Royals @ #2 Cangrejeros RD CL4

#6 Pittsburgh @ #3 Orlando Braves CL3

#5 Puerto Rico Orioles @ #4 Staten Island Bombers CL2

Winners & losers advance in DE bracket to games Thursday, to be scheduled in brackets

Masters Pool Game 5

Flip a coin for home team

10 AM

Atlanta Baseball vs. Kent MudHens JB1

Baltimore Thunder vs. Minnesota Bandits CL-S

Canton Tigers vs. Huntsville Havoc PDC4

Chesapeake Rays vs. NEO Knights PDC5

Chicago Colts vs. Winnepesaukee Muskrats JB2

Chicago Knights vs. Lake Erie Blue Jays CL2

Chicago North Redhawks vs. Victoria Harbourcats JB3

Chicago Woodpeckers vs. Pensacola Sharks PDC2

Cincinnati Colts vs. PSOF Rangers PDC1

Cleveland Cobras vs. Starbuck Stars TP-S

Crystal Clinic Indians vs. Kodak Reds JB-S

Dallas Red birds vs. Lehigh Valley Railriders TP2

Dayton Ducks vs. Tidewater Drillers JB4

Dayton Wolves vs. Carolina Thunder JB5

Dundalk Nationals vs. Glory Days JB6

JetBox vs. South Bend Cardinals TP3

New Jersey Twins vs. NW Indiana Dogs TP4

Nova Scotia Monarchs vs. T-Town Jack-O's CL3

SouthEast Cardinals vs. St. Louis A's CL4

St. Louis Pirates vs. Windy City Warriors CL5

Tennessee Dirtbags vs. Washington All-Stars PDC3

1:45 PM

Bellacinos' Red Sox vs. St. Paul Senators JB-S

Buxmont Cubs vs. Minnesota Diamonds CL-S

DuPage Indians vs. Flint Tigers JB3

Fort Myers Breeze vs. New Jersey Rangers JB4

Jersey Shore Hellcats vs. Twin Peaks Lumberjacks JB5

Miami SugarKings vs. Maryland Monarchs TP-S



photo by Greg Wagner
"Strike three", the umpire Jim Lizer said in the Cleveland Cobras/Chicago Knights game



NOTEBOOK

Hall of Fame Celebration Wednesday

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees cordially invite you to join the Roy Hobbs Baseball family 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 Doboszenski, 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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Cleveland Cobras SS Lester Trimino tried but was unable to throw a Chicago Knights runner 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.



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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 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

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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.



DuPage Indians runner gets back to first safely vs. the Washington All-Stars 1B Andy Mencher

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