



# —THE— INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 2

MASTERS  
DIVISION

OCT. 29<sup>th</sup>

## Monarchs embrace RHWS opportunity



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*Monarchs' pitcher Johnny Gonzalez is a picture of focus as he delivers a pitch in Wednesday's game*

### BY GLENN MILLER

*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

The Maryland Monarchs are swaddled in baseball history every day. Never more so, perhaps, than Wednesday when this team participating in its first Roy Hobbs World Series played at historic Terry Park.

The team's name pays homage to one of the great Negro League teams, the Kansas City Monarchs. Those Monarchs over the years featured fabled players such as Jackie Robinson, Satchel Paige, Cool Papa Bell, Turkey Stearnes and Ernie Banks.

The Maryland Monarchs rolled to a 5-0 start in their first World Series.

"All of my players love it," Manager Dwayne Contee said of the event.

Terry Park has a family connection for Contee. His late uncle George Spriggs was a reserve outfielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates and Kansas City Royals when they trained at Terry Park in the 1960s and 1970s.

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*photo by Greg Wagner*

*Four members of the Class of 2021 were inducted into the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Wednesday night in a celebration at Sidelines Sports Grill. From left, Mike Miller, Gary Fischer, Bob Provost and Tim Doboszanski. The second induction for the remaining members of the Class of 2021 will be held November 13. Tickets are available at RHWS Headquarters.*



# MONARCHS

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photo by Greg Wagner  
Monarch Manager Dwayne Contee

Contee said his Uncle George once batted against Paige and was a teammate of Roberto Clemente's in the 1960s. That means Uncle George played at Terry Park in spring training with one of the game's legends.

"He said it was the greatest experience of his life in baseball was when he actually played with Roberto Clemente," Contee said.

Monarchs center-fielder Frank Chandler knows something of Terry Park history and its distinctive features such as the outfield wall.

"Knowing it's cement, a cement wall," Chandler said. "Certainly, it's not a padded wall. Being a centerfielder keeping that in mind."

Monarch second baseman Danny Lee played in the Roy Hobbs World Series in 2008 with another team. Most of the Monarchs haven't been here before.

"This is their first taste of Hobbs," Lee said.

And how is the taste?

"It tastes really good," Lee said.

For second baseman such as Lee playing the position at Terry Park carries a historic resonance few may know.

Two of the greatest defensive second basemen ever played spring training games at Terry Park. Bill Mazeroski spent every spring from 1956 to 1969 there as a member of the Pirates.

"Did he really?" Lee said.

Yes, he did. So did Frank White, who spent every spring

Monarch Craig  
Krause (42)  
concentrates on  
the pitch



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Greg Wagner

from 1973 to 1987 at Terry Park.

Each man won eight Gold Gloves, a total exceeded for second baseman by only Roberto Alomar (10) and Ryne Sandberg (9).

Meanwhile, the modern Monarchs rolled along through the first few days of the World Series.

Contee is impressed with Roy Hobbs' efficiency.

"Just the way everything is put together," Contee said. "The timeliness. The water is ready. The field is ready. Just show up at the game and play."

Then there is the convenience of the playing sites.

"Everything here is like no more than 25 minutes at the most," Contee said.

Will the Maryland Monarchs return to the Roy Hobbs World Series?

"Definitely," Contee said. "Definitely."



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Danny Lee (47) one of the few Monarchs ever to  
play in the Roy Hobbs World Series

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## MASTERS STANDINGS

SD	Masters AAA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Maryland Monarchs	5	0	1.000	11	1
2	Dallas Redbirds	5	0	1.000	18	7
3	Lake Erie Blue Jays	5	0	1.000	14	10
4	Buxmont Cubs	4	1	0.800	13	7
6	Minnesota Bandits	4	1	0.800	31	17
5	Minnesota Diamonds	4	1	0.800	31	17
7	SouthEast Cardinals	4	1	0.800	31	18
8	Tidewater Drillers	4	1	0.800	27	20
9	New Jersey Twins	4	1	0.800	42	26
10	Pensacola Sharks	4	1	0.800	39	27
11	NEO Knights	4	1	0.800	41	27
12	Dundalk Nationals	4	1	0.800	44	28
13	Baltimore Thunder	3	2	0.600	46	25
14	Dayton Wolves	2	3	0.400	30	18
15	Chicago Woodpeckers	2	3	0.400	42	26
16	Lehigh Valley Railriders	1	4	0.200	37	25

Notes: 16 teams, no byes. Lower seed number is home team through playoffs.  
Matchups in first round are based on Roy Hobbs discretion.

SD	Masters AA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Victoria HarbourCats	3	2	0.600	31	18
2	Carolina Thunder	3	2	0.600	37	23
3	NW Indiana Dogs	3	2	0.600	42	24
4	Chesapeake Rays	3	2	0.600	43	29
5	St. Louis A's	3	2	0.600	43	30-17
6	Washington All Stars	3	2	0.600	43	30-18
7	Flint Tigers	3	2	0.600	45	30
8	Kent Mudhens	3	2	0.600	49	33
9	Chicago N. Redhawks	2	3	0.400	38	20
10	Chicago Colts	2	3	0.400	40	28
11	Chicago Knights	2	3	0.400	50	28
12	Glory Days	2	3	0.400	50	34
13	Miami SugarKings	1	4	0.200	39	25
14	Jet Box	1	4	0.200	47	29
15	Dayton Ducks	1	4	0.200	47	32
16	Cleveland Cobras	1	4	0.200	55	36

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SD	Masters A	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	3	0.400	61	40
2	Jersey Shore Hellcats	2	3	0.400	56	34
3	Atlanta Baseball	2	3	0.400	61	40
4	DuPage Indians	2	3	0.400	49	32
5	Crystal Clinic Indians	2	3	0.400	52	33
6	Windy City Warriors	2	3	0.400	43	29
7	Winn. Muskrats	2	3	0.400	53	39
8	Fort Myers Breeze	2	3	0.400	50	33
9	Tennessee Dirtbags	2	3	0.400	58	34
10	Canton Tigers	2	3	0.400	42	31

Notes: 10 teams, 5 byes. Draw for seeds at Pairings Party; team must be present to be eligible for bye. Lower seed number is home team through playoffs.



Cleveland Cobras  
Rob Sladky  
rounds third

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Greg Wagner

SD	Masters B	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	PSOF Rangers	1	4	0.200	45	30
2	South Bend Cardinals	1	4	0.200	79	59
3	Bellacinos' Red Sox	1	4	0.200	65	46
4	Starbuck Stars	1	4	0.200	82	60
5	St. Louis Pirates	1	4	0.200	51	36
6	Twin Peaks L'jacks	1	4	0.200	40	28
7	T-Town Jack-O's	1	4	0.200	88	62
8	Kodak Reds	1	4	0.200	60	42
9	New Jersey Rangers	1	4	0.200	52	36
10	Huntsville Havoc	1	4	0.200	50	35

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45+ Non-Playoff	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
St. Paul Senators	0	5	0.000	68	48
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	5	0.000	70	53

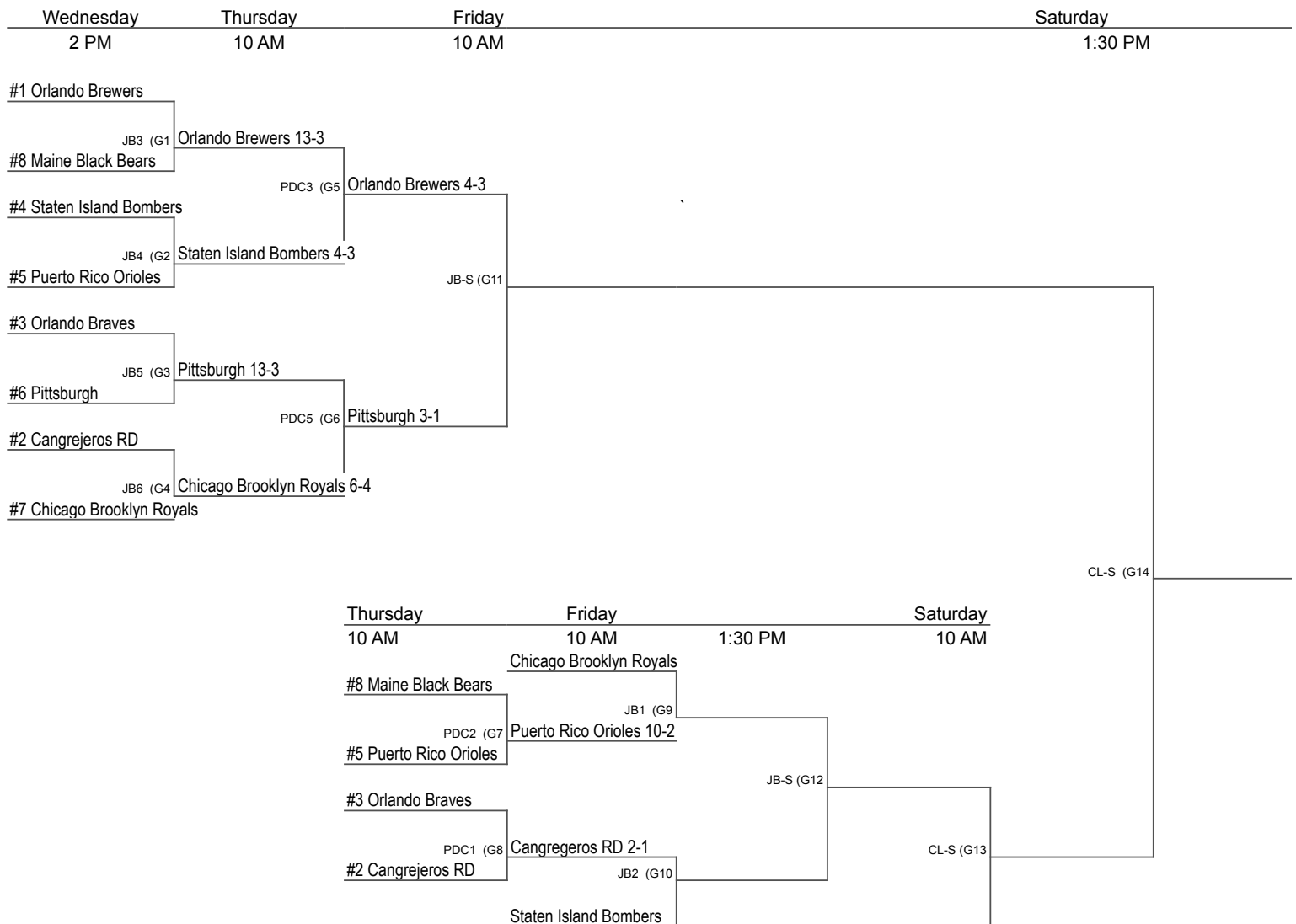
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### Masters AA Playoff





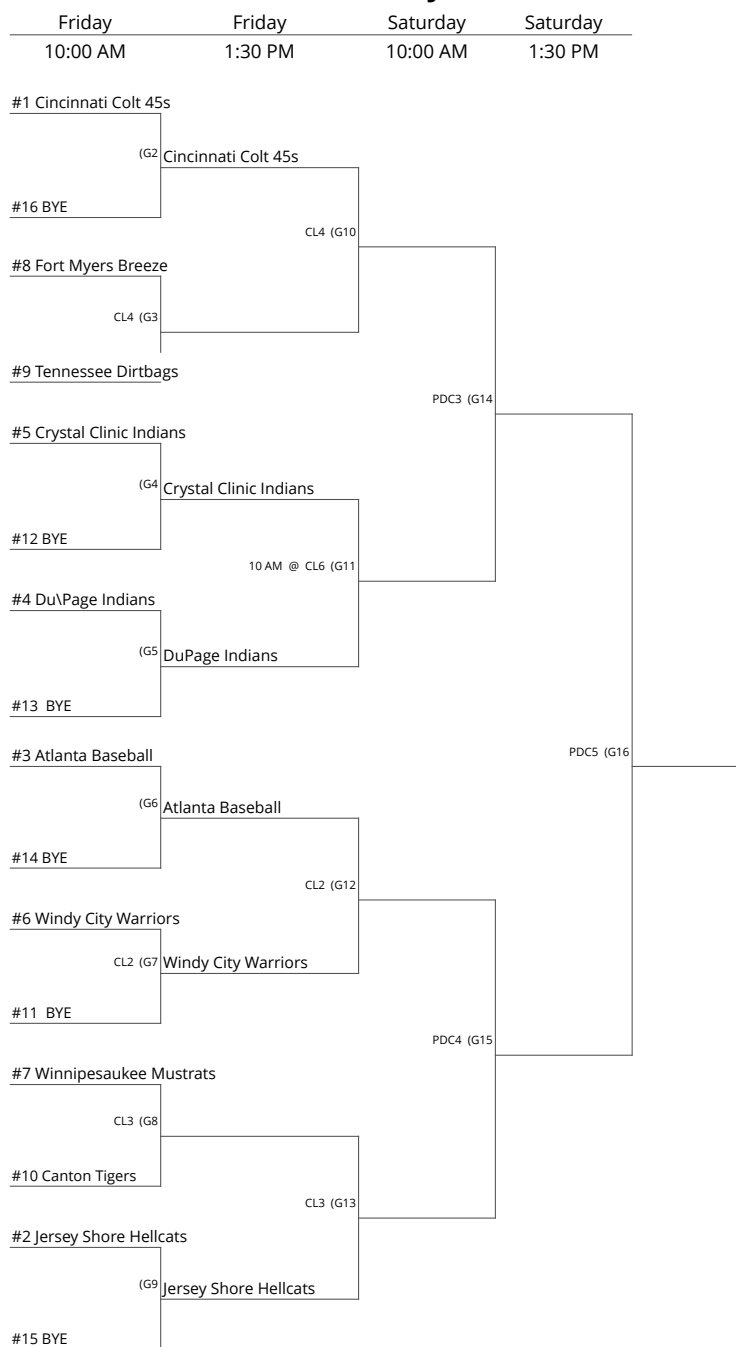


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### Masters A Playoff



### Masters B Playoff



## NOTEBOOK

### 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.



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St. Louis A's 2nd baseman leaps for the catcher's throw as a South East Cardinals runner steals 2nd base

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### 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.

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 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.



Cleveland  
Cobras Dan  
Lydon follows  
flight of his hit

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