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WEEK 4

CLASSICS/TIMELESS  
DIVISIONS

NOV. 10<sup>th</sup>

## Hobbs family to honor Veterans today

Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11, a date Roy Hobbs reveres annually.

Roy Hobbs is honoring Veterans at its games on Wednesday in 60s, and again on Thursday in its 70s and 60 AAAA games.

At each game, we ask the players on both teams to line

up on the baselines for a moment of silence to honor veterans. Umpires usually act as “masters” of the ceremonies, and each handles it differently. If someone wants to speak, please speak up. This is an important remembrance and many veterans are playing this week.

4A teams will be off Wednesday and play a double on Thursday, and we plan to start the first game Thursday with a moment of silence.

## McGuires ‘pick up the pieces’ for Coburn



*In the wake of Bill Coburn's stroke this summer, a group of Toledo McGuire Group players pulled together to keep the organization together and bring 5 teams to the 2021 World Series. Among the core organizers were Darryl Meisner (left), Bob Sauer and Mike McClure.*

### BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer Bill Coburn has been a Fort Myers fixture every fall since 1993.

He's managed, coached and played so well and was such an important presence in building Roy Hobbs Baseball around Toledo that he earned election to the Hall of Fame in 2019.

He's not here in 2021 with the McGuire Insurance Group teams he's helped build. Coburn, 75, is recovering from a stroke suffered earlier this year.

His friends and teammates know what Coburn has meant in building teams.

“Bill knows every single guy in the United States who is eligible to play senior baseball,” said Doug Meisner of the Mud Cats, one of five teams organized by Coburn who play under the McGuire Insurance umbrella. The sponsoring McGuire Insurance is owned by Coburn's daughter, Cathy McGuire.

The stroke affected Coburn's memory and he lost passwords to emails. That left players such as Meisner scrambling

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## COBURN

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to begin organizing teams from the 53's to 75's for the Roy Hobbs World Series.

"I just did the computer leg work," Meisner said.

That leg work is an essential part of organizing teams. Previously, it was Coburn's organizational wizardry that took care of the all the i's that needed dotting and t's needed crossing.

Not this year.

"We just picked up the pieces," Meisner said.

As they persevere, they know Coburn misses being part of another World Series.

"This is his life's passion," Meisner said. "His passion for baseball will drive him to put these teams together."

Coburn's baseball passion goes back to his Ohio boyhood. In addition to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame, Coburn is a member of the Maumee High School Sports Hall of Fame. He excelled in baseball, football and basketball in high school in the 1960s. Baseball was and remains his favorite.

This is the second successive World Series he has missed according to Bob Sauer, who manages the 70s team.

"He didn't make it last year because of Covid," Sauer said. "His wife wouldn't let him come because of Covid."

But his teams play on.

"He is a good recruiter," Sauer said. "People play for him and want to play again."

His baseball friends miss him but understand what the

stroke did to this Hall of Famer.

"He recognizes you," Sauer said. "He's aware. His legs and arms are fine."

So is the legacy of Toledo and Roy Hobbs Baseball he helped build over a long time. His players hope Coburn returns to Fort Myers next fall, if not sooner.

"We're hoping he's going to be here in February," Sauer said, referring to the 2022 Roy Hobbs Sunshine Classic.



*N. J. Wonderboys left fielder Joel Grubman came up throwing from his knees vs. the Baltimore Baseball Club*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

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Maine Woods left fielder settles under a Chicago Fire fly ball on a beautiful Tuesday at historic Terry Park.

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## CLASSICS/TIMELESS RESULTS

### Tuesday's Classics Games

Banana Sharks 19, Atlanta Heat 7  
 Banana Sharks 18, Cleveland Dodgers 8  
 Bergen Yankees 10, Dallas Rangers 9  
 Border City Brewers 14, Long Island Express 6  
 Fort Myers Cubs 31, Kent Mudhens 4  
 Fort Myers Cubs 17, Carolina Thunder 11  
 Huntsville Trash Pandas 6, St. Louis Pirates 2  
 Huntsville Trash Pandas 21, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 6  
 JD's Jaguars 9, Nova Scotia Monarchs 7  
 Kenmore Eastern Brewers 15, Midwest Senators 5  
 Lansing Blue Jays 12, Cleveland Dodgers 10  
 Livingston Dodgers 13, American Baseball Club 9  
 Minnesota Bees 15, Chicago Giants 5  
 Minnesota Goats 9, DuPage Lugnuts 8  
 Oakville Golden A's 5, St. Louis Grays 2  
 Oakville Golden A's 14, Wolfdogs 13  
 Orlando Wrinkles 6, Philadelphia Cutters 3  
 Puerto Rico Orioles 12, Baltimore Orioles 2  
 Richmond Riverdogs 11, South Chicago Yaquis 6  
 San Antonio Texans 7, Toledo McGuire Group 5  
 St. Louis Patriots 18, Lansing Blue Jays 3  
 Tidewater Drillers 17, ChicagoBay Warriors 6  
 Tidewater Drillers 10, Cleveland Spiders 3  
 Toledo McGuire Group 10, Carolina Rockies 4  
 Tuscaloosa Tornados 14, Midwest Nine 8  
 Tuscaloosa Tornados 15, DC Mets 7  
 Washington Titans 8, Minnesota Bandits 2  
 Windy City White Sox 5, San Antonio Texans 4  
 Youngstown A2Z 16, Midwest Nine 6  
 ChicagoBay Warriors, Pensacola Salt Bandits - cancelled

### Night Games

Wolfdogs 10, Blue Ridge Rangers 9  
 Boston GoodFellas @ Carolina Thunder JB-S, ppd light failure

### Tuesday's Timeless Games

Asheville Sox 5, Philadelphia Mustangs 0  
 Kent Mudhens 13, Wilmington Thunder 5  
 Livingston Dodgers 18, Tallahassee Classics 11  
 Midwest Nine 8, Lehigh Baseball 3  
 Minnesota Bees 13, Baltimore Baseball Club 6  
 New England Bosox 14, Terre Haute Volkers 1  
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 9, Youngstown Astros 8  
 Rochester Red Stockings 22, National Spirit 9



photo by Greg Wagner

Kent MudHens 70s shortstop Kim Brothers reacts to a Silver Foxes ground ball

Sacramento Solons 11, Silver Foxes 1  
 St. Louis 70s 12, New England Red Sox 2  
 Team America 7, Philadelphia Graysox 6  
 Toledo McGuire 9, New Jersey Wonderboys 6  
 TSP Fire 8, Maine Woods Baseball 2  
 Washington Titans 17, Minnesota Saints 1



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## CLASSICS/TIMELESS STANDINGS

### Classics Division

	W	L	PCT	RA
<b>AAAA Division</b>				
1 Washington Titans	4	0	1.000	17
2 Minnesota Bees	3	1	0.750	15
3 Border City Brewers	3	1	0.750	36
4 Puerto Rico Orioles	3	1	0.750	20

*Note: Border City beat Puerto Rico head-to-head*

### POOL DIVISION

	W	L	PCT	RA
St. Louis Patriots	4	0	1.000	6
Huntsville Trash Pandas	4	0	1.000	15
Tuscaloosa Tornados	4	0	1.000	27
Oakville Golden A's	4	0	1.000	34
Youngstown A2Z	4	0	1.000	35
Toledo McGuire Group	3	1	0.750	21
Bergen Yankees	3	1	0.750	30
Tidewater Drillers	3	1	0.750	34
JD's Jaguars	3	1	0.750	35
Banana Sharks	3	1	0.750	36
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	3	1	0.750	43
Wolfdogs	3	1	0.750	48
Fort Myers Cubs	3	1	0.750	54
Dallas Rangers	2	2	0.500	27
San Antonio Texans	2	2	0.500	29
Chicago Giants	2	2	0.500	29
Minnesota Bandits	2	2	0.500	31
Orlando Wrinkles	2	2	0.500	31
Carolina Rockies	2	2	0.500	32
DuPage Lugnuts	2	2	0.500	33
Baltimore Orioles	2	2	0.500	38
Midwest Nine	2	2	0.500	41
Livingston Dodgers	2	2	0.500	41
Lansing Blue Jays	2	2	0.500	45
Minnesota Goats	2	2	0.500	45
Atlanta Heat	2	2	0.500	46
St. Louis Grays	2	2	0.500	48
Richmond Riverdogs	2	2	0.500	56
Carolina Thunder	1	2	0.333	33
Boston GoodFellas	1	2	0.333	46
St. Louis Pirates	1	3	0.250	36
DC Mets	1	3	0.250	45
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	3	0.250	48
Windy City White Sox	1	3	0.250	53

Cleveland Dodgers	1	3	0.250	58
Blue Ridge Rangers	1	3	0.250	69
Cleveland Spiders	1	3	0.250	70
Philadelphia Cutters	0	4	0.000	33
American Baseball	0	4	0.000	46
ChicagoBay Warriors	0	3	0.000	52
Long Island Express	0	4	0.000	52
South Chicago Yaquis	0	4	0.000	57
Midwest Senators	0	4	0.000	71
Kent Mudhens	0	4	0.000	97
WD Pensacola Salt Bandits	0	3	0.000	51

### Timeless Division

	W	L	PCT	RA
TSP Fire	3	0	1.000	2
Washington Titans	3	0	1.000	2
Minnesota Bees	3	0	1.000	9
St. Louis 70s	3	0	1.000	12
Livingston Dodgers	3	0	1.000	23
Maine Woods Baseball	2	1	0.667	12
New England Bosox	2	1	0.667	15
Toledo McGuire Group	2	1	0.667	17
Sacramento Solons	2	1	0.667	18
Midwest Nine	2	1	0.667	20
Kent Mudhens	2	1	0.667	24
New Jersey Wonderboys	2	1	0.667	26
Minnesota Saints	2	1	0.667	27
Team America	2	1	0.667	33
Lehigh Baseball	1	2	0.333	23
Philadelphia Mustangs	1	2	0.333	24
Asheville Sox	1	2	0.333	26
Wilmington Thunder	1	2	0.333	26
Philadelphia Graysox	1	2	0.333	27
Rochester Red Stockings	1	2	0.333	32
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	2	0.333	36
New England Red Sox	1	2	0.333	37
Silver Foxes	1	2	0.333	38
Youngstown Astros	0	3	0.000	35
Terre Haute Volkens	0	3	0.000	38
Tallahassee Classics	0	3	0.000	44
Baltimore Baseball Club	0	3	0.000	45
National Spirit	0	3	0.000	60



## CLASSICS/TIMELESS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday's Classics games

#### Pool Game 5

**Flip a coin for home team (Unless noted)**

#### 10 AM

- CL-S - Livingston Dodgers vs. Orlando Wrinkles
- JB-S - Boston GoodFellas at Carolina Thunder - ppd from Tuesday night
- JB1 - Chicago Giants vs. St. Louis Grays
- JB2 - Midwest Nine vs. Minnesota Bandits
- TP-S - Kent Mudhens vs. South Chicago Yaquis
- TP2 - Chicago Bay Warriors vs. Midwest Senators
- TP3 - Dupage Lugnuts vs. Lansing Blue Jays
- TP4 - Banana Sharks vs. Youngstown A2Z

#### 1:30 PM

- CL-S - Cleveland Dodgers vs. Philadelphia Cutters
- CL3 - Baltimore Orioles vs. Carolina Rockies
- CL4 - Bergen Yankees vs. St. Louis Patriots
- CL6 - Huntsville Trash Pandas vs. Tidewater Drillers
- JB1 - Oakville Golden A's vs. Toledo McGuire Group
- JB2 - Carolina Thunder-Boston GoodFellas winner vs. San Antonio Texans
- JB3 - Carolina Thunder-Boston GoodFellas loser vs. Atlanta Heat
- JB4 - Minnesota Goats vs. Richmond Riverdogs
- JB5 - DC Mets vs. Nova Scotia Monarchs
- JB-S - JD's Jaguars vs. Fort Myers Cubs
- PDC3 - Kenmore Eastern Brewers vs. Tuscaloosa Tornados
- PDC4 - Dallas Rangers vs. Wolfdogs
- PDC5 - St. Louis Pirates vs. Windy City White Sox
- TP-S - Americans Baseball vs. Long Island Express
- TP2 - Blue Ridge Rangers vs. ChicagoBay Warriors

**Thursday is off-day ... Pairings party Thursday night at Sidelines Sports Grill, 7 p.m.**

**4-Team AAAA double-elimination playoffs start Thursday, Bracket will be posted Wednesday.**

### Wednesday's Timeless Games

#### 10 am

- Philadelphia Graysox @ Wilmington Thunder CL1
- Philadelphia Mustangs @ Silver Foxes CL2
- Team America @ New Jersey Wonderboys CL3
- Baltimore Baseball Club @ Sacramento Solons CL4
- Kent Mudhens @ Minnesota Bees CL6
- Maine Woods Baseball @ Livingston Dodgers JB3



*photo by Greg Wagner  
Kent MudHens 60s 2nd baseman John Berger held on to the ball after forcing the Carolina Thunder baserunner at 2nd*

- TSP Fire @ Asheville Sox JB4
- National Spirit @ Toledo McGuire JB5
- Tallahassee Classics @ Rochester Red Stockings JB6
- Washington Titans @ Terre Haute Volkers PCD1
- New England Bosox @ Minnesota Saints PDC2
- New England Red Sox @ Youngstown Astros PDC3
- St. Louis 70s @ Midwest Nine PDC4
- Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Lehigh Baseball PDC5



## NOTEBOOK

### Hall of Fame Celebration Saturday; Tickets \$50, available at PDC Hdq.

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 Saturday, Nov. 13.

The second of 2021's two events is this coming Saturday at Ron Dao's Sports Grill at 15320 McGregor Blvd, en route to the beach.

Honorees Saturday will be Russ Bortell, John Haraldsen, Dan MacDougall, Robert Misko, Paul Westwood and Ambassador honoree Ian Mosher. Additionally, Dick Hill, a 2020 honoree, will be presented as well.

Social time starts at 6:45 p.m., with a multi-station buffet served at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by the induction ceremonies at approximately 8 p.m. The events should be completed by 10 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.

The first event was held October 27 when Tim Doboszinski, Gary Fischer, Mike Miller and Bob Provost were presented.

### 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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Baltimore Baseball Club's Tony Nardini heads for home vs. the N.J. Wonderboys

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Greg Wagner

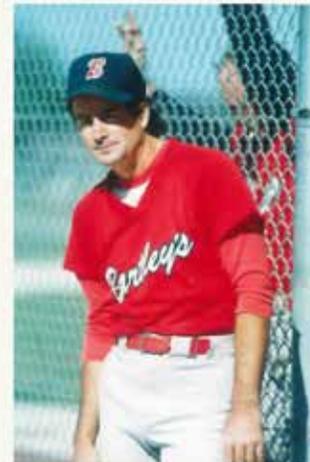
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*N.J. Wonderboys manager and Roy Hobbs World Series Hall-of-Famer Tommy Faherty lays down a sacrifice bunt vs. the Baltimore Baseball Club*

*photo by Greg Wagner*



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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

*see NOTEBOOK on page 8*



## NOTEBOOK



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*Kent MudHens 60s shortstop Louie Munoz kept the ball in the infield to save a run vs. the Carolina Thunder. Munoz is an original MudHen, dating back to 1994.*

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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.



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*Chicago Giants starting pitcher Angelo Consuglio looks in for the sign vs. the Americans Baseball Club*