



## —THE— INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 4

CLASSICS/TIMELESS  
DIVISIONS

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# Oakville players embrace return to RHWS



photo by Greg Wagner

*Oakville Golden A's manager and Hall of Famer Rich Knight, center, had a plate meeting this week. Knight said the players on his team were disappointed they couldn't come to the World Series in 2020 due to the pandemic, but they understood why.*

**BY GLENN MILLER**

*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

*Shoeless Joe Jackson: "Is this heaven?"*

*Ray Kinsella: "No. ... it's Iowa."*

Many who play in the Roy Hobbs World Series might quibble on the location of baseball paradise.

One is Greg McEachren of the Oakville Golden A's, a Canadian team. In 2020, the A's could not travel out of the country because of Covid restrictions.

But McEachren played with the Tidewater Drillers. As a part-time Fort Myers resident, he was already in the U.S. When he and his wife, Jennifer, bought a Fort Myers home he wanted one conveniently located for baseball.

"Right here in the middle of baseball heaven," McEachren, 61, said before a game at CenturyLink

From his Florida home, he said he is only 15 minutes or so

from every World Series ballpark.

Heaven, indeed.

The 2020 World Series wasn't heavenly for his friends on the Ontario-based A's.

"I missed the camaraderie, the teammates," McEachren said.

That's not a slight to the Drillers.

"I loved playing for the Drillers," McEachren said.

Meanwhile, the A's were back home not playing.

"They were jealous, envious, everything," McEachren said.

They had encouraging words for their snowbird teammate such as "Go get 'em. Best of of luck. All that sort of thing."

He and his wife have settled comfortably into an active Florida lifestyle. She runs marathons. Does Greg run marathons?

"I run 90 feet at a time and turn left," said McEachren, who

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# OAKVILLE

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also plays pickle ball and squash.

Covid restrictions cut short the 2020 Canadian baseball season.

"We couldn't get park permits until the end of June," said Al Rutherford of the A's, who is now a British Columbia resident.

Canadian senior baseball events were canceled for two years, according to Rutherford. When games were played, umpires had to call balls and strikes from behind the mound. "We haven't had a chance to go and defend our national championship," Rutherford said.

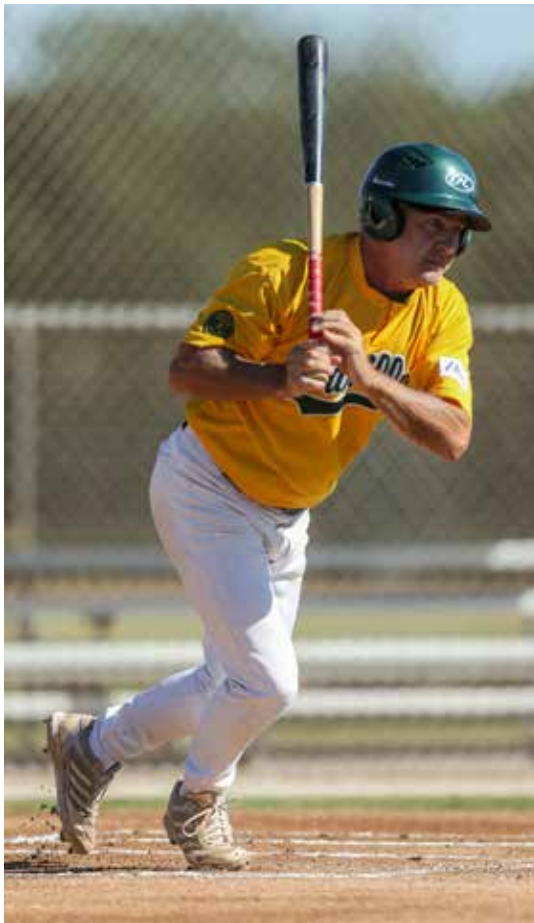
A's manager Rich Knight said his team is the host for the Canadian senior baseball championships, but the event was not held last year or this year. Of course, there wasn't the Florida trip last year.

"The guys were really unhappy we couldn't go," Knight said, "But everyone understood."

A challenge for the A's were travel restrictions. Knight said people coming back into Canada had to quarantine for 14 days. In essence, then, players had to take three weeks off at a time if they wanted to come to Fort Myers. That would be a week here and then two weeks in quarantine. "They had families and they didn't want to take three weeks," Knight said,

It's now 2021 and the A's are back, back in heaven.

*Todd Breedon of the Oakville Golden A's and his teammates are back in the World Series after missing the 2020 World Series because of Covid-19 traveling restrictions.*



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*Oakville Golden A's pitcher Steve Pepi winds up on the mound during a World Series game this week.*

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## CLASSICS/TIMELESS STANDINGS

### Classics Division

SD	Classics AAA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	St. Louis Patriots	5	0	1.000	7	4
2	Huntsville Trash Pandas	5	0	1.000	16	10
3	Tuscaloosa Tornados	5	0	1.000	31	22
4	Youngstown A2Z	5	0	1.000	45	29
5	Toledo McGuire Group	4	1	0.800	28	19
6	Fort Myers Cubs	4	1	0.800	57	31
7	Oakville Golden A's	4	1	0.800	53	36
8	Carolina Rockies	3	2	0.600	43	31
9	DuPage Lugnuts	3	2	0.600	33	19
10	Chicago Giants	3	2	0.600	35	20
11	Orlando Wrinkles	3	2	0.600	36	21
12	Dallas Rangers	3	2	0.600	34	25
13	Bergen Yankees	3	2	0.600	42	30
14	JD's Jaguars	3	2	0.600	44	32
15	Minnesota Bandits	2	3	0.400	47	31
16	Nova Scotia Monarchs	2	3	0.400	49	32

Notes: Use seedings to denote home teams. 8 teams from Pool play in upper bracket; 8 teams down from A Group in lower bracket, with adjustments to avoid rematches.

SD	Classics AA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Kenmore Eastern Brewers	3	2	0.600	54	33
2	Tidewater Drillers	3	2	0.600	53	34
3	Banana Sharks	3	2	0.600	48	35
4	Midwest Nine	3	2	0.600	51	35
5	Boston GoodFellas	3	2	0.600	57	37
6	Wolfdogs	3	2	0.600	69	48
7	Richmond Riverdogs	3	2	0.600	67	55
8	St. Louis Pirates	2	3	0.400	41	28
9	San Antonio Texans	2	3	0.400	45	29
10	Carolina Thunder	2	3	0.400	52	35
11	Livingston Dodgers	2	3	0.400	53	36
12	Baltimore Orioles	2	3	0.400	53	38
13	Atlanta Heat	2	3	0.400	66	43
14	Lansing Blue Jays	2	3	0.400	62	44
15	St. Louis Grays	2	3	0.400	64	44
16	Minnesota Goats	2	3	0.400	62	45

Notes: Use seedings to denote home teams. 13 teams from Pool play & 3 teams from A Group and matched in first round, meaning brackets not traditional. Matchups adjusted to avoid rematches.

SD	Classics A	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Blue Ridge Rangers	2	3	0.400	81	54
2	ChicagoBay Warriors	1	4	0.200	69	51
3	DC Mets	1	4	0.200	62	42
4	South Chicago Yaquis	1	4	0.200	63	43
5	Windy City White Sox	1	4	0.200	60	43
6	American Baseball	1	4	0.200	60	43
7	Cleveland Dodgers	1	4	0.200	69	51
8	Philadelphia Cutters	1	4	0.200	33	21
9	Cleveland Spiders	1	3	0.250	66	42
10	Long Island Express	0	5	0.000	65	47

Notes: 10 teams, draw for seeds; teams had to be present to be eligible for seed draw. 1 0-5 team included, based on it playing an A-group schedule in its first 5 games, seeded 10th.

	Non-Playoff	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
	Midwest Senators	0	5	0.000	86	59
	Kent Mudhens	0	5	0.000	116	90

Notes: 2 0-5 pool division teams, play 1:30 p.m. at CL-3, flip a coin for home team.

### Timeless Division

SD	Timeless AAAA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Minnesota Bees	5	0	1.000	11	5
2	Washington Titans	5	0	1.000	14	7
3	TSP Fire	5	0	1.000	14	8
4	New England Bosox	4	1	0.800	21	7
5	Sacramento Solons	3	1	0.750	23	11
6	Maine Woods Baseball	3	2	0.600	30	13
7	Philadelphia Graysox	3	2	0.600	28	15
8	Wilmington Thunder	3	2	0.600	36	23

Notes: Use seedings to denote home teams. Matchups adjusted to avoid rematches from pool play.

SD	Timeless AAA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	St. Louis 70s	3	2	0.600	41	26
2	Midwest Nine	3	2	0.600	50	29
3	Nova Scotia Monarchs	3	2	0.600	46	31
4	Kent Mudhens	3	2	0.600	48	31
5	Livingston Dodgers	3	2	0.600	50	34
6	Asheville Sox	2	3	0.400	35	21
7	Toledo McGuire	2	3	0.400	44	29
8	Minnesota Saints	2	3	0.400	47	30

Notes: Use seedings to denote home teams.

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Head to *Sidelines* to replay the game and tell lies

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## BRACKETS

### Classics AAA Playoff

Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday
10:00 AM	1:30 PM	10:00 AM	1:30 PM



### Classics AA Playoff

Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday
10 AM/1:30 PM	6:00 PM	10:00 AM	1:30 PM



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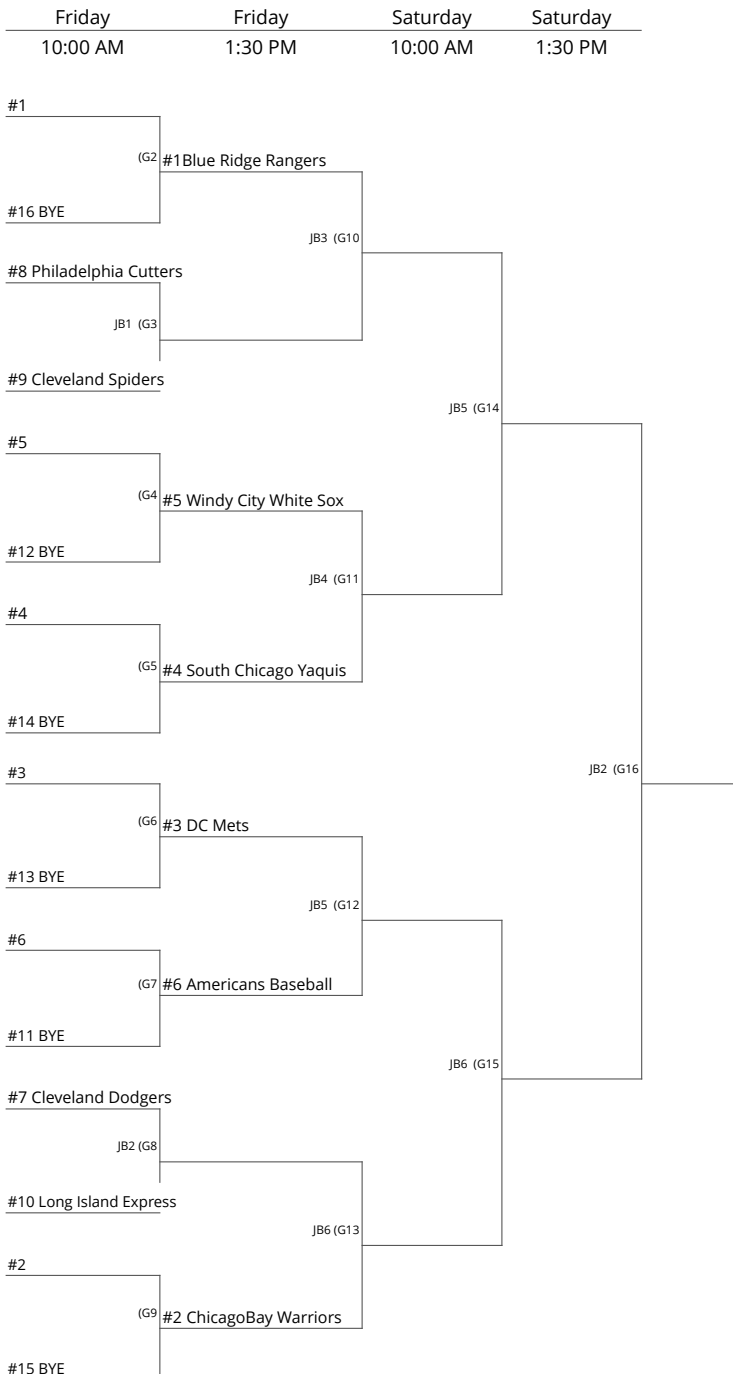
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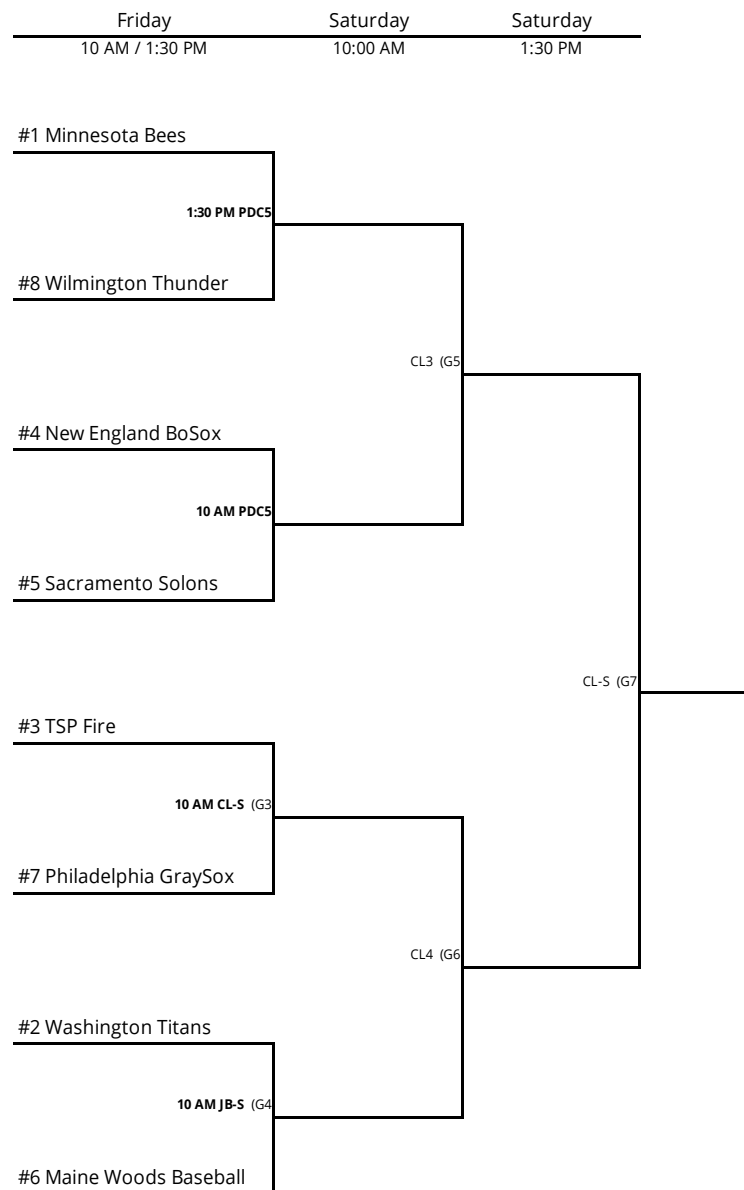
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### Classics A Playoff



### Timeless AAAA Division Playoff

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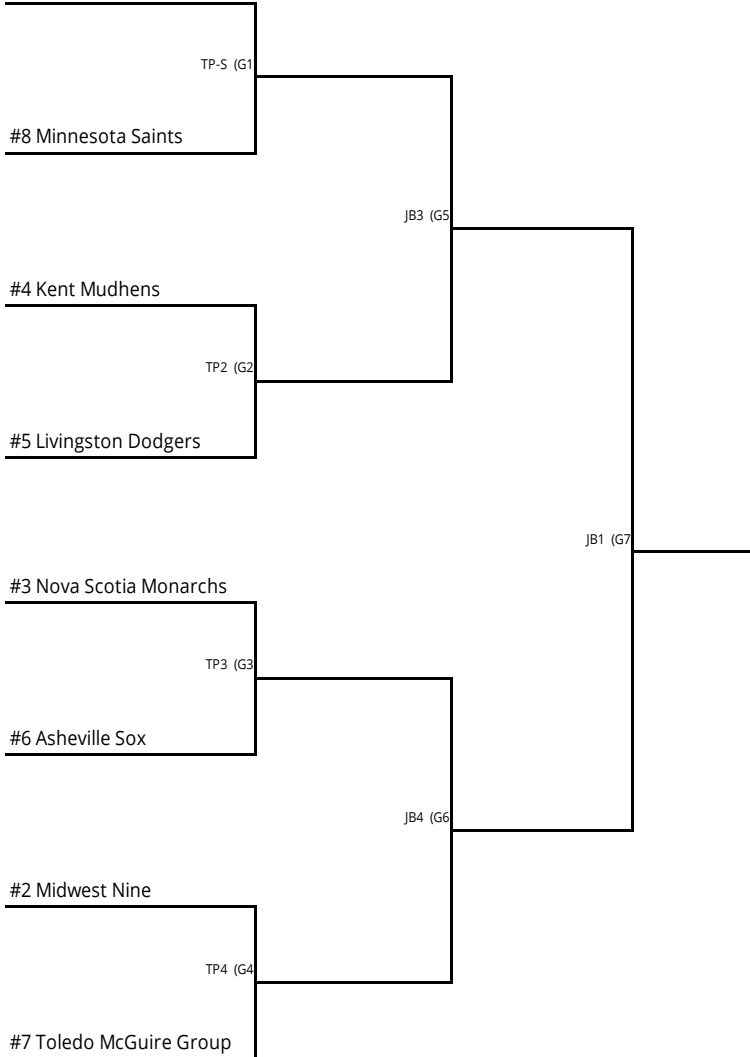
## BRACKETS

### Timeless AAA Division Playoff

Friday	Saturday	Saturday
3:00 PM	10:00 AM	1:30 PM

**Friday games -- 7 innings**

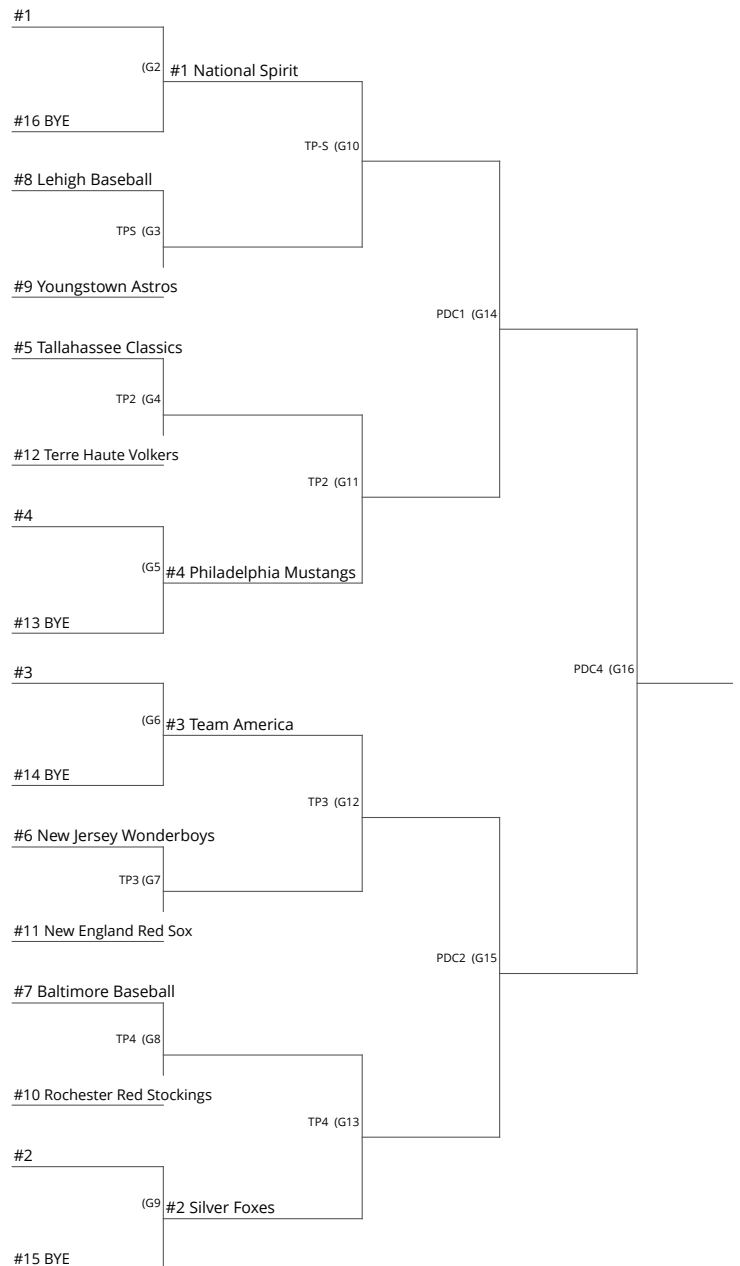
#1 St. Louis 70s



### Timeless AA Playoff

Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday
9:30 AM	12:15 PM	10:00 AM	1:30 PM

**All Friday games are 7 innings**





## 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.

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*NE BoSox 1st baseman and Hall of Famer Kevin Marden tracks down a Maine Woods 70's pop foul*

*photo by Greg Wagner*



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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.

### 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.

### 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.



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Kent MudHens long-time catcher Ron Poto warms up the pitcher in the game against the Philadelphia Mustangs

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## STANDINGS

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SD	Timeless AA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	National Spirit	2	3	0.400	77	55
2	Silver Foxes	2	3	0.400	59	38
3	Team America	2	3	0.400	65	47
4	Philadelphia Mustangs	2	3	0.400	46	32
5	Tallahassee Classics	2	3	0.400	56	38
6	New Jersey Wonderboys	2	3	0.400	59	41
7	Baltimore Baseball Club	1	3	0.250	47	30
8	Lehigh Baseball	1	4	0.200	49	36
9	Youngstown Astros	1	4	0.200	55	40
10	Rochester Red Stockings	1	4	0.200	60	42
11	New England Red Sox	1	4	0.200	66	48
12	Terre Haute Volkers	0	5	0.000	68	50

Notes: Use seedings to denote home teams. 12 teams, 4 byes to be drawn at Pairings Party from 2-3 teams in attendance. 1 0-5 team remaining, placed in #12 seed.