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WEEK 5

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DIVISIONS

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Memories of old are new again at RHWS



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Herman Miele (L) and Lou Hernandez - 1970s high school teammates - are reunited on the Orlando Freedom this week

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The last time before Sunday that Lou Hernandez and Herman Miele of the Orlando Freedom played a baseball game together was in 1972.

They were teammates at Seward Park High School in New York City. The team played home games in Central Park and city baseball players dreamed of reaching the city championship game, which back then was played in either Yankee Stadium or Shea Stadium.

That dream didn't come true for Hernandez and Miele. But another dream of sorts did -- the chance to play together nearly half a century later.

They connected on Facebook through a mutual friend and a former Seward Park teammate. Miele reached out initially.

"I saw him on the thing and I said, 'Lou, it's Herman,'" Miele said. "At first I don't think he remembered me."

When Miele said this he was sitting in bleachers at a JetBlue Park back field. Hernandez was sitting nearby and blurted out, "I do!"

He did, indeed, remember Herman.

Lives had taken them apart. Both men married. Hernandez moved to Florida and worked for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring earlier this year. Miele, who turned 67 on Sunday, remained in New York, working in an administrative role for the city government and retired in 2009.

Miele, who resides in Yorkville, N.Y., hoped to come to the 2020 Roy Hobbs World Series but couldn't make it. Their reunion was delayed.

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Hernandez, who has played in 19 Roy Hobbs World Series, talked up the event to his old friend.

"I said, 'You're going to love it,' Hernandez said. 'You're going to love playing with us here.'"

Finally, on Saturday, they met again for a 2 p.m. practice at CenturyLink.

"We hugged and joked about old times," Hernandez said.

It was a long way from Central Park. Seward Park did not have a field. The team took a subway to games.

"We were used to that," Hernandez said.

Central Park may be the most famous municipal park in the country but not many people know its many amenities include baseball fields. Miele's recalls something else.

"They had a bathroom you could go to," Miele's said. "Thank God for that."

Both men are married. Hernandez's wife, Linda, is at the World Series. Miele's wife, Jessica, could not make it.

Orlando Freedom manager Bob Misko said he understand what keeps bringing players back to the game.

"The people that play it can't put it down," Misko said.

That's certainly true of these Seward Park alums.

Seward Park High School closed in 2006 but two of their baseball players from long ago are still suiting up.

But not in Central Park. And there is no subway in Fort Myers.



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Sacramento Buzzards catcher Rick Salmeri warms up the pitcher before an inning vs. the Maine Woods 65s

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New Jersey Wonderboys Cardinals manager
Tommy Faherty squares to bunt
vs. the Toledo McGuire Group

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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG RESULTS

Monday's Vintage Games

Bronx Cardinals 11, USA Volkers Group 5
 Carolina Rockies 13, Rhode Island Rockies 8
 DC Mets 15, Toledo McGuire Group 13 (10)
 JD's Jaguars 15, Livingston Dodgers 11
 Kent Mudhens 17, Philadelphia Brewers 6
 Maine Woods Baseball 18, Cincinnati Colt .45's 12
 Midwest Nine 19, Nova Scotia Monarchs 4
 Minnesota Bees 7, South Jersey Spikes 0
 Raynham Baseball Club 7, Long Island Express 6
 Sacramento Buzzards 17, Philadelphia A's 8
 Sacramento Tribe 17, Long Island Yankees 4
 San Antonio Texans 22, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 7

Silver Foxes 11, North Coast Nationals 9
 St. Louis Chiefs 16, Huntsville Havoc 6
 Tallahassee Classics 8, Philadelphia Cutters 6
 Washington Titans 12, Orlando Freedom 5
 Youngstown Astros 8, Minnesota Bandits 7

Monday's Forever Young Games

South Dakota Rushmores 9, Team America 8
 Minnesota Saints 6, Sacramento Solons 2
 Avengers 12, Tri-Cities 3
 Ironman Maiden 14, Maine Woods Baseball 3
 Kent Mudhens 16, New England Red Sox 15 (10)
 Toledo McGuire Group 14, Wonderboy-Cardinals 12



Washington Titans Glenn Powers is safe on a steal of second vs Kent MudHens 65s

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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG STANDINGS

Vintage Division

| | W | L | PCT | RA |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Minnesota Bees | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 1 |
| Bronx Cardinals | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 5 |
| Baltimore Orioles | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 5 |
| Tallahassee Classics | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 6 |
| Sacramento Tribe | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 7 |
| Washington Titans | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 9 |
| Midwest 9 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 10 |
| St. Louis Chiefs | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 12 |
| Carolina Rockies | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 13 |
| Maine Woods Baseball | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 15 |
| JD's Jaguars | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 |
| Silver Foxes | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 |
| DC Mets | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 19 |
| South Jersey Spikes | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 8 |
| Long Island Express | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 15 |
| Kent Mudhens | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 15 |
| Minnesota Bandits | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 16 |
| San Antonio Texans | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 16 |
| Toledo McGuire Group | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 20 |
| Sacramento Buzzards | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 21 |
| Youngstown Astros | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 21 |
| Philadelphia Brewers | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 22 |
| Raynham Baseball Club | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 22 |
| Orlando Freedom | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 13 |
| Huntsville Havoc | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 18 |
| Philadelphia Cutters | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 19 |
| Tampa Sharks | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 22 |
| Long Island Yankees | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 25 |
| Philadelphia A's | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 26 |
| Rhode Island Rockies | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 26 |
| North Coast Nationals | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 26 |
| USA Volkers Group | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 28 |
| Nova Scotia Monarchs | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 29 |
| Kenmore Eastern Brewers | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 31 |
| Cincinnati Colt .45's | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 37 |
| Livingston Dodgers | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 41 |

Forever Young Division

| | W | L | PCT | RA |
|------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Avengers | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Ironman Maiden | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 7 |
| Minnesota Saints | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 7 |



photo by Greg Wagner

Maine Woods 65's manager and catcher Michael Courts positions his infield vs. the Cincinnati Colts

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|------------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| South Dakota Rushmores | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 11 |
| Sacramento Solons | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 11 |
| Tri-Cities | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 16 |
| Toledo McGuire Group | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 23 |
| Kent Mudhens | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 27 |
| Team America | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 21 |
| Wonderboys-Cardinals | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 28 |
| New England Red Sox | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 30 |
| Maine Woods Baseball | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 38 |



VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG SCHEDULE

Vintage Tuesday Games

10 AM

North Coast Nationals @ Sacramento Buzzards CLS
 Washington Titans @ Philadelphia Brewers JB2
 Minnesota Bees @ Maine Woods Baseball JB3
 Huntsville Havoc @ Tampa Sharks JB4
 Cincinnati Colt .45's @ Philadelphia A's JB5
 Philadelphia Cutters @ Midwest 9 JB5

1:45 PM

Long Island Express @ Nova Scotia Monarchs CL2
 Sacramento Tribe @ JD's Jaguars CL3
 Rhode Island Rockies @ Long Island Yankees CL4
 Toledo McGuire Group @ Carolina Rockies CL6
 USA Volkers Group @ Orlando Freedom CLS
 Livingston Dodgers @ Tallahassee Classics JB2
 Youngstown Astros @ Raynham Baseball Club JB3
 Kent Mudhens @ Silver Foxes JB4
 Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Minnesota Bandits JB5
 DC Mets @ San Antonio Texans JB6
 St. Louis Chiefs @ Bronx Cardinals JBS
 Baltimore Orioles @ South Jersey Spikes TPS

Forever Young Tuesday Games

10 AM

Kent Mudhens 75+ @ Tri-Cities CL2
 Maine Woods Baseball @ New England Red Sox 75's CL3
 Sacramento Solons @ South Dakota Rushmores CL4
 Toledo McGuire Group @ Minnesota Saints 75's CL6
 Team America 75's @ Wonderboys-Cardinals JB6
 Avengers @ Ironman Maiden TPS

Vintage Wednesday Games

10 AM

Tallahassee Classics @ Toledo McGuire Group CLS
 USA Volkers Group @ Baltimore Orioles JB4
 Nova Scotia Monarchs @ DC Mets JBS
 Carolina Rockies @ Sacramento Tribe PDC2
 Sacramento Buzzards @ Kent Mudhens PDC3
 Maine Woods Baseball @ South Jersey Spikes TP2
 Midwest 9 @ Long Island Express TP4

1:45 PM

Raynham Baseball Club @ Minnesota Bandits CLS
 Bronx Cardinals @ Washington Titans JB3
 Philadelphia Brewers @ Orlando Freedom JB4



Cincinnati Colts manager and Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer Bob Hawkins surveys the action against Maine Woods 65s

photo by Greg Wagner

North Coast Nationals @ Cincinnati Colt .45's JB5
 Silver Foxes @ St. Louis Chiefs JB6
 JD's Jaguars @ Long Island Yankees JBS
 San Antonio Texans @ Youngstown Astros PDC3
 Rhode Island Rockies @ Kenmore Eastern Brewers PDC4
 Philadelphia A's @ Huntsville Havoc PDC5
 Philadelphia Cutters @ Livingston Dodgers TP2
 Tampa Sharks @ Minnesota Bees TPS

Forever Young Wednesday Games

10 AM

New England Red Sox 75's @ Avengers JB3
 South Dakota Rushmores @ Minnesota Saints 75's JB5
 Toledo McGuire Group @ Team America 75's JB6
 Wonderboys-Cardinals @ Sacramento Solons PDC4
 Ironman Maiden @ Tri-Cities PDC5
 Kent Mudhens 75+ @ Maine Woods Baseball TPS

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 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.



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 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.

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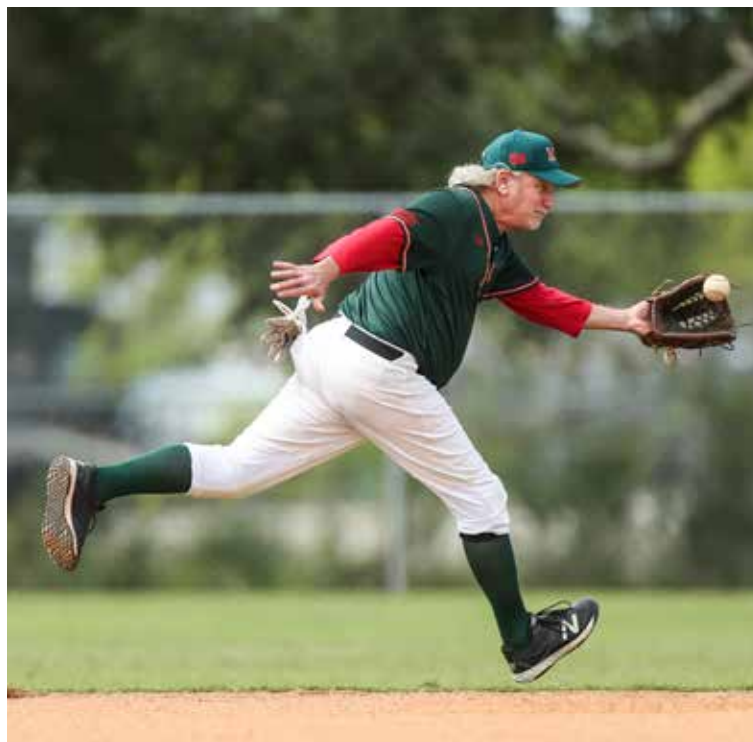


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Maine Woods 65's 2nd baseman Gus Morris fields a bounding ground ball vs. the Sacramento Buzzards and threw the runner out at 1st

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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.



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Ironman Maiden 1st baseman Myron Cantrell takes the throw vs. the
Kent MudHens 75s

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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.



photo by Greg Wagner
This is what the batter sees when shadows take over CenturyLink Stadium. Maine Woods 65's pitcher vs. Cincinnati Colts