



## —THE— INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 4

CLASSICS/TIMELESS  
DIVISIONS

NOV. 9<sup>th</sup>

# 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 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 all the i's that needed dotting and t's needed crossing.

Not this year.

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

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# COBURN

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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.

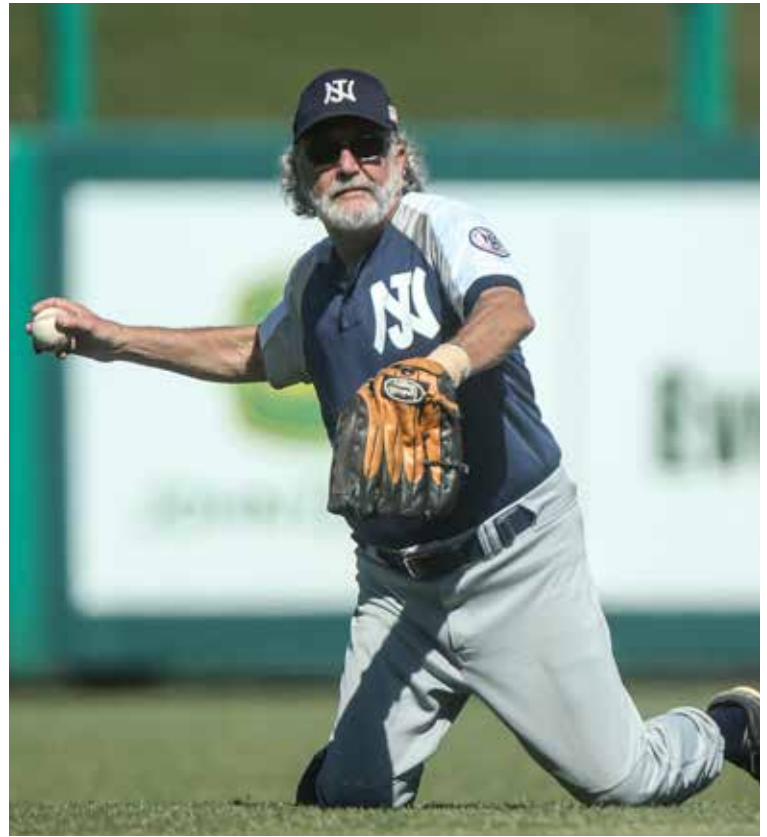


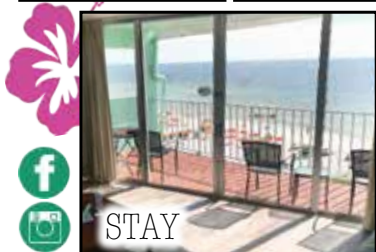
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N. J. Wonderboys left fielder Joel Grubman came up throwing from his knees vs. the Baltimore Baseball Club

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## CLASSICS/TIMELESS RESULTS

### Monday's Classics Results

Atlanta Heat 12, Lansing Blue Jays 2  
 Baltimore Orioles 13, Minnesota Goats 12  
 Banana Sharks 18, South Chicago Yaquis 8  
 Bergen Yankees 7, Orlando Wrinkles 4  
 Border City Brewers 13, Puerto Rico Orioles 9  
 Carolina Rockies 6, San Antonio Texans 2  
 Carolina Thunder 26, Kent Mudhens 1  
 Chicago Giants 10, American Baseball 4  
 Chicago Giants 14, Nova Scotia Monarchs 0  
 Dallas Rangers 8, Minnesota Bandits 4  
 DuPage Lugnuts 13, Baltimore Orioles 3  
 DuPage Lugnuts 19, Border City Brewers 7  
 Fort Myers Cubs 22, Blue Ridge Rangers 13  
 Huntsville Trash Pandas 27, Midwest Senators 6  
 JD's Jaguars 17, American Baseball Club 8  
 Livingston Dodgers 12, JD's Jaguars 2  
 Midwest Nine 14, DC Mets 4  
 Minnesota Bandits 12 Philadelphia Cutters 11  
 Minnesota Bees 7, Philadelphia Cutters 5  
 Minnesota Bees 10, Bergen Yankees 0  
 Minnesota Goats 18, Long Island Express 8  
 Oakville Golden A's 20, Boston GoodFellas 14  
 Orlando Wrinkles 9, Dallas Rangers 6  
 Puerto Rico Orioles 12, Long Island Express 1  
 St. Louis Patriots 16, Cleveland Dodgers 2  
 St. Louis Patriots 30, Richmond Riverdogs 1  
 Toledo McGuire Group 12, St. Louis Pirates 9  
 Tuscaloosa Tornados 24, Cleveland Spiders 4  
 Washington Titans 17, Nova Scotia Monarchs 3  
 Washington Titans 17, Livingston Dodgers 7  
 Wolfdogs 20, St. Louis Grays 19  
 Youngstown A2Z 18, ChicagoBay Warriors 16

### Night Games

Kenmore Eastern Brewers 17, Windy City White Sox 9  
 Tidewater Drillers 16, Pensacola Salt Bandits 6

### Monday's Timeless Results

Kent Mudhens 21, Silver Foxes 2  
 Lehigh Baseball 17, New England Red Sox 3  
 Livingston Dodgers 14, Philadelphia Mustangs 5  
 Maine Woods Baseball 14, Asheville Sox 3  
 Minnesota Bees 12, Sacramento Solons 2  
 Minnesota Saints 15, Nova Scotia Monarchs 3  
 New England Bosox 15, Midwest Nine 0



*photo by Greg Wagner*

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

New Jersey Wonderboys 13, Philadelphia Graysox 5  
 St. Louis 70s 17, Terre Haute Volkers 10  
 Team America 17, Baltimore Baseball Club 10  
 Toledo McGuire Group 9, Rochester Red Stockings 1  
 TSP Fire 18, National Spirit 0  
 Washington Titans 15, Youngstown Astros 1  
 Wilmington Thunder 15, Tallahassee Classics 6



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## CLASSICS/TIMELESS STANDINGS

### Classics Division

A Group	W	L	PCT	RA
Washington Titans	3	0	1.000	15
Minnesota Bees	2	1	0.667	10
Chicago Giants	2	1	0.667	14
Dallas Rangers	2	1	0.667	17
Puerto Rico Orioles	2	1	0.667	18
Bergen Yankees	2	1	0.667	21
Minnesota Bandits	2	1	0.667	23
DuPage Lugnuts	2	1	0.667	24
Baltimore Orioles	2	1	0.667	26
JD's Jaguars	2	1	0.667	28
Border City Brewers	2	1	0.667	30
Orlando Wrinkles	1	2	0.333	28
Livingston Dodgers	1	2	0.333	32
Minnesota Goats	1	2	0.333	37
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	2	0.333	39

B Group	W	L	PCT	RA
St. Louis Patriots	3	0	1.000	3
Carolina Rockies	3	0	1.000	22
Youngstown A2Z	3	0	1.000	29
Huntsville Trash Pandas	2	0	1.000	7
Toledo McGuire Group	2	0	1.000	10
Tuscaloosa Tornados	2	0	1.000	12
Midwest Nine	2	0	1.000	13
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	2	0	1.000	17
Oakville Golden A's	2	0	1.000	19
Wolfdogs	2	0	1.000	25
Atlanta Heat	2	1	0.667	27
St. Louis Grays	2	1	0.667	43
Carolina Thunder	1	1	0.500	16
Lansing Blue Jays	1	1	0.500	17
Banana Sharks	1	1	0.500	21
Tidewater Drillers	1	1	0.500	25
Cleveland Dodgers	1	1	0.500	28
Fort Myers Cubs	1	1	0.500	39
St. Louis Pirates	1	2	0.333	30
DC Mets	1	2	0.333	38
Boston GoodFellas	1	2	0.333	46
Richmond Riverdogs	1	2	0.333	50

Blue Ridge Rangers	1	2	0.333	59
Cleveland Spiders	1	2	0.333	60
San Antonio Texans	0	2	0.000	19
ChicagoBay Warriors	0	2	0.000	35
Philadelphia Cutters	0	3	0.000	27
Americans Baseball Club	0	3	0.000	33
Long Island Express	0	3	0.000	38
South Chicago Yaquis	0	3	0.000	46
Windy City White Sox	0	3	0.000	49
Pensacola Salt Bandits	0	3	0.000	51
Midwest Senators	0	3	0.000	56
Kent Mudhens	0	3	0.000	66

### Timeless Division

	W	L	PCT	RA
TSP Fire	2	0	1.000	0
Washington Titans	2	0	1.000	1
Minnesota Bees	2	0	1.000	3
Maine Woods Baseball	2	0	1.000	4
Minnesota Saints	2	0	1.000	10
St. Louis 70s	2	0	1.000	10
Livingston Dodgers	2	0	1.000	12
New Jersey Wonderboys	2	0	1.000	17
Toledo McGuire Group	1	1	0.500	11
Wilmington Thunder	1	1	0.500	13
New England Bosox	1	1	0.500	14
Lehigh Baseball	1	1	0.500	15
Midwest Nine	1	1	0.500	17
Sacramento Solons	1	1	0.500	17
Kent Mudhens	1	1	0.500	19
Philadelphia Mustangs	1	1	0.500	19
Philadelphia Graysox	1	1	0.500	20
New England Red Sox	1	1	0.500	25
Silver Foxes	1	1	0.500	27
Team America	1	1	0.500	27
Rochester Red Stockings	0	2	0.000	23
Terre Haute Volkers	0	2	0.000	24
Asheville Sox	0	2	0.000	26
Tallahassee Classics	0	2	0.000	26
Youngstown Astros	0	2	0.000	26
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	2	0.000	28
Baltimore Baseball Club	0	2	0.000	32
National Sprint	0	2	0.000	38





## CLASSICS/TIMELESS SCHEDULE

### Tuesday's Classics Games

#### 10 AM

Tidewater Drillers @ ChicagoBay Warriors CL2  
 St. Louis Pirates @ Huntsville Trash Pandas CL3  
 Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Midwest Senators CL4  
 Richmond Riverdogs @ South Chicago Yaquis CL6  
 Oakville Golden A's @ St. Louis Grays CL5  
 Toledo McGuire Group @ Carolina Rockies JB2  
 Minnesota Goats @ DuPage Lugnuts JB3  
 Windy City White Sox @ San Antonio Texans JB4  
 Fort Myers Cubs @ Ken Mudhens JB5  
 Lansing Blue Jays @ Cleveland Dodgers JB6  
 Minnesota Bandits @ Washington Titans JBS  
 Banana Sharks @ Atlanta Heat PDC1  
 Midwest Nine @ Tuscaloosa Tornados PDC2  
 Long Island Express @ Border City Brewers PDC3  
 Chicago Giants @ Minnesota Bees PDC4

#### 1:45 PM

Huntsville Trash Pandas @ Kenmore Eastern Brewers CL2  
 ChicagoBay Warriors @ Pensacola Salt Bandits CL3  
 Cleveland Spiders @ Tidewater Drillers CL4  
 Wolfdogs @ Oakville Golden A's CL6  
 Dallas Rangers @ Bergen Yankees CL5  
 Puerto Rico Orioles @ Baltimore Orioles JB2  
 San Antonio Texans @ Toledo McGuire Group JB3  
 American Baseball Club+ @ Livingston Dodgers JB4  
 Cleveland Dodgers @ Banana Sharks JB5  
 Carolina Thunder @ Fort Myers Cubs JB6  
 St. Louis Patriots @ Lansing Blue Jays JBS  
 Tuscaloosa Tornados @ DC Mets PDC1  
 Philadelphia Cutters @ Orlando Wrinkles PDC2  
 Youngstown A2Z @ Midwest Nine PDC3  
 Nova Scotia Monarchs @ JD's Jaguars PDC4

#### 5:30 PM

Blue Ridge Rangers @ Wolfdogs CL5  
 Boston GoodFellas @ Carolina Thunder JBS

### Tuesday's Timeless Games

#### 9:30 am

Rodchester Red Stockings @ National Sprint TP2 (7)  
 Philadelphia Graysox @ Team America TP3 (7)  
 Wilmington Thunder @ Kent Mudhens TP4 (7)  
 TSP Fire @ Maine Woods Baseball TPS (7)



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

#### 10 am

Lehigh Baseball @ Midwest Nine PDC5 (7)

#### 12:15 pm

Sacramento Solons @ Silver Foxes TP2 (7)  
 New Jersey Wonderboys @ Toledo McGuire TP3 (7)  
 Minnesota Bees @ Baltimore Baseball Club TP4 (7)  
 Asheville Sox @ Philadelphia Mustangs TPS (7)

#### 1:30 pm

New England Red Sox @ St. Louis 70s PDC5 (7)

#### 3 pm

Youngstown Astros @ Nova Scotia Monarchs TP2 (7)  
 Minnesota Saints @ Washington Titans TP3 (7)  
 Terre Haute Volkers @ New England Bosox TP4 (7)  
 Livingston Dodgers @ Tallahassee Classics TPS (7)

## 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 Doboszewski, Gary Fischer, Mike Miller and Bob Provost were presented.

### Hobbs family to honor Veterans Wednesday

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.

At PDC, Jim Doepke, who has played taps at Arlington National Cemetery, will play taps on his trumpet in honor of Veterans Day at 9:45 a.m. Players will be lined up on the baselines and Jim will be stationed in the Tower at the center of the Quad to play. He will play the day before Veterans Day because Thursday is not a full day of games.

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.

Doepke, a retired high school band director from Wisconsin, is in his second year playing the trumpet at one Saturday

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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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## NOTEBOOK



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

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championship game a week at the Roy Hobbs World Series. He now resides in Lee County,



### 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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## 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 Mudhens, dating back to 1994.*

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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.

