



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH

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Thorstein Beckmann Is Long Way From Home

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

Thorstein Beckmann of the Akron Cardinals is a typical Roy Hobbs player in many ways. He loves baseball. He travels a long way to play in the World Series. He takes vacation time to come here. In his case, the job is in a bank.

But chat with Beckmann and one notices an accent. He ain't from Brooklyn, Alabama or Minnesota. That accent is German. Which makes sense because Beckmann is German.

He is from Bremen in Northwest Germany, a long way, from Southwest Florida.

Bremen is near the chilly North Sea. Fort Myers is near the warm Gulf of Mexico.

Fort Myers is located 26.6 degrees north latitude. Bremen is at 53 degrees north.

How far north is that? Well, much of the U.S.-Canada border runs along the 49th parallel yet Bremen is north of that, Bremen is as far north as Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada's easternmost province.

Then there's the climate,

In October, when Fort Myers is basking in warmth and sunshine, the average low in Bremen is 42 and the average high is 57.

So, in a country much better known for its soccer and ice hockey, Beckmann was once asked to play in a baseball game when he was 18. It sounded good to him.

"I've always loved the U.S.," Beckmann said Sunday



Thorstein Beckmann of the Akron Cardinals

photo by Greg Wagner

afternoon sitting in the Hammond Stadium seats. "I've seen baseball on TV."

He recalls his team lost that game 31-0.

"But it was fun," Beckmann said.

He was hooked. Why?

"I guess it's different from all the other sports," Beckmann said.

Indeed. Most other sports involve variations on a back-and-forth theme. Athletes carry or throw or kick or slap a ball or puck with the intent of scoring at either end of a field or court or rink. Not in baseball.

He now makes the long cross-Atlantic journey to play on the diamonds of Lee County. As he chatted in the stands, Beckmann observed a hard-working grounds crew prepping and primping the field for another game. He appreciates what they do.

"It's so awesome so many people are taking care of us old guys" Beckmann said.

There is somebody missing from the Beckmann baseball picture. His younger brother, Stephan. Stephan used to play in the Roy Hobbs World Series for a team called the German Red Barons. His name is on Page 37 of the Roy Hobbs World Series program. That is the In Memoriam pages. Stephan died in 2014 at 36 of pancreatic cancer 40 days after receiving the diagnosis.

But Thorstein Beckmann still plays.



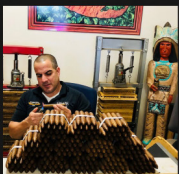
*Twin Peaks
Lumberjacks
2nd baseman
Ron Obermeier
turned a double
play vs. the Akron
Cardinals to end
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Monday

Baltimore Chop 7, Tennessee White Lightnin' 4
 Chicago Giants 8, Glass City Black Sox 7
 Chicago Knights 13, NEO Angels 1
 Detroit Dodgers 7, Tidewater Drillers 5
 Detroit Dodgers 10, T-Town Jack-Os 6
 Indiana Yankees 2, La Makina 1
 Knoxville Nightmare 17, Cincinnati Colt .45s 8
 Minnesota Blenders 16, New Jersey Mets 6
 Minnesota Blenders 7, Vukgripz Akron A's 3

Minnesota Web Gems 20, T-Town Jack-Os 0
 Minnesota Web Gems 9, La Makina 7
 New Jersey Mets 7, Stars of Herrera 1
 Panhandle Pirates 7, Cincinnati Colt .45s 5
 South Florida Eagles 26, Cobra Kai 2
 South Florida Eagles 15, Germain Ohio Aces 5
 The Oilers 13, Stars of Herrera 6
 The Oilers 16, South Bend Cardinals 11
 Tidewater Drillers 6, Indiana Yankees 3
 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 8, Akron Cardinals 5
 Vukgripz Akron A's 4, South Bend Cardinals 3



*TN White
 Lightnin'
 manager Garrett
 Calhoun drives
 a single to right
 field vs Baltimore
 Chop*

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Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Baltimore Chop	2	0	1.000	8
Chicago Knights	3	0	1.000	10
Minnesota Web Gems	3	0	1.000	10
South Florida Eagles	3	0	1.000	11
Minnesota Blenders	3	0	1.000	12
Knoxville Nightmare	2	0	1.000	14
The Oilers	3	0	1.000	22
Tidewater Drillers	2	1	0.666	15
Chicago Giants	2	1	0.666	18
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	2	1	0.666	23
Detroit Dodgers	2	1	0.666	24
NEO Angels	1	1	0.500	20
Cobra Kai	1	1	0.500	27
Indiana Yankees	1	2	0.333	12
Vukgripz Akron A's	1	2	0.333	13
La Makina	1	2	0.333	14
Stars of Herrera	1	2	0.333	21
New Jersey Mets	1	2	0.333	26
Tennessee White Lightnin'	1	2	0.333	29
Panhandle Pirates	1	2	0.333	32
Akron Cardinals	0	2	0.000	16
Glass City Black Sox	0	2	0.000	18
South Bend Cardinals	0	3	0.000	27
T-Town Jack-Os	0	3	0.000	36
Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	3	0.000	39
Germain Ohio Aces	0	3	0.000	39



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Home plate umpire Mike Peter calls a strike in the White Lightnin' / Baltimore Chop game



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VETERANS SCHEDULE

Tuesday

10 AM

Knoxville Nightmare @ Akron Cardinals, JB3
Tennessee White Lightnin' @ Glass City Black Sox, JB4
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks @ NEO Angels, JB5
Chicago Giants @ Cobra Kai, JB6
Minnesota WebGems @ Detroit Dodgers, JBSt
The Oilers @ Vukegrip Akron A's, LCSt
T-Town Jack-Os @ Indiana Yankees, PDC2
PR Team La Makina @ Tidewater Drillers, PDC3

Stars of Herrera @ Minnesota Blenders, PDC4
South Bend Cardinals @ New Jersey Mets, PDC5

1:45 PM

Cobra Kai @ Baltimore Chop, JB3
Akron Cardinals @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, JB4
Glass City Black Sox @ South Florida Eagles, JB6
NEO Angels @ Knoxville Nightmare, JBSt
Panhandle Pirates @ Chicago Knights, LCSt

5:30 PM

Baltimore Chop @ Germain Ohio Aces, JBSt



Akron Cardinals baserunner slides head first into 2nd vs. Twin Peaks Lumberjacks

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Tidewater Drillers 2nd baseman Donte Montgomery leads off of 1st base vs. the Indiana Yankees

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

Score Reporting

There is a QR code posted in every dugout that we will be using. Scan the code with your phone after every game and complete the score submission form.



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 past RHWS have led to greater than \$15,000 in contributions to MD Anderson Cancer Center, St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and to Southern Florida Challenger Athletes.

The ticket number will be posted on our website. You do not have to collect in person, just proof of the ticket.



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

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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.



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.



Admission, \$1 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is \$1 per game or \$6 for a tournament pass. The player ID card grants players access to all games in which they are not playing. Spectators will pay \$1 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day.

The \$6 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.



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

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photo by Greg Wagner

Igor from Russia with a high five after a Tennessee White Lightnin' teammate scores vs. Germain Ohio Aces

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Jack-O's baserunner is out trying to steal 2nd vs. the Tidewater Drillers

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Greg Wagner*

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managers plan for pitchers needing ice for their arms and to supply it.

RH Label Cigars

RH Label cigars are available at PDC headquarters from the Roy Hobbs Geezer.

Cost: \$6 each or 5 for \$25.

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, if they are in the dugout starting Sunday. If they check-in after Monday's games, they must pitch 5 innings (15 outs or 25 hitters).

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes; however, AAAA teams may bring in 2 position players after Tuesday's games, but they must play the entire first game of the playoffs with no shared lineup options.

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 today (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.

Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament Headquarters (330.352.2175) 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.