



# Did Roy Hobbs Find A New Illustrated Man?

BY GLENN MILLER

**Roy Hobbs. Baseball**

Chip Chapman of the Tidewater Drillers is The Illustrated Man of the Roy Hobbs World Series.

He's not to be confused with "The Illustrated Man," a 1951 collection of short stories by science fiction legend Ray Bradbury.

Not even close. Chapman's tattoos pay homage to baseball legends - Jackie Robinson, Hank Aaron, Rickey Henderson and Ken Griffey, Jr. He also has a tattoo of a newspaper clipping from when Robinson broke baseball's color barrier.

His love of baseball is not surprising. He comes from a baseball family. His legal name is Arthur Chapman III. His late grandfather was a Philadelphia Phillies scout. His father is a retired Philadelphia police officer who umpires college baseball.

Chapman, 35, said when he was an infant and in an incubator, his father placed a rubber baseball bat in the incubator. As he grew up, he attended his father's games or went on scouting trips with his grandfather.

His baseball resume includes playing at Bishop McDevitt High School, Burlington County College and the University of West Virginia and serving as an assistant coach at Delaware County College.

This is Chapman's third World Series.

"I just love baseball and playing on beautiful fields, playing with guys I can relate to," Chapman said. "They have that passion for the game and the knowledge of the game."

It's safe to say few if any have so many baseball tattoos.

Chapman said people who notice the tattoos love them.

He has a special reverence for Robinson for the courage he showed breaking baseball's color barrier in 1947.

In addition to the tattoos, Chapman pays tribute to these legends by wearing the number 6. He settled on that numeral by adding the digits in Robinson's 42 and Griffey's 24.

He reveres Aaron, who is No. 2 on baseball's all-time home run leader board.

"If it wasn't for steroids, he'd still have the record," said Chapman, who owns a painting business in Philadelphia, is passing along the family baseball tradition to his 7-year-old son Andrew, who is starting to play.

Teammate Matt Blazynski would like to see Chapman create a big social media presence for the tattoos.

"Why not share the love with the whole baseball world," Blazynski said.

Drillers manager Dan Gavlick knows the tattoos are attention-grabbers.



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*Chip Chapman of the Tidewater Drillers*

"Everybody wants to get to know what the theme is," Gavlick said.

It's easy to see the theme once people look at Chapman's legs.

Chapman isn't done with baseball tattoos.

He plans to add Willie Mays, Deion Sanders and Bo Jackson.

He is Baseball's Illustrated Man.



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*Anthony Guadalupe of the Tidewater Drillers slides into home vs. PR Team La Makina*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

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## VETERANS RESULTS

### Tuesday

- Baltimore Chop 19, Cobra Kai 13
- Chicago Giants 18, Cobra Kai 8
- Cincinnati Colt .45s 16, Akron Cardinals 9
- Detroit Dodgers 4, Minnesota Web Gems 3
- Germain Ohio Aces 8, Baltimore Chop 7
- Indiana Yankees 15, T-Town Jack-Os 5
- Knoxville Nightmare 12, Akron Cardinals 9
- Minnesota Blenders 4, Stars of Herrera 3
- NEO Angels 11, Knoxville Nightmare 5
- New Jersey Mets 5, South Bend Cardinals 2
- Panhandle Pirates 10, Chicago Knights 6
- South Florida Eagles 15, Glass City Black Sox 9
- Tennessee White Lightnin' 10, Glass City Black Sox 2
- The Oilers 8, Vukgripz Akron A's 6
- Tidewater Drillers 10, La Makina 0
- Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 12, NEO Angels 7



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PR Team La Makina 3rd baseman zeroing in on a Drillers pop fly



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### AAAA Division

	W	L	PCT	RA
1 Minnesota Blenders	4	0	1.000	15
2 The Oilers	4	0	1.000	28
3 Minnesota Web Gems	3	1	0.750	14
4 Detroit Dodgers	3	1	0.750	27
5 Tidewater Drillers	3	1	0.750	15
6 Indiana Yankees	2	2	0.500	17
7 New Jersey Mets	2	2	0.500	28
8 La Makina*	1	3	0.250	24

\*Defending Champion

### VETERANS Division

	W	L	PCT	RA
South Florida Eagles	4	0	1.000	20
Chicago Knights	3	1	0.750	20
Chicago Giants	3	1	0.750	26
Baltimore Chop	3	1	0.750	29
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	3	1	0.750	30
Knoxville Nightmare	3	1	0.750	34
Tennessee White Lightnin'	2	2	0.500	31
NEO Angels	2	2	0.500	37
Panhandle Pirates	2	2	0.500	38
Vukgripz Akron A's	1	3	0.250	21
Stars of Herrera	1	3	0.250	25
Germain Ohio Aces	1	3	0.250	46
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	3	0.250	48
Cobra Kai	1	3	0.250	64
South Bend Cardinals	0	4	0.000	32
Glass City Black Sox	0	4	0.000	43
Akron Cardinals	0	4	0.000	44
T-Town Jack-Os	0	4	0.000	51



photo by Greg Wagner  
Tidewater Drillers 3rd baseman Roger Hall catches a PR Team La Makina infield pop fly



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## VETERANS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday (Flip For Home)

#### 10 AM

- South Florida Eagles VS. Baltimore Chop, PDC1
- Chicago Knights VS. Twin Peaks Lumberjacks, PDC2
- Chicago Giants VS Knoxville Nightmare, PDC3
- Stars of Herrera VS NEO Angels, PDC4
- Tennessee White Lightnin' VS Panhandle Pirates, PDC5

#### 1:45 PM

- Vukgripz Akron A's VS Cobra Kai, PDC2
- Cincinnati Colt .45s VS South Bend Cardinals, PDC3
- Germain Ohio Aces VS Akron Cardinals, PDC4
- Glass City Black Sox VS T-Town Jack-Os, PDC5

*Tidewater Drillers  
baserunner Ben  
Tomchick dives  
into home vs. PR  
Team La Makina*



*photo by  
Greg Wagner*



*photo by Greg Wagner  
New Jersey starting pitcher David Chavez gets ready to throw to first after  
fielding a South Bend Cardinals bunt*



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## NOTEBOOK



Germain Ohio Aces 1st baseman Steve Simensky applies a late tag to a South Florida Eagles baserunner

photo by Greg Wagner

### 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, 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.



### Please help with dugouts

Roy Hobbs Baseball and the grounds crews need your help in the dugouts.

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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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### Customer Service

Roy Hobbs Baseball is proud of its record on customer service.

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*Igor (from Russia) can't hold on to his bat after a mighty swing vs Baltimore Chop*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

*Tidewater Drillers cleanup hitter and 1st baseman Glavick drives in a run vs. the Indiana Yankees*



*photo by Greg Wagner*



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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.



### 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.



### RH Label Cigars

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