



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH

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Herbst Plays for Two Roy Hobbs Hall of Famers

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Phil Herbst has a rare Roy Hobbs Baseball distinction. He plays for two managers who are Roy Hobbs Baseball Hall of Famers.

In the Miami Valley Roy Hobbs League in Ohio he plays for Bob Hawkins. This week in Fort Myers as a member of the Tidewater Drillers his manager is Gary Wright. Both men were inducted in 2013.

On Saturday morning, as registration buzzed along a few feet away at the PDC, Phil and his wife, Laura, sat at a picnic table. Teammates were gathering for BP but Phil and Laura took time to chat.

No matter who pencils his name into a lineup, Herbst, a Hamilton County (Ohio) deputy, is appreciative.

Especially here. Especially this week. Especially in the World Series and on Lee County ballfields.

Herbst thinks it takes only one trip to the World Series to hook players.

"If they're not hooked, they don't love baseball, right?" said Herbst, who is in his 12th Roy Hobbs World Series.

The fields are places where, as Herbst put it, "the bounces are true, the hits are true."

Herbst recalls meeting Heisman Trophy quarterback Doug Flutie, a Roy Hobbs World Series regular, during a game.

He addressed the former Boston College standout as "Mr. Flutie."

Flutie quickly told Herbst to call him "Doug."

Everybody is equal here, from quarterbacks to cops.

Herbst, 56, is lucky to be here. He was born premature in 1967. Laura said it was a miracle he survived.

"He is literally a servant of God," Laura said. "God kept him alive in my opinion because he has a greater purpose."

He serves as a cop and father who has two sons in the military, one Army and one Navy. Phillip, 32, is in the Army. Patrick, 23, is in the Navy.

He also serves Laura, who said she has "multiple spinal issues" and autoimmune disease.

Phil is there for Laura.

Heck, Laura said he is also there for elderly strangers in grocery stores who might need help with a big case of water or somebody choking in a restaurant.

"I want to help people," Herbst said. "That's my first goal in life. Service is a wonderful thing."

Herbst will spring into action to serve, according to his wife. He downplayed her compliments but she knows the



photo by Greg Wagner

Phil Herbst and his wife Laura

man who helps.

"I'm so proud of him," Laura told Phil.

This week, though, the focus is baseball.

"He loves it so much that the last day of playing, he's already looking forward to next year," Laura said.



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Chesapeake Rays batter takes a swing vs. the Chicago Knights

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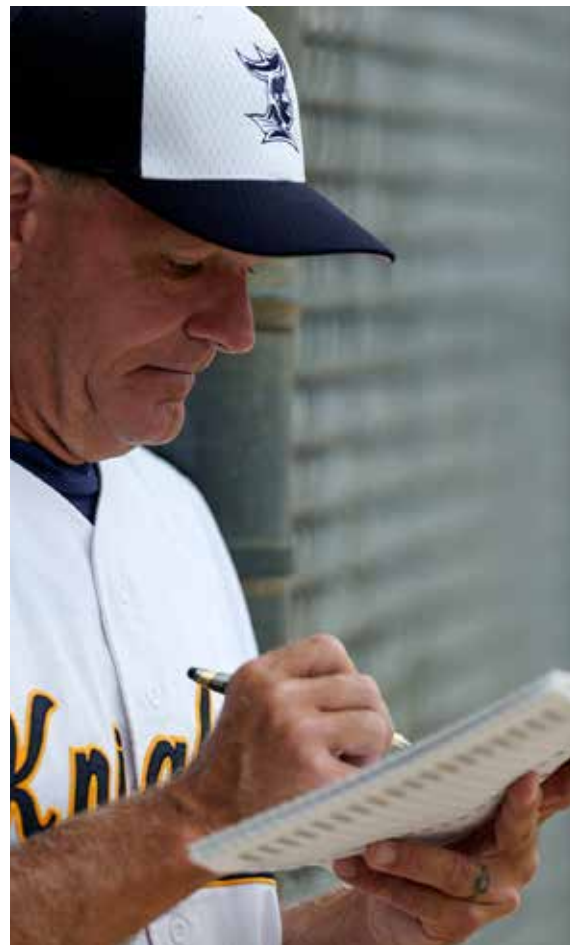
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MASTERS RESULTS

SUNDAY

Atlanta Baseball 12, Nova Scotia Monarchs 0
 Atlanta Baseball 13, NW Indiana Dogs 8
 Baltimore Krushers 11, Kodak Reds 7
 Cangrejeros RD 15, Minnesota Diamonds 10
 Chicago Knights 17, Chesapeake Rays 5
 Dallas Redbirds 11, Pensacola Sharks 1
 Dayton Ducks 8, Clearwater Rays 6
 Dayton Wolves 10, Buxmont Cubs 9
 Dayton Wolves 6, Orlando Braves 1
 DuPage Indians 8, Hunstville Havoc 7
 Fort Myers Hitmen 11, SouthEast Cardinals 1
 Holy City Trash Pandas 19, Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 15
 Holy City Trash Pandas 14, Chesapeake Rays 4
 Jersey Shore Hellcats 11, Flint Tigers 5
 Lansing A's 12, Minnesota Diamonds 0
 Lansing A's 16, Pensacola Sharks 2
 Maryland Monarchs 16, Minnesota Bandits 0
 Miami Sugar Kings 14, Swamp Donkeys 1
 Miami Sugar Kings 9, Chicago Woodpeckers 8
 Minnesota Catfish 5, Lake Erie Blue Jays 1
 NEO Mud/Angels 7, Baltimore Thunder 6
 New Jersey Rangers 8, Canton Tigers 6
 New Jersey Rangers 8, Tennessee White Lightnin' 3
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 3, T-Town Jack-Os 2
 Omaha Yankees 5, Dundalk Nationals 3
 Orlando Braves 10, Tidewater Drillers 7
 Orlando Brewers 8, Jet Box 6
 Pittsburgh 45s 8, Tidewater Drillers 3
 PSOF Rangers 9, Tennessee White Lightnin' 2
 PSOF Rangers 15, Canton Tigers 14
 South Bend Cardinals 21, Cincinnati Colt .45s 6

St. Louis A's 6, Chicago Colts 3
 St. Louis Pirates 14, Florida Lumberjacks 3
 Staten Island Bombers 13, Fort Myers Hitmen 2
 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 7, Chicago Knights 6
 Washington All Stars 13, NEO Mud/Angels 0



Chicago Knights manager Bob Dearth keeping the book for his ball club vs. the Chesapeake Rays

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Masters Division	W	L	PCT	RA					
Lansing A's	2	0	1.000	2	Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	1	0.500	14
Atlanta Baseball	2	0	1.000	8	NEO Mud/Angels	1	1	0.500	19
Miami Sugar Kings	2	0	1.000	9	Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	1	1	0.500	25
New Jersey Rangers	2	0	1.000	9	T-Town Jackos 45	0	1	0.000	3
Dayton Wolves	2	0	1.000	10	Dundalk Nationals	0	1	0.000	5
PSOF Rangers	2	0	1.000	16	Lake Erie Blue Jays	0	1	0.000	5
Holy City Trash Pandas	2	0	1.000	19	Chicago Colts	0	1	0.000	6
Maryland Monarchs	1	0	1.000	0	Baltimore Thunder	0	1	0.000	7
Washington All Stars	1	0	1.000	0	Clearwater Rays	0	1	0.000	8
Dallas Redbirds	1	0	1.000	1	Jet Box 45	0	1	0.000	8
Minnesota Catfish	1	0	1.000	1	Huntsville Havoc	0	1	0.000	8
Staten Island Bombers	1	0	1.000	2	Chicago Woodpeckers	0	1	0.000	9
Omaha Yankees	1	0	1.000	3	Buxmont Cubs	0	1	0.000	10
Pittsburgh 45's	1	0	1.000	3	Flint Tigers	0	1	0.000	11
St. Louis A's	1	0	1.000	3	Kodak Reds	0	1	0.000	11
St. Louis Pirates	1	0	1.000	3	SouthEast Cardinals	0	1	0.000	11
Jersey Shore Hellcats	1	0	1.000	5	NW Indiana Dogs	0	1	0.000	13
Dayton Ducks	1	0	1.000	6	Florida Lumberjacks	0	1	0.000	14
Orlando Brewers	1	0	1.000	6	Swamp Donkeys	0	1	0.000	14
South Bend Cardinals	1	0	1.000	6	Minnesota Bandits	0	1	0.000	16
Baltimore Krushers	1	0	1.000	7	Tennessee White Lightnin'	0	2	0.000	17
DuPage Indians	1	0	1.000	7	Tidewater Drillers	0	2	0.000	18
Cangrejeros RD	1	0	1.000	10	Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	1	0.000	21
Chicago Knights	1	1	0.500	12	Canton Tigers	0	2	0.000	23
Orlando Braves	1	1	0.500	13	Minnesota Diamonds	0	2	0.000	27
Fort Myers Hitmen	1	1	0.500	14	Pensacola Sharks	0	2	0.000	27
					Chesapeake Rays	0	2	0.000	31



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MASTERS SCHEDULE

Monday

10 AM

- Minnesota Bandits @ Swamp Donkeys, JB3
- PSOF Rangers @ Chesapeake Rays, JB6
- Pittsburgh @ Buxmont Cubs, JBSt
- Dupage Indians @ Dundalk Nationals, LC2
- T-Town Jack-Os @ St. Louis Pirates, LC3
- Flint Tigers @ Omaha Yankees, LC4
- Orlando Brewers @ Fort Myers Hitmen, LC6
- Dayton Wolves @ Tidewater Drillers, LCSt
- Chicago Woodpeckers @ Maryland Monarchs, PDC1
- Jersey Shore Hellcats @ Lake Erie Blue Jays, PDC2
- Jet Box @ Southeast Cardinals, PDC3
- Canton Tigers @ Chicago Knights, PDC4
- Huntsville Havoc @ Minnesota Catfish, PDC5
- Lansing A's @ Cangrejeros RD, TP2
- Pensacola Sharks @ Minnesota Diamonds, TPSt

1:45 PM

- Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Kodak Reds, JB3
- Orlando Braves @ Pittsburgh, JB6
- Chicago Colts @ Dayton Ducks, JBSt
- Washington All-Stars @ T-Town Jack-Os, LC2
- Dundalk Nationals @ Flint Tigers, LC3
- NEO Mud/Angels @ Florida Lumberjacks, LC4
- Omaha Yankees @ DuPage Indians, LC6
- Staten Island Bombers @ Orlando Brewers, LCSt

- Minnesota Catfish @ Jersey Shore Hellcats, PDC1
- Maryland Monarchs @ Miami Sugar Kings, PDC2
- Lake Erie Blue Jays @ Huntsville Havoc, PDC3
- Atlanta Baseball @ Baltimore Thunder, PDC4
- Nova Scotia Monarchs @ NW Indiana Dogs, PDC5
- Holy City Trash Pandas @ Tennessee White Lightnin', TP2
- Cangrejeros RD @ Dallas Redbirds, TP4
- Twin Peaks Lumberjacks @ New Jersey Rangers, TPSt
- 5:30 PM
- Baltimore Krushers @ St. Louis A's, JBSt
- Florida Lumberjacks @ Washington All-Stars, LCSt
- Clearwater Rays @ South Bend Cardinals, TPSt



*photo by Greg Wagner
Chesapeake Rays baserunner slides in safely as the Chicago Knights 3rd
baseman tries to get control of the ball*



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Playoff Pairings

AAA Division: We will meet with the managers of potential 4A teams at the conclusion of Tuesday's games (Approx 5PM) to decide which 4, 6 or 8 will comprise the AAAA double elimination playoff. To be considered for 4A your team must have played a pool schedule from the top groups, usually the top 16 or 20 overall (top 12 in 35s/65s/70s). They will have Wednesday off and start a double elimination playoff on Thursday.

AAA/AA/A/B Divisions: After every team has played 5 games, we will breakdown the rest of the teams into the different divisions based on record, strength of schedule and the manager's input. We will announce the divisions and first round matchups at the Player Pairings Party between 6:30 and 7 PM on Thursday.



Player Pairings Party

Sidelines Sports Bar and Grill (4451 Veronica Shoemaker Blvd) is hosting our Player Party to announce playoff information. We will be ready for players to arrive starting at 6:30. We will have raffle prizes for all players and their wives/guests. The playoff pairings will be announced approximately 7:15 PM.



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.



50/50 Raffle

50/50 raffle tickets, to benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation, are available each day at the Player Development Complex.

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Miami Sugar Kings 3rd baseman tracks down a foul fly ball as Chicago Woodpeckers 3rd base coach Kal Tate looks on

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Miami Sugar Kings honoring our flag during the National Anthem prior to their game vs. the Chicago Woodpeckers

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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.



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.



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.



RH Label Cigars

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

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



Admission, \$1 A Day

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

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2023 Women's Champions Trois Rivières: *Back row (left to right):* Steeve Ager – Coach, Nathan Landry – Coach, Andréanne Leblanc, Charlie Marcotte, Élodie Ciamarro, Délika Dumulong, Tess Sawkins, Juliette Lajoie, Elly Lasorsa-Godmer, Julien Bélanger – coach, Patricia Landry – coach. *Front row (left to right):* Frédérique Noël, Alizée Gélinas, Clara Dupont, Ariane Domingue, Éléonore Deblois, Christelle Béliveau, Sophie Levasseur, Florence Bryan, Camille Proulx

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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.



Results Corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament Headquarters (234-200-8449) 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.



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.

