



# ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 2 | MASTERS DIVISION | OCT. 25

## Doney Brings Experience and Laughter to Bandits



*Bruce Doney and fellow Bandits teammate enjoying a laugh*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

### **BY GLENN MILLER** **Roy Hobbs Baseball**

Bruce Doney of the Minnesota Bandits is a retired police officer who jokes that he is a cop by day and a Bandit by night.

There is plenty of Banditry on Doney's schedule this fall. This is the first of four weeks and five age divisions of the Roy Hobbs World Series for the 71-year-old. He's in the 45-plus Masters this week and will stick around for the 53s, 60s, 65s and 70s.

The 2022 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame honoree said he's been doing four weeks since he was a mere lad of 65.

The retired Wright County (Minn.) deputy and paramedic was born in 1952 and wears No. 52.

How long ago was he born? In 1952, there were only 16 big-league teams. The Twins were still the Senators and

based in Washington. The Dodgers were in Brooklyn and the Giants in New York and the A's in Philadelphia.

Yet, Doney plays on.

He brings more than experience to the Bandits.

"A lot of laughs," said Bandits manager Tim Doboszanski, who believes the two started playing together in 1998 or 1999.

Teammate Terry Knop echoes his manager about what makes Doney an excellent teammate.

"His sense of humor," said Knop, who pointed out his own last name is a four-letter word. "We have a ton of fun."

For Knop, a treat for playing on the Bandits is Doney's self-deprecating humor regarding his own foibles. Knop should know. They've been teammates for 24 years.

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## DONEY

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"He'll say, 'What in the world did I do that for?'" Doney said. "And then he'll answer."

Knop's description of Doney makes his on-field self-talk sound like 1970s pitcher Mark Fidrych.

"Yes!" Knop said. "A lot of the same self-conversation. Talks himself into a lot of things."

This week Doney is spending more time coaching than playing.

He certainly knows his way around the World Series and Lee County. Doney started playing in the event in 1994.

Doney, who resides in Delano, Minn., will be formally inducted into the Hall of Fame on Nov. 4.

"Very humbling because I don't do this for recognition," Doney said.

What does he do it for?

"Because it's fun," Doney said.

Doney hopes to continue having baseball fun for many years. There are men in their 80s still playing.

Does Bruce Doney, the cop and Bandit, see himself still playing at that age?

"God willing," Doney said.



*Bruce Doney of the Minnesota Bandits*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

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## MASTERS RESULTS

### TUESDAY

Atlanta Baseball 15, T-Town Jackos 45 0  
 Baltimore Krushers 12, Chicago Colts 8  
 Buxmont Cubs 12, Tidewater Drillers 6  
 Buxmont Cubs 6, Orlando Braves 3  
 Cangrejeros RD 10, Pensacola Sharks 5  
 Canton Tigers 13, Chesapeake Rays 7  
 Chicago Colts 15, Kodak Reds 7  
 Chicago Woodpeckers 11, Swamp Donkeys 9  
 Chicago Woodpeckers 20, Minnesota Bandits 10  
 Clearwater Rays 15, St. Louis A's 11  
 Dayton Ducks 13, Jersey Shore Hellcats 3  
 Dayton Ducks 8, St. Louis A's 7  
 Dundalk Nationals 21, Cincinnati Colt .45s 4  
 Florida Lumberjacks 23, Baltimore Thunder 19  
 Fort Myers Hitmen 4, Jet Box 45 2  
 Holy City Trash Pandas 15, Chicago Knights 6  
 Huntsville Havoc 18, Omaha Yankees 15  
 Jet Box 45 13, Staten Island Bombers 7  
 Lake Erie Blue Jays 6, Flint Tigers 1  
 Lansing A's 12, Dallas Redbirds 2  
 Maryland Monarchs 13, Swamp Donkeys 12  
 Miami Sugar Kings 10, Minnesota Bandits 0  
 Minnesota Catfish 15, DuPage Indians 5  
 Minnesota Diamonds 10, Dallas Redbirds 2  
 New Jersey Rangers 28, PSOF Rangers 12  
 NW Indiana Dogs 15, Baltimore Thunder 1  
 NW Indiana Dogs 11, NEO Mud Angels 3  
 Orlando Brewers 15, SouthEast Cardinals 2  
 Pittsburgh 45s 21, Dayton Wolves 12  
 South Bend Cardinals 14, Kodak Reds 0  
 South Bend Cardinals 20, Baltimore Krushers 19  
 SouthEast Cardinals 14, Staten Island Bombers 4

St. Louis Pirates 17, Washington All Stars 13  
 St. Louis Pirates 11, Nova Scotia Monarchs 1  
 Tennessee White Lightnin' 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 2  
 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 10, Clearwater Rays 8



*Who needs an umpire? Dayton Wolves baserunner calls himself safe vs. the Tidewater Drillers. He was right.*

*photo by Greg Wagner*



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AAAA DIVISION					
	W	L	PCT	RA	
1	Miami Sugar Kings	4	0	1.000	10
2	Orlando Brewers	4	0	1.000	19
3	Cangrejeros RD	4	0	1.000	23
4	Lansing A's	3	1	0.750	13
5	Pittsburgh 45's	3	1	0.750	24
6	Chicago Woodpeckers	3	1	0.750	30
7	Orlando Braves	2	2	0.500	21
8	Maryland Monarchs	2	2	0.500	31
Masters Division					
	W	L	PCT	RA	
	Atlanta Baseball	4	0	1.000	10
	Minnesota Catfish	4	0	1.000	15
	Dayton Ducks	4	0	1.000	23
	New Jersey Rangers	4	0	1.000	24
	Holy City Trash Pandas	4	0	1.000	26
	NW Indiana Dogs	3	1	0.750	17
	Omaha Yankees	3	1	0.750	28
	Washington All Stars	3	1	0.750	35
	St. Louis Pirates	3	1	0.750	37
	Baltimore Krushers	3	1	0.750	40
	South Bend Cardinals	3	1	0.750	45
	Lake Erie Blue Jays	2	2	0.500	22
	Buxmont Cubs	2	2	0.500	25
	Dundalk Nationals	2	2	0.500	25
	Jet Box	2	2	0.500	27
	Canton Tigers	2	2	0.500	32
	Minnesota Diamonds	2	2	0.500	32
	Clearwater Rays	2	2	0.500	35

	Dayton Wolves	2	2	0.500	36
	NEO Mud Angels	2	2	0.500	37
	Fort Myers Hitmen	2	2	0.500	40
	Jersey Shore Hellcats	2	2	0.500	43
	Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	2	2	0.500	44
	DuPage Indians	2	2	0.500	48
	PSOF Rangers	2	2	0.500	56
	Dallas Redbirds	1	3	0.250	30
	Chicago Knights	1	3	0.250	32
	Tidewater Drillers	1	3	0.250	33
	Chicago Colts	1	3	0.250	33
	Tennessee White Lightnin'	1	3	0.250	33
	Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	3	0.250	36
	Staten Island Bombers	1	3	0.250	39
	Huntsville Havoc	1	3	0.250	40
	SouthEast Cardinals	1	3	0.250	41
	St. Louis A's	1	3	0.250	42
	Kodak Reds	1	3	0.250	45
	Minnesota Bandits	1	3	0.250	48
	Chesapeake Rays	1	3	0.250	50
	T-Town Jack-Os	1	3	0.250	52
*	Florida Lumberjacks	1	3	0.250	60
	Swamp Donkeys	0	4	0.000	41
	Flint Tigers	0	4	0.000	48
	Pensacola Sharks	0	4	0.000	50
	Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	4	0.000	61
	Baltimore Thunder	0	4	0.000	73

\* Game 5 Bye



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## MASTERS SCHEDULE

### Wednesday

(Flip for home)

#### 10 AM

- Atlanta Baseball VS Minnesota Catfish, PDC1
- Dayton Ducks VS New Jersey Rangers, PDC2
- PSOF Rangers VS Dallas Redbirds, PDC3
- St Louis A's VS Minnesota Bandits, PDC4
- Baltimore Krushers VS NW Indiana Dogs, PDC5
- Jet Box VS Minnesota Diamonds, LCSt
- South Bend Cardinals VS Omaha Yankees, LC2
- Clearwater Rays VS Canton Tigers, LC3
- Buxmont Cubs VS Dundalk Nationals, LC4
- Dayton Wolves VS NEO Mud Angels, LC6
- Kodak Reds VS T-Town Jack-Os, TPSt
- Fort Myers Hitmen VS Jersey Shore Hellcats, TP2
- St Louis Pirates VS Lake Erie Blue Jays, TP3
- Twin Peaks Lumberjacks VS DuPage Indians, TP4

#### 1:45 PM

- Southeast Cardinals VS Chesapeake Rays, LCSt
- Chicago Knights VS Tidewater Drillers, LC2
- Chicago Colts VS Nova Scotia Monarchs, LC3
- Staten Island Bombers VS Huntsville Havoc, LC4
- Tennessee White Lightnin' VS Flint Tigers, LC6
- Pensacola Sharks VS Cincinnati Colt .45s, TPSt
- Baltimore Thunder VS Swamp Donkeys, TP2
- Washington All Stars VS Holy City Trash Pandas, TP4



*photo by Greg Wagner*

*Tennessee White Lightnin' batter knocks a base hit up the middle vs. the Cincinnati Colt .45's*



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## NOTEBOOK



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

*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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*Out at 2nd! Tennessee White Lightning' infielder tags a PSOF Ranger attempting to steal the base*

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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 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 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 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.



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## NOTEBOOK



*Tidewater Drillers trying to turn a double play vs. Pittsburgh on Sunday afternoon*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

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## 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 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.



## 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.



## 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.

