



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES **INSIDE PITCH**

WEEK 2 | MASTERS DIVISION | OCT. 27

These Diamond Boys Are RHWS Masters Rookies



Chris Reese and Chad Stewart of the Minnesota Diamonds

photo by Greg Wagner

BY GLENN MILLER **Roy Hobbs Baseball**

They're rookies in their 40s.

There's not many places where that is possible. But the Roy Hobbs World Series is such a place.

Chris Reese and Chad Stewart, both 48, of the Minnesota Diamonds have played baseball since they were boys. On Monday, they played in historic Terry Park for the first time as part of their inaugural visit here.

Neither knew the park's baseball tradition dating to 1925, when the Philadelphia A's began using it as their spring training home.

Now, more than 90 years since A's such as Lefty Grove, Jimmie Foxx and Mickey Cochrane played

on that field, two more men followed their footsteps.

"To me it just shows the timelessness of the game," Reese said.

Stewart is a Spirit Airlines pilot who flies the Airbus A300. The Diamonds have been after Stewart to play for, according to Stewart, "quite a few years."

"For me to get an entire week off to do that is damn near impossible," Stewart said.

Finally, circumstances aligned this year so he could get away,

Although Stewart is a World Series rookie he is not an adult baseball rookie. He stopped playing at

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23 and returned at 35.

What was his impression of his first day here?

"There are people from all over the place," Stewart said. "But it seems there are guys who have been down here years past and know a lot of people from a lot of these other teams."

The Diamonds' schedule this week included games against the Maryland Monarchs, Cagnejeros RD, Pensacola Sharks and Dallas Redbirds.

The opponents are strangers to the rookies but not to Diamonds veterans.

"These guys know all these teams," Stewart said.

Reese, a former Minnesota sportswriter, works in corporate communications for Stratasys, a company involved with 3D printing.

He understands the pull of baseball.

"If you're really into the game it never leaves you," Reese said.

Both men were led to the rear of the Terry Park grandstand Monday and shown banners listing MLB Hall of Famers who played in the park. The



*RHWS Rookies,
Chad Stewart
and Chris Reese*

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

names of Twins legends Rod Carew and Harmon Killebrew jumped out at them.

Another name leapt out to Reese - shortstop Pee Wee Reese of the Brooklyn Dodgers. This Reese is a distant cousin and as a boy Chris exchanged a few letters with his famous cousin, who died in 1999 at the age of 81.

Talking these rookies into playing in the World Series wasn't a tough sell for Diamonds manager Brian Graupmann.

"It sells itself," Graupmann said.

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MASTERS STANDINGS

| 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 | |
| | | | | | | |
| AAA DIVISION | | W | L | PCT | RA | RA4 |
| 1 | Atlanta Baseball | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | 15 | 7 |
| 2 | Holy City Trash Pandas | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | 32 | 17 |
| 3 | New Jersey Rangers | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | 37 | 24 |
| 4 | NW Indiana Dogs | 4 | 1 | 0.800 | 19 | 6 |
| 5 | Dayton Ducks | 4 | 1 | 0.800 | 38 | 23 |
| 6 | Buxmont Cubs | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 29 | 10 |
| 7 | Lake Erie Blue Jays | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 26 | 13 |
| 8 | Fort Myers Hitmen | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 43 | 19 |
| 9 | Dayton Wolves | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 41 | 20 |
| 10 | Jet Box | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 29 | 21 |
| 11 | Washington All Stars | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 46 | 29 |
| 12 | Baltimore Krushers | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 52 | 32 |
| 13 | St. Louis Pirates | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 52 | 32 |
| 14 | Dallas Redbirds | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 37 | 25 |
| 15 | Minnesota Diamonds | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 44 | 29 |
| 16 | Staten Island Bombers | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 49 | 35 |

Non-Playoff Teams

| | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|-------|----|----|
| Cincinnati Colt .45s | 0 | 5 | 0.000 | 85 | 61 |
| Baltimore Thunder | 0 | 5 | 0.000 | 92 | 64 |

Play each other at PDC5 @ 1:45 on Friday

| AA DIVISION | | W | L | PCT | RA | RA4 |
|-------------|------------------------|---|---|-------|----|-----|
| 1 | Minnesota Catfish | 4 | 1 | 0.800 | 39 | 15 |
| 2 | Omaha Yankees | 4 | 1 | 0.800 | 43 | 25 |
| 3 | Clearwater Rays | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 44 | 33 |
| 4 | DuPage Indians | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 58 | 40 |
| 5 | South Bend Cardinals | 3 | 2 | 0.600 | 66 | 45 |
| 6 | Dundalk Nationals | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 32 | 22 |
| 7 | Chicago Knights | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 40 | 25 |
| 8 | T-Town Jack-Os | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 58 | 31 |
| 9 | Canton Tigers | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 47 | 32 |
| 10 | Nova Scotia Monarchs | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 46 | 34 |
| 11 | SouthEast Cardinals | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 50 | 35 |
| 12 | NEO Mud Angels | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 54 | 37 |
| 13 | Jersey Shore Hellcats | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 56 | 39 |
| 14 | Twin Peaks Lumberjacks | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 58 | 39 |
| 15 | Minnesota Bandits | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 59 | 39 |
| 16 | PSOF Rangers | 2 | 3 | 0.400 | 70 | 42 |

| A DIVISION | | W | L | PCT | RA | RA4 |
|------------|---------------------------|---|---|-------|----|-----|
| 1 | Tidewater Drillers | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 47 | 33 |
| 2 | Tennessee White Lightnin' | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 50 | 33 |
| 3 | Chicago Colts | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 54 | 33 |
| 4 | Flint Tigers | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 55 | 36 |
| 5 | St. Louis A's | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 55 | 39 |
| 6 | Huntsville Havoc | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 54 | 39 |
| 7 | Chesapeake Rays | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 60 | 45 |
| 8 | Swamp Donkeys | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 50 | 36 |
| 9 | Pensacola Sharks | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 60 | 44 |
| 10 | Kodak Reds | 1 | 4 | 0.200 | 62 | 45 |
| 11 | Florida Lumberjacks | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 60 | 41 |



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Th - 1:45

Fr - 1:45

Sat - 1:45

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LC2 - G1

#1 Miami Sugar Kings - 2

#7 Orlando Braves - 6

LC4 - G5

#4 Lansing A's

#4 Lansing A's - 11

LC3 - G2

#4 Lansing A's - 13

#6 Chicago Woodpeckers - 3

JBSt - G11

#3 Cangrejeros - 3

LC4 - G3

#3 Cangrejeros - 6

#5 Pittsburgh 45s - 1

LC3 - G6

#2 Orlando Brewers

#2 Orlando Brewers - 4

LCSt - G4

#2 Orlando Brewers - 11

JBSt - G14

#8 Maryland Monarchs - 1

Sat - 10 AM

FR - 10 AM

Fr - 1:45

L11

Th - 1:45

#3 Cangrejeros

#7 Orlando Braves - 14

JB6 - G9

#7 Orlando Braves

LC6 - G7

#6 Chicago Woodpeckers - 4

JB6 - G12

JBSt - G13

#1 Miami Sugar Kings

JBSt - G10

#5 Pittsburgh 45s - 10

LC2 - G8

#5 Pittsburgh 45s

#8 Maryland Monarchs - 5



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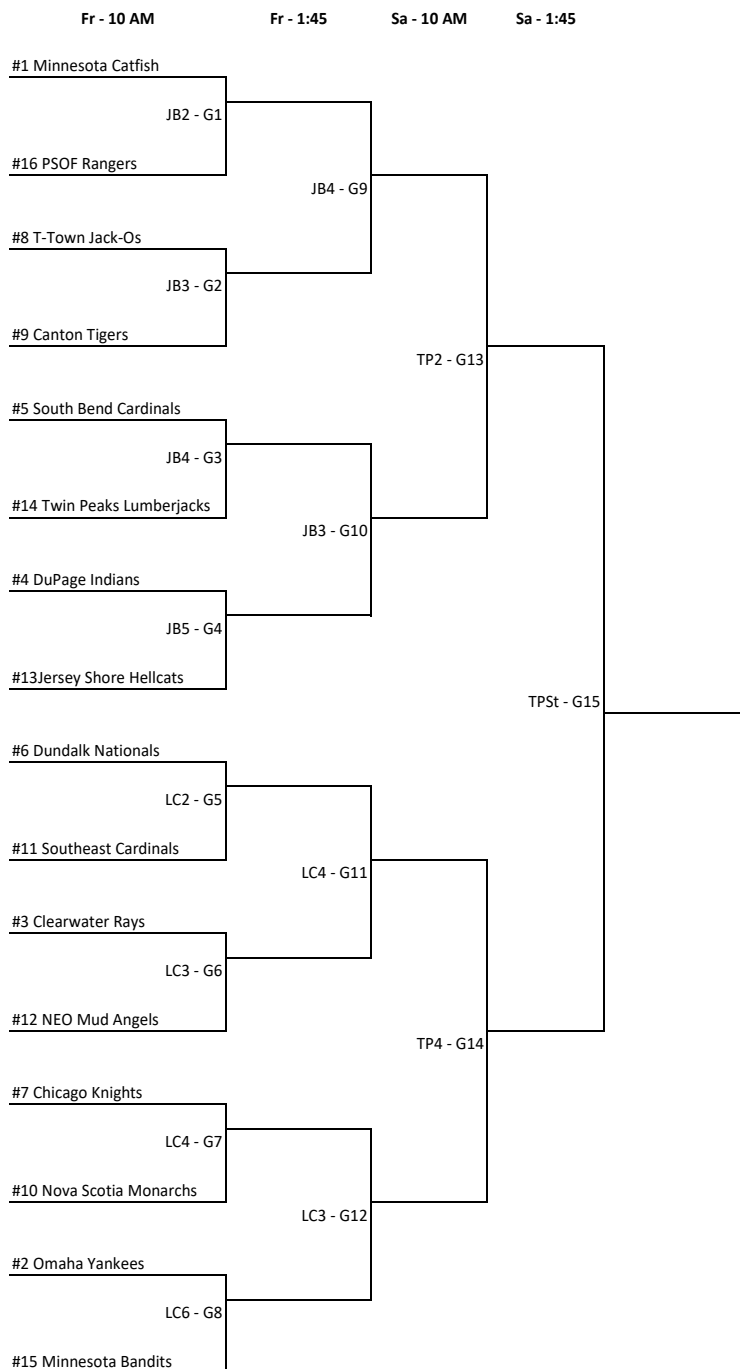
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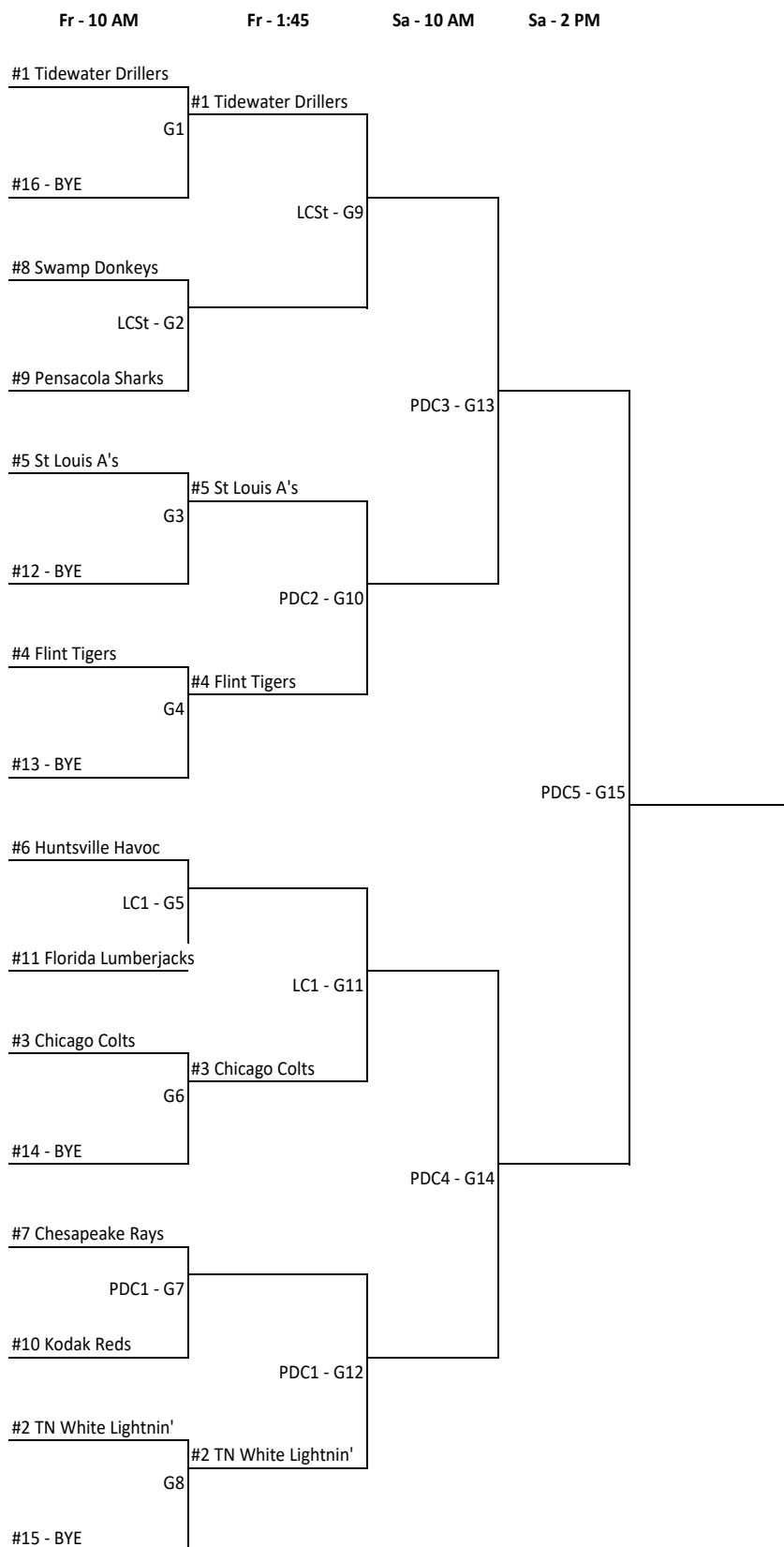


photo by Greg Wagner
 Washington All-Stars centerfielder makes a great running catch with his back to the infield. Terry Park #4 on Wed.

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Lots of action around 2nd base as both the shortstop and 2nd baseman for the MN Bandits got into position to take the throw from center field vs. the St. Louis A's

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

Thank You & Travel Safe

Roy Hobbs Baseball would like to thank all of you for coming to the Roy Hobbs World Series, helping to make this event a success. For those who are traveling to get home, We wish a safe journey and we look forward to seeing you all next year.



Lost and Found

Our lost and found has several items there. It can be found in the front office of our headquarters (PDC) with Bonnie. Please see Bonnie if you lost anything this week.



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 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**

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are available at each of the facilities, and Roy Hobbs personnel have been trained on those devices.



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.



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.



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.

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