



# ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH

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## Kutcher Gives Back With Baseball 4 Causes



*Frank Petrucci and John Kutcher*

*photo courtesy of John Kutcher*

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

Baseball is a game of many 3's and multiples of that.

From 3 outs to 3 strikes and 9 innings.

But it's also about 4. There are 4 bases and 4 balls for a walk. The No. 4 hitter in lineups is considered the clean-up hitter.

Now, there is another 4, one that if all goes well will clean up for charity.

Baseball 4 Causes is a foundation started by John Kutcher of the Baltimore Krushers. On Thursday morning, Kutcher sat in Shoeless Joe's at a tall table and over a breakfast of sunny-side up eggs, potatoes, bacon and toast discussed what he's hoping to achieve.

"I want to give back," said Kutcher, a 57-year-old with a doctorate in computer science from Johns Hopkins University. "I've been fortunate in my life to be successful."

He built a successful software company, Digital Innovation. Please note the second word of that name is NOT Innovations, a common mistake.

"No s," Kutcher said. "That was always my pet peeve."

Attention to such details as well as the brainpower of a Ph.D. scientist helped Kutcher become successful. He has a bachelor's in electrical engineering from Johns Hopkins and is the founder and CEO of Dicorp, a company that, according to its website, "makes a difference through technology."

That mantra of making a difference with technology is a driving component of Baseball 4 Causes. Kutcher is also the name and man behind The Kutcher Foundation.

In addition to all Kutcher's academic, philanthropic and business success, he's a baseball player and fan. He who grew up playing the game and his favorite childhood player was legendary Orioles third baseman Brooks Robinson.

Now, all the wisdom and experience Kutcher has built up over decades is focusing on giving back.

He's helped upgrade a baseball field at John Carroll High School in Bel Air, Md. He supports Johns Hopkins' Division III baseball program. His son, Tim, a 2019 graduate of the university, excelled as a baseball player there.

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## KUTCHER

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Mentoring young people and raising scholarship funds are goals of Baseball 4 Causes. He wants to teach youngsters about building websites and using analytics in baseball.

Everything is tied into melding baseball and academics such as at the high school where improving the baseball program is connected to making the school an elite destination for computer science. He'd like to see John Carroll become a place where 16-year-old students are working on the same level as college graduates,

There was one catch to that worthy computer science program goal.

"A commitment to a strong baseball program," Kutcher said.

Steve Murfin, who will be inducted into the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame on Saturday, is a member of the Baseball 4 Causes board.

"John has always had a mission for philanthropy," Murfin said, "Using our brotherhood of baseball players it creates a great opportunity to get guys together to play ball and to give back."

Giving back is what it's all about for Baseball 4 Causes.



*Home plate umpire Lee Champagne rings up a batter on Sunday at Terry Park Stadium*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

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Chi-Tenn starting pitcher vs PSOF/HYB Rangers at Terry Park.

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### Sunday

Akron Summa Ortho Brewers 12, Chicago Knights 11  
 Atlanta Baseball 24, St. Louis Owls 3  
 Baltimore Thunder 14, DuPage Indians 4  
 Bergen Yankees 13, Minnesota Goats 7  
 Canton Tigers 16, New Scotland Giants 0  
 Carolina Thunder 9, Orlando Blazers 8  
 Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers 15, PSOF Rangers/ HYB 12  
 Chicago Pilots 16, Long Island Patriots 6  
 Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs 12, Jersey Bananas 4  
 Cuyahoga Indians 13, New Scotland Giants 1  
 Cuyahoga Indians 17, Chicago Jacks 7  
 DC Pirates 10, Canton Tigers 4  
 DC Pirates 10, Chesapeake Rays 0  
 DuPage Redsox 19, Okaloosa Slammers 11  
 Fort Myers Cubs 16, Chicago Knights 11  
 Fort Myers Cubs 20, Westchester Fury 6  
 Glory Days 13, Minnesota Bandits Red 6  
 HPK Oilers 12, South Dakota Rushmores 5  
 Huntsville Havoc 10, Albany Capitals 1  
 Lansing Blue Jays 4, Midwest Pirates 3  
 Maine Black Bears 8, Nova Scotia Monarchs 3  
 Milwaukee Rangers 10, St. Louis A's 3  
 Minneapolis Millers 15, Florida Sharks 12  
 Minnesota Cardinals 12, Baltimore Thunder 6  
 New Jersey Twins 16, Omaha Indians 7  
 Okaloosa Slammers 23, Philadelphia Generals 20  
 Orlando Brewers 14, ChicagoBay Warriors 0  
 Pittsburgh 11, Americans Baseball Club 3  
 Puerto Rico Cardinals 14, Oakville Golden A's 3  
 RIMA Foxes 5, Bergen Yankees 1  
 Salem-Pitt Warlocks 14, St. Louis Owls 4  
 St. Louis Patriots 14, Banana Sharks 4  
 Steve's Sports 17, Minnesota Bandits Gold 7  
 Steve's Sports 7, Albany Whiz 5



*Minneapolis Millers turn a double play vs. the Florida Sharks*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

Tidewater Drillers 16, Puerto Rico Borisox 9  
 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 14, USVI Hurricanes 4  
 US Virgin Islands Hurricanes 7, Chicago Giants 2  
 Victoria Harbor Cats 24, Kodak Reds 4  
 Victoria Harbor Cats 5, Minnesota Twins 4  
 Westchester Fury 8, Akron Summa Ortho Brewers 7  
 Wright Field Reds 15, DuPage Indians 12  
 Wright Field Reds 18, Minnesota Cardinals 17



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Legends Division	W	L	PCT	RA
Orlando Brewers	1	0	1.000	0
Huntsville Havoc	1	0	1.000	1
RIMA Foxes	1	0	1.000	1
Atlanta Baseball	1	0	1.000	3
Lansing Blue Jays	1	0	1.000	3
Maine Black Bears	1	0	1.000	3
Milwaukee Rangers	1	0	1.000	3
Pittsburgh 53's	1	0	1.000	3
Puerto Rico Cardinals	1	0	1.000	3
Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs	1	0	1.000	4
DC Pirates	2	0	1.000	4
Salem-Pitt Warlocks	1	0	1.000	4
St. Louis Patriots	1	0	1.000	4
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	1	0	1.000	4
HPK Oilers	1	0	1.000	5
Chicago Pilots	1	0	1.000	6
Glory Days	1	0	1.000	6
New Jersey Twins	1	0	1.000	7
Carolina Thunder	1	0	1.000	8
Cuyahoga Indians	2	0	1.000	8
Victoria Harbor Cats	2	0	1.000	8
Tidewater Drillers	1	0	1.000	9
DuPage Redsox	1	0	1.000	11
Minneapolis Millers	1	0	1.000	11
Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers	1	0	1.000	12
Steve's Sports	2	0	1.000	12
Fort Myers Cubs	2	0	1.000	17
Wright Field Reds	2	0	1.000	29
Canton Tigers	1	1	0.500	10
Bergen Yankees	1	1	0.500	11
Baltimore Thunder	1	1	0.500	16
US Virgin Islands Hurricanes	1	1	0.500	16

Akron Summa Ortho Brewers	1	1	0.500	19
Minnesota Cardinals	1	1	0.500	24
Westchester Fury	1	1	0.500	27
Okaloosa Slammers	1	1	0.500	38
Midwest Pirates	0	1	0.000	4
Minnesota Twins	0	1	0.000	5
Albany Whiz	0	1	0.000	7
Chicago Giants	0	1	0.000	7
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	0.000	8
Orlando Blazers	0	1	0.000	9
Albany Capitals	0	1	0.000	10
Chesapeake Rays	0	1	0.000	10
St. Louis A's	0	1	0.000	10
Americans Baseball Club	0	1	0.000	11
Jersey Bananas	0	1	0.000	11
South Dakota Rushmores	0	1	0.000	12
Minnesota Bandits Red	0	1	0.000	13
Minnesota Goats	0	1	0.000	13
Banana Sharks	0	1	0.000	14
ChicagoBay Warriors	0	1	0.000	14
Oakville Golden A's	0	1	0.000	14
PSOF Rangers/ HYB	0	1	0.000	15
Long Island Patriots	0	1	0.000	16
Omaha Indians	0	1	0.000	16
Puerto Rico BoriSox	0	1	0.000	16
Chicago Jacks	0	1	0.000	17
Florida Sharks	0	1	0.000	17
Minnesota Bandits Gold	0	1	0.000	17
Philadelphia Generals	0	1	0.000	22
Kodak Reds	0	1	0.000	24
Chicago Knights	0	2	0.000	28
DuPage Indians	0	2	0.000	29
New Scotland Giants	0	2	0.000	30
St. Louis Owls	0	2	0.000	39



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## LEGENDS SCHEDULE

### Monday

#### 10 AM

- USVI Hurricanes @ Minnesota Goats, JB2
- Bergen Yankees @ Twin Peaks Lumberjacks, JB3
- Victoria Harbor Cats @ Atlanta Baseball, JB4
- Albany Capitals @ HPK Oilers, JB5
- Banana Sharks @ South Dakota Rushmores, JB6
- Chicago Knights @ Minnesota Cardinals, JBSt
- Minnesota Bandits Red @ DC Pirates, LC1
- RIMA Foxes @ Minnesota Bandits Gold, LC2
- Philadelphia Generals @ Minnesota Twins, LC3
- New Jersey Twins @ Oakville Golden A's, LC4
- Omaha Indians @ Americans Baseball, LC6
- Puerto Rico Cardinals @ Pittsburgh, LCSt
- Florida Sharks @ Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers, PDC1
- Chicago Pilots @ Orlando Blazers, PDC2
- Puerto Rico BoriSox @ Minneapolis Millers, PDC3
- Carolina Thunder @ Midwest Pirates, PDC4
- Tidewater Drillers @ PSOF/HYB Rangers, PDC5
- Maine Black Bears @ St. Louis A's, TP2
- New Scotland Giants @ Chicago Jacks, TP3
- Nova Scotia Monarchs @ ChicagoBay Warriors, TP4
- Orlando Brewers @ Milwaukee Rangers, TPSt

#### 1:45 PM

- Twin Peaks Lumberjacks @ Minnesota Goats, JB1
- DuPage Indians @ Westchester Fury, JB2
- St. Louis Patriots @ Albany Capitals, JB3
- South Dakota Rushmores @ Huntsville Havoc, JB4
- Chesapeake Rays @ Cuyahoga Indians, JB5
- Steve's Sports @ Chicago Giants, JB6
- HPK Oilers @ Banana Sharks, JBSt
- Canton Tigers @ Glory Days, LC1
- Albany Whiz @ RIMA Foxes, LC2
- Kodak Reds @ Philadelphia Generals, LC3
- Americans Baseball @ Puerto Rico Cardinals, LC4



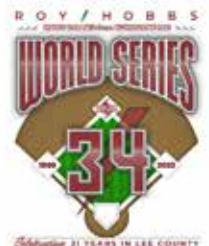
*Minneapolis Millers center fielder makes a great sliding catch of a Florida Sharks fly ball*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

- Pittsburgh @ New Jersey Twins, LC6
  - Oakville Golden A's @ Omaha Indians, LCSt
  - Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs @ Long Island Patriots, PDC1
  - Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers @ Puerto Rico BoriSox, PDC2
  - PSOF/HYB Rangers @ Florida Sharks, PDC3
  - Minneapolis Millers @ Tidewater Drillers, PDC4
  - Lansing Blue Jays @ Jersey Bananas, PDC5
  - Milwaukee Rangers @ Nova Scotia Monarchs, TP2
  - Salem, Pitt Warlocks @ DuPage RedSox, TP3
  - St. Louis A's @ Orlando Brewers, TP4
  - ChicagoBay Warriors @ Maine Black Bears, TPSt
- 5:30 PM**
- Huntsville Havoc @ St. Louis Patriots, JBSt
  - Wright Field Reds @ Fort Myers Cubs, LCSt
  - St. Louis Owls @ DuPage RedSox, TP2
  - Okaloosa Slammers @ Salem, Pitt Warlocks, TP4
  - Akron SUMMA ORTHO Brewers @ Baltimore Thunder, TPSt



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## NOTEBOOK

**Hall of Fame Celebration Saturday; Tickets \$50, available at PDC Hdq.**

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Trustees cordially invite you to join the Roy Hobbs Baseball family for the 2023 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Inductee Dinner and ceremonies Saturday, Nov. 4.

The celebration will be held at Sidelines Sports Grill at the corner of Colonial Blvd. and Veronica Shoemaker Parkway

Honorees Saturday will be Bruce Doney for 2022, David Ball, Kelly Copeland, Steve Murfin and Jose Rosado for Class of 2023. Ambassador honorees to be presented are Jose Caballero (2022) and Glenn Miller (2023).

Social time starts at 6:45 p.m., with a multi-station buffet served at 7:15 p.m., to be followed by the induction ceremonies at approximately 8 p.m. The events should be completed by 9:30 p.m.

Admission is \$50 for adults and \$20 for ages 10-16; children under 10 are free. Admission is by ticket only. Tickets include dinner, soft drinks, and, for those 21 and over, there will be 2 drink tickets per person available for beer or wine.

Tickets may be purchased at PDC Headquarters from Bonnie Fear. Send email to Bonnie bfear@royhobbs.com or teammatesupport@royhobbs.com for reservations. She will invoice you for the tickets and have them at her desk or at the dinner. There are a limited number of tickets available.

All ticket proceeds of the events benefit the Roy Hobbs Foundation.

**Playoff Pairings**

AAAA 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.



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Florida Sharks runner sliding home vs. the Minneapolis Millers

photo by Greg Wagner

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## NOTEBOOK



*The Tidewater Drillers infielder was late in applying the tag to the Puerto Rico BoriSox baserunner*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

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### 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.



### 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.



### 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  
*see NOTEBOOK on page 8*

## NOTEBOOK



*The collective noun for a group of woodpeckers is "descent". Here a descent of Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers try to figure out the lineup manager Kelly Copeland wrote in the scorebook*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

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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.



### **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.

