



# ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH



WEEK 3 | LEGENDS DIVISION | OCT. 31

## No Distance Is Too Far for the Love of Baseball



photo by Greg Wagner

*Players from the USVI Hurricanes traveled as much as 1800 miles to attend the Roy Hobbs World Series.*

### BY GLENN MILLER *Roy Hobbs Baseball*

Morning dew still glistened on the infield of JetBlue Field No. 3 Sunday morning. The stadium shimmered and gleamed over the right-field wall. The sun sparkled off of grass and glass and aluminum.

Sitting in the bleachers was Danny Rodriguez of the USVI Hurricanes, unable to play because of a knee injury.

But he didn't sound depressed. Far from it.

"Just take a deep breath," Rodriguez said. "It just smells like baseball. Oh, yeah, it's a great day to be alive."

Like many Roy Hobbs players, Rodriguez and his teammates traveled a long way to play in the Roy Hobbs World Series.

The four letters in the team name stand for United States Virgin Islands, which are southeast of Puerto Rico. There was

a flight to Florida for most of the team. Three members of the team are Mexican and drove to Fort Myers. They drove straight through, taking turns driving.

Team manager Dharrio Linares is from the Dominican Republic. The roster is rounded out by a free agent from North Carolina named David Navarro.

It's a testament to their love of the game that the players journeyed here. The three Mexicans - Solomon Lopez, Victor Herrera and Oscar Tirado - are from the northeastern city of Saltillo. Google Maps estimated the distance from their city to Jet Blue at 1,800 miles and pegs the driving time at 27 hours.

Lopez served as the Mexican spokesman with Linares and Rodriguez translating. He said he found the people at

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## USVI

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the Roy Hobbs World Series warm and the fields perfect.

The Virgin Islands don't have the same baseball history as other Caribbean locales such as Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Curacao.

But players from the islands such as Joe Christopher, Horace Clarke, Al McBean, Elrod Hendricks, Midre Cumming and others have played in the majors.

Christopher, McBean and Cummings spent part of their careers in Fort Myers for spring training. Christopher and McBean were with the Pirates when they trained at Terry Park. Cummings played for the Twins and Red Sox and stepped on PDC and Lee County Sports Complex diamonds.

There are no comparable facilities in the Virgin Islands, according to Rodriguez. He said the team doesn't play games back home because of sub-par facilities but does practice.

"The lights are pointed in all kinds of directions," said Rodriguez, a retired police officer.

A new facility is under construction that he hopes will spark interest in baseball.

Maybe the new facility will smell like baseball.



*photo by Greg Wagner*  
New Jersey Twins 2nd baseman Gary Fischer applies a late tag after the Pittsburgh baserunner struggles to keep his hand on the bag

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## LEGENDS RESULTS

### Monday

Albany Capitals 6, HPK Oilers 19  
 Albany Whiz 11, RIMA Foxes 5  
 Americans Baseball Club 4, Puerto Rico Cardinals 9  
 Baltimore Thunder 13, Akron Summa Ortho Brewers 3  
 Banana Sharks 9, South Dakota Rushmores 5  
 Bergen Yankees 5, Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 3  
 Canton Tigers 1, Glory Days 6  
 Carolina Thunder 9, Midwest Pirates 4  
 Chesapeake Rays 15, Cuyahoga Indians 1  
 Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers 20, Puerto Rico BoriSox 9  
 Chicago Knights 15, Minnesota Cardinals 8  
 Chicago Pilots 7, Orlando Blazers 8  
 ChicagoBay Warriors 4, Maine Black Bears 3  
 Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs 9, Long Island Patriots 10  
 DuPage Indians 4, Westchester Fury 20  
 Florida Sharks 12, Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers 10  
 Fort Myers Cubs 9, Wright Field Reds 7  
 HPK Oilers 20, Banana Sharks 7  
 Kodak Reds 17, Philadelphia Generals 15  
 Lansing Blue Jays 11, Jersey Bananas 5  
 Maine Black Bears 18, St. Louis A's 5  
 Milwaukee Rangers 9, Nova Scotia Monarchs 7  
 Minneapolis Millers 4, Tidewater Drillers 6  
 Minnesota Bandits Red 17, DC Pirates 4  
 New Jersey Twins 9, Oakville Golden A's 14  
 New Scotland Giants 3, Chicago Jacks 16  
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 5, ChicagoBay Warriors 15  
 Oakville Golden A's 12, Omaha Indians 1  
 Okaloosa Slammers 13, Salem-Pitt Warlocks 1  
 Omaha Indians 9, Americans Baseball Club 18  
 Orlando Brewers 15, Milwaukee Rangers 0  
 Philadelphia Generals 17, Minnesota Twins 3  
 Pittsburgh 15, New Jersey Twins 5



*Chi-Tenn catcher warms up his pitcher vs. the Florida Sharks*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

PSOF Rangers/HYB 5, Florida Sharks 2  
 Puerto Rico BoriSox 10, Minneapolis Millers 20  
 Puerto Rico Cardinals 6, Pittsburgh 4  
 RIMA Foxes 14, Minnesota Bandits Gold 10  
 Salem-Pitt Warlocks 2, DuPage Redsox 17  
 South Dakota Rushmores 16, Huntsville Havoc 8  
 St. Louis A's 1, Orlando Brewers 11  
 St. Louis Owls 11, DuPage Redsox 8  
 St. Louis Patriots 13, Huntsville Havoc 1  
 St. Louis Patriots 3, Albany Capitals 2  
 Steve's Sports 14, Chicago Giants 4  
 Tidewater Drillers 7, PSOF Rangers/ HYB 9  
 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 15, Minnesota Goats 4  
 US Virgin Islands Hurricanes 12, Minnesota Goats 2  
 Victoria Harbor Cats 6, Atlanta Baseball 10



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Legends Division	W	L	PCT	RA
Orlando Brewers	3	0	1.000	1
St. Louis Patriots	3	0	1.000	7
Glory Days	2	0	1.000	7
Lansing Blue Jays	2	0	1.000	8
Atlanta Baseball	2	0	1.000	9
Puerto Rico Cardinals	3	0	1.000	11
Carolina Thunder	2	0	1.000	12
Steve's Sports	3	0	1.000	16
HPK Oilers	3	0	1.000	18
Fort Myers Cubs	3	0	1.000	24
Maine Black Bears	2	1	0.667	12
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	2	1	0.667	12
Bergen Yankees	2	1	0.667	14
Pittsburgh 53's	2	1	0.667	14
USVI Hurricanes	2	1	0.667	18
Victoria Harbor Cats	2	1	0.667	18
Baltimore Thunder	2	1	0.667	19
DC Pirates	2	1	0.667	21
RIMA Foxes	2	1	0.667	22
ChicagoBay Warriors	2	1	0.667	22
Tidewater Drillers	2	1	0.667	22
Cuyahoga Indians	2	1	0.667	23
DuPage Redsox	2	1	0.667	24
Oakville Golden A's	2	1	0.667	24
PSOF Rangers/ HYB	2	1	0.667	24
Milwaukee Rangers	2	1	0.667	25
Minneapolis Millers	2	1	0.667	27
Westchester Fury	2	1	0.667	31
Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers	2	1	0.667	33
Wright Field Reds	2	1	0.667	38
Okaloosa Slammers	2	1	0.667	39
Chesapeake Rays	1	1	0.500	11

Albany Whiz	1	1	0.500	12
Chicago Pilots	1	1	0.500	14
Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs	1	1	0.500	14
Orlando Blazers	1	1	0.500	16
Minnesota Bandits Red	1	1	0.500	17
Chicago Jacks	1	1	0.500	20
Long Island Patriots	1	1	0.500	25
Kodak Reds	1	1	0.500	39
Canton Tigers	1	2	0.333	16
Americans Baseball Club	1	2	0.333	29
South Dakota Rushmores	1	2	0.333	29
Huntsville Havoc	1	2	0.333	30
Akron Summa Ortho Brewers	1	2	0.333	32
Florida Sharks	1	2	0.333	32
Salem-Pitt Warlocks	1	2	0.333	34
Chicago Knights	1	2	0.333	36
New Jersey Twins	1	2	0.333	36
Banana Sharks	1	2	0.333	39
Minnesota Cardinals	1	2	0.333	39
Philadelphia Generals	1	2	0.333	42
St. Louis Owls	1	2	0.333	47
Midwest Pirates	0	2	0.000	13
Chicago Giants	0	2	0.000	21
Jersey Bananas	0	2	0.000	22
Minnesota Twins	0	2	0.000	22
Minnesota Bandits Gold	0	2	0.000	31
Albany Capitals	0	3	0.000	32
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	3	0.000	32
Minnesota Goats	0	3	0.000	41
New Scotland Giants	0	3	0.000	46
Omaha Indians	0	3	0.000	46
DuPage Indians	0	3	0.000	49
St. Louis A's	0	3	0.000	49
Puerto Rico BoriSox	0	3	0.000	56





Head to *Sidelines* to replay the game and tell lies

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## LEGENDS SCHEDULE

### Tuesday

**10 AM**

- Puerto Rico Borisox @ Florida Sharks, JB2
- Orlando Blazers @ Long Island Patriots, JB3
- Philadelphia Generals @ Salem, Pitt Warlocks, JB4
- Carolina Thunder @ Lansing Blue Jays, JB5
- Pittsburgh @ Omaha Indians, JB6
- Chicago Jacks @ Canton Tigers, JBSt
- RIMA Foxes @ Twin Peaks Lumberjacks, LC2
- St. Louis Patriots @ HPK Oilers, LC3
- Albany Whiz @ Bergen Yankees, LC4
- Chicago Giants @ Minnesota Bandits Gold, LC6
- Kodak Reds @ Okaloosa Slammers, LCSt
- Chicago Pilots @ Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs, PDC1
- Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Orlando Brewers, PDC2
- Midwest Pirates @ Jersey Bananas, PDC3
- Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers @ Tidewater Drillers, PDC4
- Minneapolis Millers @ PSOF/HYB Rangers, PDC5
- New Jersey Twins @ Puerto Rico Cardinals, TP2
- Oakville Golden A's @ Americans Baseball, TP4
- Cuyahoga Indians @ Minnesota Bandits Red, TPSt

**1:45 PM**

- St. Louis Owls @ Victoria Harbor Cats, JB1
- Fort Myers Cubs @ Akron Summa Ortho Brewers, JB2
- Glory Days @ Chicago Jacks, JB3
- Long Island Patriots @ Carolina Thunder, JB4
- Huntsville Havoc @ Banana Sharks, JB5
- Lansing Blue Jays @ Orlando Blazers, JB6
- South Dakota Rushmores @ Albany Capitals, JBSt
- DuPage RedSox @ Atlanta Baseball, LC2
- Minnesota Bandits Gold @ Albany Whiz, LC3
- Minnesota Cardinals @ DuPage Indians, LC4
- Minnesota Twins @ Kodak Reds, LC6
- Minnesota Goats @ Chicago Giants, LCSt



*PSOF/HYB Rangers manager Mark Dardzinski having a laugh with home plate umpire Danny Nelson prior to the game*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

- ChicagoBay Warriors @ St. Louis A's, PDC1
- Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs @ Midwest Pirates, PDC2
- Baltimore Thunder @ Chicago Knights, PDC3
- Jersey Bananas @ Chicago Pilots, PDC4
- Milwaukee Rangers @ Maine Black Bears, PDC5
- Minnesota Bandits Red @ Chesapeake Rays, TP2
- Westchester Fury @ Wright Field Reds, TP4
- USVI Hurricanes @ Steve's Sports, TPSt

**5:30 PM**

- DC Pirates @ Glory Days, JBSt
- Atlanta Baseball @ Minnesota Twins, LCSt
- Chesapeake Rays @ New Scotland Giants, TPSt



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## NOTEBOOK



*Okaloosa Slammers 1st baseman keeping the Philadelphia Generals runner "honest"*

*photo by  
Greg Wagner*

### 53s Pairings Party Thursday, 6p, at Sidelines

The pairings party for AAA, AA, A & B divisions will be held Thursday night at 6 p.m. at Sidelines Sports Grill.

Sidelines is located at the corner of Colonial Blvd. and Veronica Shoemaker Parkway.

Social time begins at 6 p.m. with a cash bar. A finger-foods buffet will open at 6:30. Goal is to be able to announce pairings by 7 p.m. Pairings will be posted online before 8 p.m.

All managers and players are welcome, even AAAA players who want to enjoy the evening with an adult beverage or two.

There will be a raffle of RH items as well as a 50/50 raffle, with proceeds going to the Roy Hobbs Foundation.

No reservations required. Come and join us.



### 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

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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 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.



*Minneapolis Millers 3rd baseman battled the sun, wind and fence to catch a Florida Sharks pop foul*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

### 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.

*see NOTEBOOK on page 8*



## NOTEBOOK



*Shared position!  
Two Millers also  
sharing a fist  
bump as they  
pass one another.  
Minneapolis vs.  
Florida Sharks*

*photo by  
Greg Wagner*

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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.



### 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.

