# Fluties Bring Athletic Talent to the Diamond 

## BY GLENN MILLER

## Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Flutie "boys" are in their 60s or pushing it, far removed from pro and collegiate sports.

Doug and Bill are here playing in the Roy Hobbs World Series for the Americans Baseball Club. Darren was scheduled to play but could not make it.

He was looking forward to the event based on what his brothers told him
"They say it's like the Super Bowl," Darren said by phone Tuesday morning.

Darren and Doug certainly know about pro football. They are both members of the CFL Hall of Fame. Doug played in the NFL before and after the CFL and was 43 when he played his final NFL game.

Bill told Darren about this event.
"I told him this is the best tournament," Bill said

Every sports fan of a certain age recalls Doug, the 1984 Heisman Trophy quarterback from Boston College. Bill, 62, was a quarterback and baseball player at Brown.

Darren, who will turn 57 on Nov. 18, followed Doug to Boston College and see FLUTIE on page 2


Darren, Doug and Bill Flutie
photo courtesy of Bill Flutie

## Hobbs family to honor Veterans Saturday 8 Sunday

Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11, a date Roy Hobbs reveres annually.

Roy Hobbs is honoring Veterans at its games on Saturday at 60s/70s playoff games and then again on Sunday, the first day of 65 s and 75 s play.

At each game, we ask the players on both teams to line up on the baselines for a moment of silence to honor veterans. Umpires usually act as "masters" of the ceremonies, and each handles it differently. If someone wants to speak, please speak up. This is an important remembrance and many veterans are playing this week.

At PDC, Jim Doepke, who has played taps at Arlington National Cemetery, will play taps on his trumpet in honor of Veterans Day at 9:45 a.m. Players will be lined up on the baselines and Jim will be stationed in the Tower at the center of the Quad to play.

Doepke, a retired high school band director from Wisconsin, who has played his trumpet at all MLB parks and numerous colleges, is in his fifth year playing at one Saturday championship game a week at the Roy Hobbs World Series as well as honoring Veterans Day.

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was an outstanding wide receiver.
But what about baseball?
Doug said Darren when he was at Natick High School was the best prep shortstop in Massachusetts and a pro prospect.

Now, they occasionally play tournaments together and comprise a Flutie infield with Darren at second, Doug at short and Bill at third.
Even as a youngster starring in American Legion baseball, Doug remembers Darren's talent. He might show up without his glove, socks and belt. But then he'd go out and be the best player on the field.
Bill recalls Natick's American Legion team reaching the national tournament finals.
"They lost the finals because Darren got thrown out for running over the catcher at home plate," Bill said. "Then the back-up shortstop made like six errors."

He knew from an early age that Doug had otherworldly athletic gifts.
"He was special in high school," said Bill, who was a starting quarterback for a while. "I had a good arm. Throw the ball 50 yards."

He told the coach the offense was too conservative and needed opening up. His suggestion was moving Doug from defense to wide receiver. The coach had another idea.
"Doug could throw the ball 70 yards," Bill said."Unbelievable



The Fluties occasionally play tournaments together and comprise an infield with Bill at third, Doug at short and Darren at second.
photo courtesy of Bill Flutie
arm. Doug went to quarterback and I went to wide receiver."
Doug believes Darren would have helped this week.
"He's a stud at his age," Doug said. "He can move. He'd be on base all day and make his plays defensively."

Bill hasn't given up on getting Darren to the Roy Hobbs World Series.
"Maybe next year," Bill said.

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Is your team playing next week?
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# Head to Sidelines to replay the game and tell lies 

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## LFEENDS RESULTS

## Tuesday

Albany Whiz 19, Bergen Yankees 4 Albany Whiz 21, Minnesota Bandits Gold 11
Atlanta Baseball 14, Minnesota Twins 3
Banana Sharks 12, Huntsville Havoc 2
Canton Tigers 10, Chicago Jacks 0
Carolina Thunder 14, Long Island Patriots 13
Chesapeake Rays 17, New Scotland Giants 3
Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers 12, Tidewater Drillers 6
Chicago Giants 13, Minnesota Goats 12
Chicago Giants 16, Minnesota Bandits Gold 11
Chicago Knights 13, Baltimore Thunder 8
Chicago Pilots 24, Jersey Bananas 23
ChicagoBay Warriors 13, St. Louis A's 5 Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs 17, Chicago Pilots 4 Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs 18, Midwest Pirates 7 DC Pirates 17, Glory Days 3
DuPage Redsox 14, Atlanta Baseball 10
Florida Sharks 19, Puerto Rico BoriSox 1
Fort Myers Cubs 15, Akron Summa Ortho Brewers 3
Glory Days 26, Chicago Jacks 6
HPK Oilers 14, St. Louis Patriots 13
Jersey Bananas 12, Midwest Pirates 9
Lansing Blue Jays 10, Carolina Thunder 2
Lansing Blue Jays 12, Orlando Blazers 0
Milwaukee Rangers 20, Maine Black Bears 9
Minnesota Bandits Red 10, Cuyahoga Indians 9
Minnesota Bandits Red 15, Chesapeake Rays 7
Minnesota Cardinals 11, DuPage Indians 1
Minnesota Twins 16, Kodak Reds 2
New Jersey Twins 25, Puerto Rico Cardinals 7
Oakville Golden A's 19, Americans Baseball Club 15
Okaloosa Slammers 22, Kodak Reds 15
Orlando Blazers 10, Long Island Patriots 6


Chesapeake Rays shortstop drives in another run in their lopsided victory over the Cuyahoga Indians
photo by Greg Wagner

Orlando Brewers 10, Nova Scotia Monarchs 0 Pittsburgh 19, Omaha Indians 3
PSOF Rangers/ HYB 12, Minneapolis Millers 9 Salem-Pitt Warlocks 25, Philadelphia Generals 11 South Dakota Rushmores 22, Albany Capitals 16 Steve's Sports 13, USVI Hurricanes 11
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 20, RIMA Foxes 8 Victoria Harbor Cats 20, St. Louis Owls 5 Westchester Fury 10, Wright Field Reds 3

## LEGENDS STANDINES

| AAAA Division | W | L | PCT | RA |
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| Orlando Brewers | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 1 |
| Puerto Rico Cardinales | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 |
| HPK Oilers | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 31 |
| St. Louis Patriots | 3 | 1 | 0.750 | 21 |
| Pittsburgh 53's | 3 | 1 | 0.750 | 17 |
| ChicagoBay Warriors | 3 | 1 | 0.750 | 27 |
| Milwaukee Rangers | 3 | 1 | 0.750 | 34 |
| Chi-Tenn Woodpeckers | 3 | 1 | 0.750 | 39 |


| Bergen Yankees | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 33 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cuyahoga Indians | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 33 |
| Tidewater Drillers | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 34 |
| Orlando Blazers | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 34 |
| Minneapolis Millers | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 39 |
| Minnesota Cardinals | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 40 |
| Banana Sharks | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 41 |
| Chicago Knights | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 42 |
| RIMA Foxes | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 42 |
| Chicago Giants | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 44 |
| Salem-Pitt Warlocks | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 45 |
| South Dakota Rushmores | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 45 |
| Wright Field Reds | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 48 |
| Chicago Pilots | 2 | 2 | 0.500 | 54 |
| Minnesota Twins | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 38 |
| Huntsville Havoc | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 42 |
| Akron Summa Ortho Brewers | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 47 |
| Americans Baseball Club | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 48 |
| Long Island Patriots | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 53 |
| Jersey Bananas | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 55 |
| Chicago Jacks | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 56 |
| New Jersey Twins | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 60 |
| Philadelphia Generals | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 67 |
| St. Louis Owls | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 67 |
| Kodak Reds | 1 | 3 | 0.250 | 77 |
| Nova Scotia Monarchs | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 42 |
| Midwest Pirates | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 43 |
| Albany Capitals | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 54 |
| Minnesota Goats | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 54 |
| DuPage Indians | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 60 |
| St. Louis A's | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 62 |
| New Scotland Giants | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 63 |
| Omaha Indians | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 65 |
| Minnesota Bandits Gold | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 68 |
| Puerto Rico BoriSox | 0 | 4 | 0.000 | 76 |

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## LEGENDS SCHEDULE

## Wednesday <br> 10 AM（Flip for Home）

Victoria Harbour Cats VS Albany Whiz，JBSt Nova Scotia Monarchs VS St Louis Owls，LC2 Albany Capitals VS Kodak Reds，LC3 Midwest Pirates VS New Scotland Giants，LC4 Minnesota Goats VS Omaha Indians，LC6 DuPage Indians VS St Louis A＇s，LCSt
Chicago Giants VS Salem－Pitt Warlocks，TP2
Lansing Blue Jays VS Glory Days，TP3
Tidewater Drillers VS Cuyahoga Indians，TP4 Minnesota Bandits Gold VS Puerto Rico BoriSox，TPSt Fort Myers Cubs VS Steve＇s Sports，PDC1
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks VS Crystal Clinic Wolfdogs，PDC2
Oakville Golden A＇s VS PSOF Rangers／HYB，PDC3
South Dakota Rushmores VS Minneapolis Millers，PDC4 Minnesota Twins VS Huntsville Havoc，PDC5

## 1：45 PM

Americans Baseball VS New Jersey Twins，JBSt Maine Black Bears VS DC Pirates，LC2 Banana Sharks VS Florida Sharks，LC3 Minnesota Cardinals VS Orlando Blazers，LC4 Bergen Yankees VS Baltimore Thunder，LC6 DuPage Red Sox VS Westchester Fury，LCSt Canton Tigers VS USVI Hurricanes，TP2
Atlanta Baseball VS Okaloosa Slammers，TP4
Philadelphia Generals VS Chicago Jacks，TPSt
Chicago Knights VS RIMA Foxes，PDC1 Wright Field Reds VS Chicago Pilots，PDC2 Chesapeake Rays VS Akron Summa Ortho Brewers，PDC3 Long Island Patriots VS Jersey Bananas，PDC4 Minnesota Bandits Red VS Carolina Thunder，PDC5

photo by Greg Wagner Chi－Tenn baserunner scores on a wild pitch vs．the Florida Sharks


## 53s Pairings Party Thursday, 6pm, 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 $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

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.

## 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 $8^{\text {th }}$ and $9^{\text {th }}$ 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.

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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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

photo by Greg Wagner The New fersey Twins starting pitcher raced into foul territory to grab a Pittsburgh pop fly
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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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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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