



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES **INSIDE PITCH**

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Hal Young Is a Miracle on the Mound

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

A sunny November morning in 2021 at CenturyLink Field No. 4 was the site of one of the scariest moments in Roy Hobbs World Series history.

Hal Young, a 73-year-old pitcher for the Sacramento Solons, keeled over with a heart attack. Teammates saw him turning blue on the green grass of the ball field. CPR was administered. Paramedics were summoned. Paddles were attached to his chest to jolt his heart back into action and that surge lifted him off the ground.

It was scary, to say the least.

"We were walking around like lost sheep," teammate Pat Kelly said Wednesday at JetBlue.

Now, two years later, Young is back. He's back with the Sacramento Buzzards. He's back playing baseball with his friends. He's back pitching.

Teammates then and now know how close they came to losing Young.

"He was dead a week ago," catcher Jeff Heatherington said two years ago just a few days after the incident.

His recovery was termed "The Miracle on the Mound" two years ago by Diana Ropke, the wife of teammate Lanny Ropke.

Young was transported by ambulance to nearby Gulf Coast Medical Center. Then, about three weeks later, he underwent a quadruple bypass procedure.

Even during the week of the heart attack and before the bypass, Young was already thinking about baseball.

"My main goal is to get clearance to start conditioning," Young said from his hospital bed in 2021.

On Wednesday, instead of sitting in a hospital bed wearing a medical gown, Young was in a Buzzards uniform and sitting at a picnic table before a game at JetBlue.

He was on his way back to playing ball shortly after the bypass in November of 2021. By the following January, he was working out in a gym. He wasn't able to do the cardio and weights like before but he was on his way back.

He was on his way back from the brink. Young knows what



Hal Young is back on the mound at RHWS 34

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

teammates were thinking two years ago when the ambulance pulled away slowly from the ball field.

"They thought maybe they hadn't revived me," Young said.

Clearly, he was revived. The journey back to the mound began with light tossing of a tennis ball and walks in February of 2022. He ramped up activity and as he recalls by May or June of last year was playing.

Now, two years later, Hal Young is back in the Roy Hobbs World Series and back pitching.

"You can't write the script any better," Kelly said.

Indeed, this might be dubbed Miracle on the Mound, The Return.

Hobbs family to honor Veterans Saturday & 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 65s and 75s 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.



CLASSICS / TIMELESS STANDINGS

Classics Standings

	AAAA Division	W	L	PCT	RA
1	Minnesota Bees	4	0	1.000	20
2	Border City Brewers	4	0	1.000	23
3	Orlando Royals	4	0	1.000	23
4	Puerto Rico Orioles	3	1	0.750	26
5	Dallas Rangers	3	1	0.750	32
6	Banana Sharks	3	1	0.750	38
7	Oakville Golden A's	2	2	0.500	31
8	Washington Titans	2	2	0.500	37

	AAA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Aurora Islanders	5	0	1.000	20	12
2	Baltimore Orioles	5	0	1.000	22	15
3	Americans Baseball Club	4	1	0.800	26	11
4	Pittsburgh South Hills*	3	2	0.600	54	36
5	St. Louis Grays*	2	3	0.400	47	32
6	Maine Black Bears	4	1	0.800	29	15
7	Albany Cubs	4	1	0.800	29	16
8	Philadelphia Cutters	4	1	0.800	31	19
9	San Antonio Texans	4	1	0.800	42	19
10	Lansing Blue Jays	4	1	0.800	33	20
11	Keystone Hawks	4	1	0.800	48	35
12	Chicago Giants*	2	3	0.400	55	38
13	Minnesota Bandits*	2	3	0.400	59	39
14	ChicagoBay Warriors	3	2	0.600	26	16
15	Carolina Rockies	3	2	0.600	35	23
16	Nova Scotia Monarchs	3	2	0.600	37	24

* played AAAA/AAA pool schedule

	AA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Atlanta Baseball	3	2	0.600	41	28
2	Carolina Thunder	3	2	0.600	47	30
3	Sunshine Cardinals	3	2	0.600	46	32
4	Tidewater Drillers*	2	3	0.400	66	49
5	Fort Myers Cubs*	1	4	0.200	49	30
6	St. Louis Dodgers	3	2	0.600	55	35
7	Long Island Express	3	2	0.600	60	40
8	Toledo McGuire*	1	4	0.200	62	44
9	Huntsville Trash Pandas*	1	4	0.200	69	48
10	Midwest Nine	2	3	0.400	42	27
11	Bergen Yankees	2	3	0.400	40	29
12	Tuscaloosa Tornados*	1	4	0.200	87	53
13	Wright Field Reds*	1	4	0.200	95	66
14	Pensacola Salt Bandits	2	3	0.400	49	30
15	Richmond Riverdogs	2	3	0.400	54	39
16	Nova Scotia Giants	2	3	0.400	62	43

* played AAAA/AAA pool schedule

	A Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Akron Brewers	2	3	0.400	66	45
2	Midwest Tigers	2	3	0.400	67	48
3	Chicago Blues	2	3	0.400	70	52
4	Windy City White Sox	1	4	0.200	67	48
5	Kent Mudhens	1	4	0.200	93	66
6	Minnesota Goats	1	4	0.200	60	44
7	Atlanta Heat	1	4	0.200	82	61

8	Livingston Dodgers	1	4	0.200	64	43
9	JD's Jaguars	1	4	0.200	73	51
10	Boston GoodFellas	1	4	0.200	69	53

Non-Playoff Teams	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
Blue Ridge Rangers	0	5	0.000	69	51
Cleveland Spiders	0	5	0.000	113	84

Cleveland Spiders VS Blue Ridge Rangers - Saturday @ 10 AM - LCSt

Timeless Standings

	AAAA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Minnesota Bees	5	0	1.000	16	1
2	Sacramento Buzzards	5	0	1.000	6	4
3	Washington Titans	5	0	1.000	8	5
4	South Jersey Spikes	5	0	1.000	16	10
5	Florida Storm	4	1	0.800	34	16
6	Youngstown Astros	4	1	0.800	43	31
7	Florida Yankees	3	2	0.600	37	18
8	Vintages	3	2	0.600	36	21

	AAA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Tallassee Classics	3.5	1.5	0.700	32	22
2	Chicago Fire	3	2	0.600	40	23
3	Philadelphia GraySox	3	2	0.600	42	23
4	Lehigh Baseball	3	2	0.600	42	25
5	Maine Woods Baseball	3	2	0.600	48	29
6	Dupage Indians	3	2	0.600	42	30
7	San Antonio Texans	3	2	0.600	48	30
8	Baltimore Baseball	3	2	0.600	55	37

	AA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Nova Scotia Monarchs	2.5	2.5	0.500	41	34
2	Potomac Senators	2	3	0.400	52	26
3	Asheville Sox	2	3	0.400	42	28
4	Gray Foxes	2	3	0.400	51	34
5	Kent MudHens	2	3	0.400	56	36
6	Team America	2	3	0.400	55	37
7	New Jersey Dodgers	2	3	0.400	56	39
8	Midwest Nine	2	3	0.400	60	39
9	Kenmore Eastern Brewers	2	3	0.400	70	46
10	St. Louis	1.5	3.5	0.300	78	56
11	National Spirit	1	4	0.200	32	22
12	Lake Erie Pirates	1	4	0.200	47	27
13	Long Island Express	1	4	0.200	52	30
14	Hamilton Cardinals	1	4	0.200	49	32
15	Cincinnati Colts	1	4	0.200	48	34
16	Philadelphia Mustangs	1	4	0.200	59	41

Non-Playoff Teams	W	L	PCT	RA	
Wilmington Thunder	0.5	4.5	0.100	67	
New Jersey Wonderboys	0	5	0.000	60	

New Jersey Wonderboys VS Wilmington Thunder - PDC2 @ 2:45



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

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Thur - 10 AM

Thur - 1:30 PM

Fri - 1:30 PM

Sat - 1:30 PM

#1 Minnesota Bees - 4

LC3 - G1

#1 Minnesota Bees - 13

#6 Banana Sharks - 3

LC4 - G5

#1 Minnesota Bees

#4 Puerto Rico Orioles - 14

LC6 - G2

#4 Puerto Rico Orioles - 3

#5 Dallas Rangers - 4

JB6 - G11

#3 Orlando Royals - 10

LC4 - G3

#3 Orlando Royals - 3

#7 Oakville Golden A's - 6

LC6 - G6

#2 Border City Brewers

#2 Border City Brewers - 16

LCSt - G4

#2 Border City Brewers - 13

LCSt - G14

#8 Washington Titans - 5

Sat - 10 AM

Thur - 1:30 PM

Fri - 10 AM

Fri - 1:30 PM

L11

#6 Banana Sharks - 19

#3 Orlando Royals

LC3 - G7

JB6 - G9

#6 Banana Sharks

#5 Dallas Rangers - 10

JBSt - G12

LCSt - G13

#7 Oakville Golden A's - 7

#4 Puerto Rico Orioles

JBSt - G10

LCSt - G8

#7 Oakville Golden A's

#8 Washington Titans - 3



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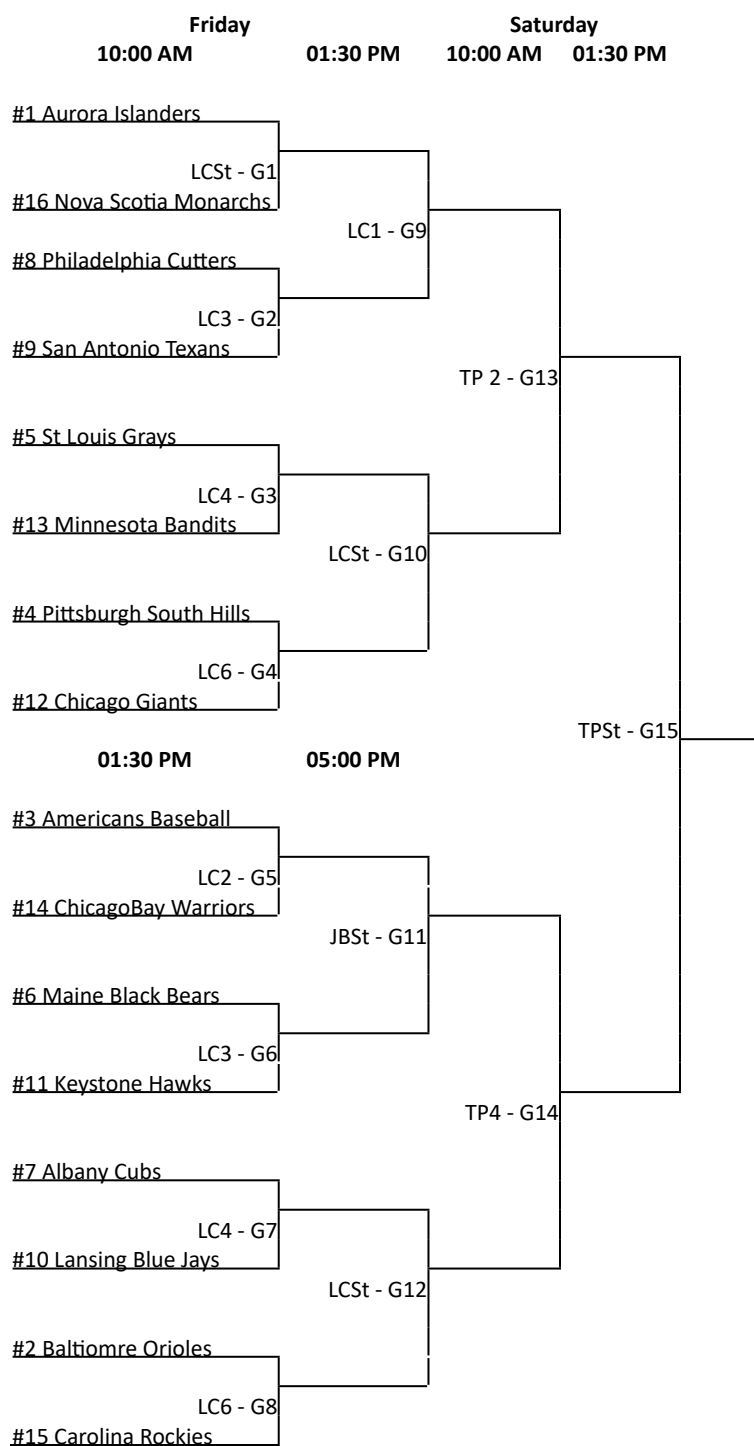
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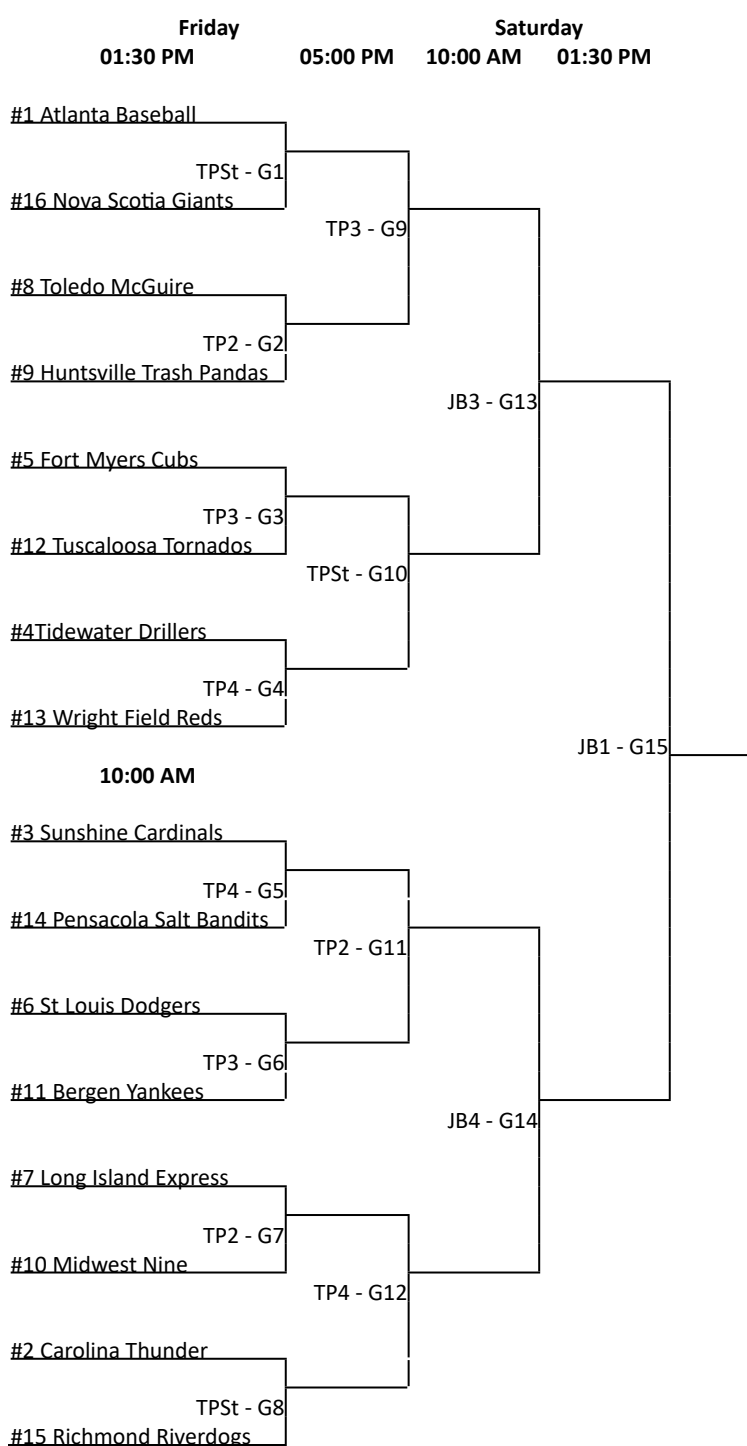


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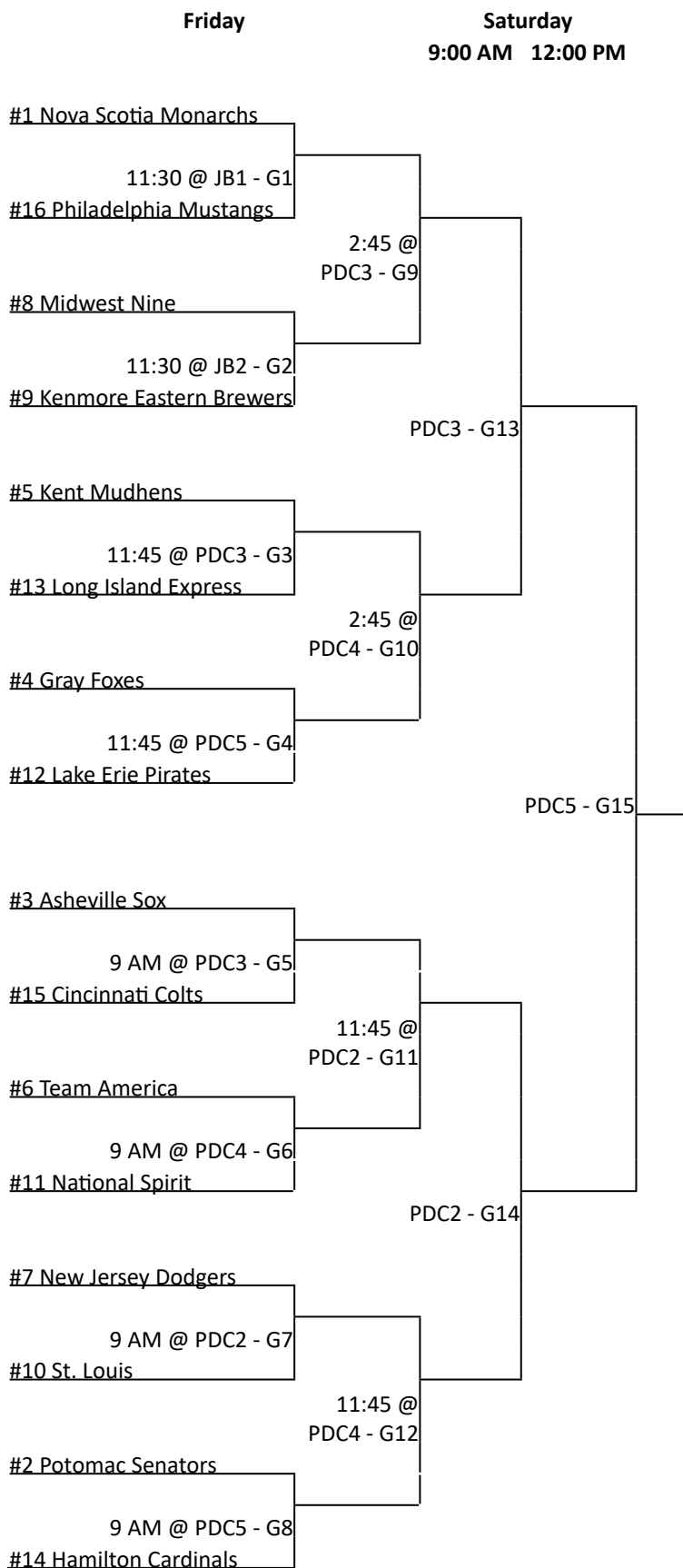
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NOTEBOOK

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** 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.

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Results corrections

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Call Greg at 239-898-8677 asap.*

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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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