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# Strachan's Family Connection to Baseball History



*photo courtesy of Strachan Family*

*Glenn Strachan's mom, Elaine Pennock, at age 6 standing next to future Hall of Famer Tris Speaker.*

*Glenn Strachan is a third cousin to Hall of Fame pitcher Herb Pennock.*

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

Roy Hobbs Baseball helped Glenn Strachan solve a family mystery this past summer. The detective work also opened a window into how Strachan, now 66 and playing for the DC Mets, destroyed baseball treasures as a boy.

When he was about 8, Strachan played in the street in front of his Long Island home with baseballs signed by the entire 1927, 1928 and 1929 Yankees. Yes, those Yankees. Yes, Hall of Famers such as Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Herb Pennock, who is a third cousin of Strachan.

That's how the baseballs ended up gathering dust on a mantle in the family home in Wantagh, N.Y.

First, the mystery. ...

Strachan sent Roy Hobbs Baseball a photo of his mother, Elaine, when she was about 6 standing next to a man wearing

a baseball uniform and sitting in bleachers. The man in the photo was Hall of Fame centerfielder Tris Speaker, then the manager of the minor-league Newark Bears.

"I called my brother and said it's Tris Speaker," Strachan said Saturday morning sitting at a picnic table at the PDC. "Then, he goes no way."

They looked at photos of Speaker for confirmation.

Speaker is still considered one of the greatest centerfielders ever. In 2016, ESPN ranked him No. 7 all-time. In historian Bill James' 2001 "The New Bill James Historical Baseball Abstract," Speaker is No. 4, just after Willie Mays, Ty Cobb and Mickey Mantle.

What about the baseballs? Strachan said his father took the destruction in stride but his mother, whose maiden name was Pennock, was angry.

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# STRACHAN

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"She said your grandmother is going to find out about this," Strachan said. "I'm like, Oh, my, God, what have I done?"

What happened?

"It's a blur," Strachan said of events nearly 60 years ago. "You remember when you were a kid and that sense of impending doom? ... So, three million bucks down the drain."

Actually, the going rate for the baseball signed by the 1927 Yankees is not that high.

Some details remain of the episode.

"I remember seeing remnants of the signatures on one of the balls," Strachan said.

When Strachan isn't playing baseball, he is the chief IT officer at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland.

Speaker, by the way, was such a phenomenal ballplayer that when he was in his 40s he played for the Bears.

In 1929, at age 41, he appeared in 46 games and hit .355 with 11 doubles, a triple and a homer. The following year at 42, he played in 11 games and hit .419.

Pennock died at 53 in 1948. The cause of death was either a heart attack, stroke or cerebral hemorrhage. Different sources list different causes.

Strachan is also a pitcher but he knows he's not on the same level as Pennock.

"There's no comparison," Strachan said of pitching ability. "I'm still pitching at 66. He was dead."



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The 2024 Pan-Am Games in Cleveland in the summer of 2024 will feature adult amateur baseball divisions. The dates: July 12-17.

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## VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG SUNDAY RESULTS

### Vintage

Baltimore Orioles 24, Kent Mudhens 4  
Bergen Yankees 8, S Maryland Blue Crabs 5  
Border City Brewers 8, Baltimore Orioles 0  
Huntsville Havoc 15, Carolina Rockies 2  
Long Island Express 14, Maine Woods 2  
Long Island Yankees 10, Nova Scotia Monarchs 9  
Minnesota Bandits 15, San Antonio Texans 1  
Minnesota Goats 11, NJ Dodgers 4  
Nova Scotia Giants 10, Chi-Town Cardinals 8  
Oakville Golden A's 11, Tampa Stars 6  
Orlando Freedom 11, Livingston Dodgers 4  
Ott's Tavern 4, St. Louis Jets 3  
Philadelphia Cutters 18, Americans Baseball 7  
Sacramento Buzzards 14, DC Mets 7  
Silver Foxes 12, Bronx Cardinals 9  
South Jersey Spikes 15, Midwest Nine 5  
St. Louis Patriots 4, Tidewater Drillers 2  
USA Volkers Group 20, Rhode Island Rockies 1  
Washington Titans 15, Americans Baseball 5  
Youngstown A2Z 19, St. Louis Jets 0

### Forever Young

Ironman Maidens 21, Kent MudHens 2  
Maine Woods 10, New Jersey Wonderboys 1  
New England Red Sox 17, South Dakota Rushmores 8  
Team America 10, Avengers 1  
Team Cambria 23, Toledo Tigers 3  
White Foxes 4, Tri-Cities 4



*photo by Greg Wagner*  
New Jersey Wonderboys pitcher camped under a Maine Woods infield pop fly



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## VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG SUNDAY STANDINGS

### Vintage 65+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Border City Brewers	1	0	1.000	0
Youngstown A2Z	1	0	1.000	0
Minnesota Bandits	1	0	1.000	1
USA Volkers Group	1	0	1.000	1
Huntsville Havoc	1	0	1.000	2
Long Island Express	1	0	1.000	2
St. Louis Patriots	1	0	1.000	2
Ott's Tavern	1	0	1.000	3
Minnesota Goats	1	0	1.000	4
Orlando Freedom	1	0	1.000	4
Bergen Yankees	1	0	1.000	5
South Jersey Spikes	1	0	1.000	5
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	5
Oakville Golden A's	1	0	1.000	6
Sacramento Buzzards	1	0	1.000	7
Philadelphia Cutters	1	0	1.000	7
Nova Scotia Giants	1	0	1.000	8
Long Island Yankees	1	0	1.000	9
Silver Foxes	1	0	1.000	9
Baltimore Orioles	1	1	0.500	12
Tidewater Drillers	0	1	0.000	4
S. Maryland Blue Crabs	0	1	0.000	8
Chi-Town Cardinals	0	1	0.000	10
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	0.000	10
Livingston Dodgers	0	1	0.000	11

NJ Dodgers	0	1	0.000	11
Tampa Stars	0	1	0.000	11
Bronx Cardinals	0	1	0.000	12
Maine Woods 65	0	1	0.000	14
Carolina Rockies	0	1	0.000	15
DC Mets	0	1	0.000	14
Midwest 9 65's	0	1	0.000	15
San Antonio Texans	0	1	0.000	15
Rhode Island Rockies	0	1	0.000	20
St. Louis Jets	0	2	0.000	23
Kent Mudhens	0	1	0.000	24
Americans Baseball Club	0	2	0.000	33

### Forever Young 75+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Maine Woods Baseball	1	0	1.000	1
Team America 75's	1	0	1.000	1
Ironman Maidens	1	0	1.000	2
Team Cambria	1	0	1.000	3
New England Red Sox	1	0	1.000	8
Tri-Cities	0.5	0.5	0.500	4
White Foxes	0.5	0.5	0.500	4
Avengers	0	1	0.000	10
New Jersey Wonderboys	0	1	0.000	10
South Dakota Rushmores	0	1	0.000	17
Kent Mudhens	0	1	0.000	21
Toledo Tigers	0	1	0.000	23



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## VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG MONDAY SCHEDULE

### Vintage

**10A**

Philadelphia Cutters @ Nova Scotia Giants @ JBSt  
South Jersey Spikes @ Bronx Cardinals @ LC3  
Minnesota Goats @ Long Island Express @ LC4  
Youngstown A2Z @ Nova Scotia Monarchs @ LC6  
Border City Brewers @ USA Volkers Group @ LCSt  
St. Louis Patriots @ Minnesota Bandits @ PDC2  
Livingston Dodgers @ Tampa Stars @ PDC3  
Oakville Golden A's @ Carolina Rockies @ PDC4  
Maine Woods @ Midwest Nine @ PDC5  
San Antonio Texans @ Huntsville Havoc @ TP2  
DC Mets @ Chi-Town Cardinals @ TP4  
Sacramento Buzzards @ Washington Titans @ TPSt

**1:45P**

Long Island Yankees @ Baltimore Orioles @ JBSt  
Rhode Island Rockies @ NJ Dodgers @ LC2  
USA Volkers Group @ Kent MudHens @ LC4  
Ott's Tavern @ Youngstown A2Z @ LC6  
St. Louis Jets @ Silver Foxes @ LCSt  
Tidewater Drillers @ Orlando Freedom @ TP2  
Chi-Town Cardinals @ S Maryland Blue Crabs @ TPSt

**5:30P**

Bergen Yankees @ Americans Baseball @ JBSt

### Forever Young

Team America @ Team Cambria, PDC1  
Maine Woods @ Avengers, PDC2  
Toledo Tigers @ New Jersey Wonderboys, PDC3  
New England Red Sox @ Ironman Maidens, PDC4  
Tri-Cities @ South Dakota Rushmores, PDC5  
Kent MudHens @ White Foxes, TP4



*Ed Clark of the Kent Mudhens 75's rips a single to right field vs. the Iron Maidens*

*photo by Greg Wagner*



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## NOTEBOOK

**Playoff Pitching and Check-In 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 your first 4 games, 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) on Tuesday or Wednesday.

AAAA qualifier teams may not add pitchers to their lineup after Pool Play concludes (first 4); 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 Friday quarterfinals of the playoffs, regardless of division.

**P50/50 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

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*Umpire Scott Rosenberg indicating how close he was to getting hit with a line drive on Sunday morning*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

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## NOTEBOOK



*New Jersey  
Wonderboys  
honoring Veterans  
Day at Terry Park  
Stadium*

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Greg Wagner*

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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.



## 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.

## 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.



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## NOTEBOOK

*Maine Woods 75's turning a double play against the New Jersey Wonderboys*



*photo by Greg Wagner*

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## RH Label Cigars

RH Label cigars are available at PDC headquarters from the Roy Hobbs Geezer.

Cost: \$6 each or 5 for \$25.



## 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.



*Tidewater Drillers catcher makes a great catch of a St. Louis Patriots foul pop fly*



*photo by Greg Wagner*



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