



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 5 | VINTAGE and FOREVER YOUNG DIVISIONS | NOV. 14

First 80s Roy Hobbs Game Played on Monday



Group photo with umpires and team photos from the first ever Roy Hobbs World Series 80-plus age group game.

photos by Greg Wagner

BY GLENN MILLER **Roy Hobbs Baseball**

A Roy Hobbs World Series first began at 10:01 a.m. Monday at PDC Field 1.

That's when the first 80-plus age group exhibition in the event's history started. The score didn't matter when squads, dubbed the National Team and American Team, squared off.

It was about a good time and the camaraderie that is at the heart of Roy Hobbs Baseball.

At 9:25 a.m. as the teams milled about, somebody jokingly shouted, "It's getting dark. Hurry up."

Sunset was a little more than eight hours away. But the sun hasn't set on the 48 men listed on the two rosters.

They were suited up and played baseball. Watching the pre-game festivities and the game was 24-year-old Bobby Trooien-Isabell, the grandson of the American's 84-year-old Phil Trooien.

"It's just amazing," said Trooien-Isabell, a student at Harvard Law School. "He's my hero. I played second base because he played second base. I played baseball because he played baseball."

Trooien-Isabell, who played at Division III St. Olaf College in Minnesota, followed his grandpa into baseball. Perhaps he spoke for the grandchildren of all the octogenarians playing Monday.

"The hardest working, kindest person I've ever known," said Trooien-Isabell.

The game was spirited. Line drives to the outfield were soundly smacked. Players hustled. Early in the game a pop-up was hit near the third base line with runners on first and second and less than two outs.

The ball fell to the ground. Somebody shouted that the infield fly rule should be invoked.

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Somebody else shouted, "Not at 80!"

There were players older than 80 in the game such as 86-year-old Jack Rosen. He is looking forward to the day when there is a 90-plus division and jokingly asked, "Are you going to allow walkers on the base paths?"

The game lasted four innings. The score may have been 13-5. The American team may have won.

But merely participating was the main thing.

"Every single time I take the field, I say every day is a gift," National team member Sonny Hill said.

His wife, Cher, watched the game.

"I'm so proud of him," Cher said. "Just the fact that at this age they can play."

The goal going in was modest.

"For everyone to come out healthy," said National Team manager Dick Hill.

The law student will share the story of this day when he returns to Harvard.

"This should be a national news story," Trooien-Isabell said.



Tom Giffen addresses the 80s players prior to the exhibition game

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VINTAGE and FOREVER YOUNG MONDAY RESULTS

Vintage

- Baltimore Orioles 11, Long Island Yankees 1
- Bergen Yankees 17, Americans Baseball 4
- Border City Brewers 10, USA Volkers Group 0
- Carolina Rockies 9, Oakville Golden A's 6
- DC Mets 12, Chi-Town Cardinals 0
- Long Island Express 19, Minnesota Goats 5
- Midwest Nine 14, Maine Woods 4
- Minnesota Bandits 16, St. Louis Patriots 15
- NJ Dodgers 12, Rhode Island Rockies 9
- Orlando Freedom 11, Tidewater Drillers 10
- Philadelphia Cutters 15, Nova Scotia Giants 0
- S Maryland Blue Crabs 21, Chi-Town Cardinals 5
- San Antonio Texans 13, Huntsville Havoc 2
- South Jersey Spikes 17, Bronx Cardinals 12
- St. Louis Jets 20, Silver Foxes 9
- Tampa Stars 16, Livingston Dodgers 0
- USA Volkers Group 13, Kent MudHens 6
- Washington Titans 8, Sacramento Buzzards 2
- Youngstown A2Z 10, Nova Scotia Monarchs 0
- Youngstown A2Z 16, Ott's Tavern 4

Forever Young

- Avengers 12, Maine Woods 6
- Ironman Maidens 12, New England Red Sox 4
- Kent Mudhens 13, White Foxes 9
- Team Cambria 8, Team America 3
- Toledo Tigers 9, New Jersey Wonderboys 7
- Tri-Cities 19, South Dakota Rushmores 4



*photo by Greg Wagner
New Jersey Wonderboys center fielder Bill Ritter dances out of the way of a
Maine Woods inside pitch*



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VINTAGE and FOREVER YOUNG MONDAY STANDINGS

Vintage 65+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Border City Brewers	2	0	1.000	0
Youngstown A2Z	3	0	1.000	4
Long Island Express	2	0	1.000	7
Washington Titans	2	0	1.000	7
Philadelphia Cutters	2	0	1.000	8
Bergen Yankees	2	0	1.000	9
Orlando Freedom	2	0	1.000	14
Minnesota Bandits	2	0	1.000	16
South Jersey Spikes	2	0	1.000	17
Baltimore Orioles	2	1	0.667	13
USA Volkens Group	2	1	0.667	22
Tampa Stars	1	1	0.500	11
S. Maryland Blue Crabs	1	1	0.500	13
San Antonio Texans	1	1	0.500	14
DC Mets	1	1	0.500	15
Huntsville Havoc	1	1	0.500	15
Oakville Golden A's	1	1	0.500	15
Sacramento Buzzards	1	1	0.500	15
St. Louis Patriots	1	1	0.500	18
Midwest 9 65's	1	1	0.500	19
Long Island Yankees	1	1	0.500	20
NJ Dodgers	1	1	0.500	20
Ott's Tavern	1	1	0.500	20
Carolina Rockies	1	1	0.500	21
Minnesota Goats	1	1	0.500	23

Nova Scotia Giants	1	1	0.500	25
Silver Foxes	1	1	0.500	29
St. Louis Jets	1	2	0.333	32
Tidewater Drillers	0	2	0.000	15
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	2	0.000	20
Livingston Dodgers	0	2	0.000	27
Maine Woods 65	0	2	0.000	28
Bronx Cardinals	0	2	0.000	29
Rhode Island Rockies	0	2	0.000	32
Kent Mudhens	0	2	0.000	37
Chi-Town Cardinals	0	3	0.000	43
Americans Baseball Club	0	3	0.000	50

Forever Young 75+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Ironman Maidens	2	0	1.000	6
Team Cambria	2	0	1.000	6
Tri-Cities	1.5	0.5	0.750	8
Team America 75's	1	1	0.500	9
Maine Woods Baseball	1	1	0.500	13
Avengers	1	1	0.500	16
New England Red Sox	1	1	0.500	20
Kent Mudhens	1	1	0.500	30
Toledo Tigers	1	1	0.500	30
White Foxes	0.5	1.5	0.250	17
New Jersey Wonderboys	0	2	0.000	19
South Dakota Rushmores	0	2	0.000	36



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

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VINTAGE and FOREVER YOUNG TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Vintage

10A

Kent MudHens @ Rhode Island Rockies @ JBSt
 Bergen Yankees @ Philadelphia Cutters @ LC2
 Americans Baseball @ DC Mets @ LC3
 Bronx Cardinals @ Maine Woods @ LC4
 Silver Foxes @ Ott's Tavern @ LC6
 Long Island Yankees @ Minnesota Goats @ TP2
 Chi-Town Cardinals @ Sacramento Buzzards @ TP4
 Minnesota Bandits @ Tidewater Drillers @ TPSt

1:15P

Youngstown A2Z @ Midwest Nine @ LCSt

1:45P

NJ Dodgers @ Kent MudHens @ JB3
 Orlando Freedom @ St. Louis Patriots @ Jb4
 Huntsville Havoc @ Tampa Stars @ JB5
 Carolina Rockies @ San Antonio Texans @ JBSt
 Livingston Dodgers @ Oakville Golden A's @ LC2
 Washington Titans @ Bergen Yankees @ LC3
 South Jersey Spikes @ Silver Foxes @ LC6
 Long Island Express @ Border City Brewers @ TP2
 Baltimore Orioles @ USA Volkers Group @ TP4
 Nova Scotia Monarchs @ St. Louis Jets @ TPSt

5P

S Maryland Blue Crabs @ Nova Scotia Giants @ LCSt

Forever Young

Team Cambria @ Avengers, JB3
 Toledo Tigers @ Maine Woods, JB4
 New Jersey Wonderboys @ Team America, JB5
 Ironman Maidens @ South Dakota Rushmores, LCSt
 Kent MudHens @ Tri-Cities, JB6

1:45P

White Foxes @ New England Red Sox, JB6



Starting pitcher Bill Lear warms up before pitching in the 1st inning of the 80's exhibition game

photo by Greg Wagner



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2023 Hall-of-Fame inductee Steve Murfin giving his batter specific instructions

photo by Greg Wagner

65s & 75s Pairings Party

Thursday, 6:30 PM, at Sidelines

The pairings party for all divisions will be held Thursday night at 6:30 PM at Sidelines Sports Grill.

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

Social time begins at 6:00 PM with a CASH BAR. A finger-foods buffet will open at 6:45ish. Goal is to be able to announce pairings by 7:30. Pairings will be posted online around 8 PM.

All managers and players are welcome.

There will be a door prize raffle of RH items AND a 50/50 raffle (winner drawn that night), 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.

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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.



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.



photo by Greg Wagner
Catcher Ken McGruther in the 80's exhibition game

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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*Two Roy Hobbs legends:
Iron Maidens manager
John Ihrig and umpire
Harold Jones*

*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 8th and 9th 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.

