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MudHens Enjoy Fellowship and Camaraderie at RHWS

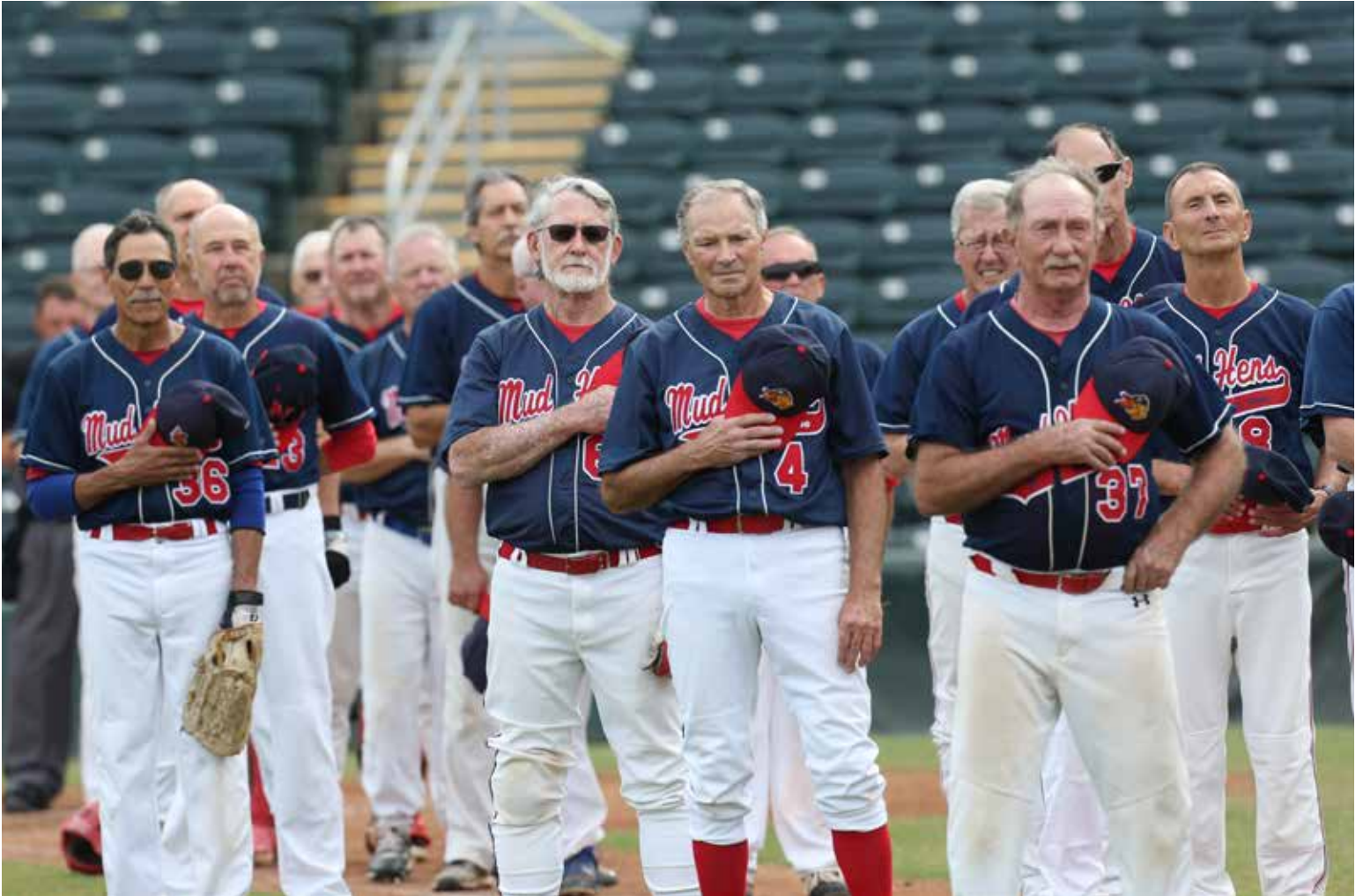


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2021 Kens MudHens 65s during the National Anthem

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Inside Pitch profiled the Kent Mudhens in 2019 and in that story provided an incomplete definition of the team name.

We provided this definition from the Toledo Mudhens website: "A Mudhen is a marsh bird with short wings and long legs that inhabits swamps or marshes."

The Kent Mudhens inhabit other places - the PDC, Terry Park, the Lee County Sports Complex and JetBlue Park. They've been coming to Fort Myers for the Roy Hobbs World Series since before JetBlue Park opened in 2012.

In earlier years, this species of Mudhen also inhabited City of Palms Park, the spring training home of the Boston Red

Sox before JetBlue opened.

At a back field at JetBlue on Tuesday, Manager Don Booth stopped to chat about his team playing in the Forever Young 75-plus age group. Another Mudhens team was preparing to play in the JetBlue Stadium in the 65-plus division.

Booth has been coming to Fort Myers for the World Series since 1995, which was only two years after City of Palms Park opened.

What started him coming here 28 years ago remains the case now - fellowship and camaraderie.

"Amen," Booth, 82, said. "That's totally it. At our age that's it. There's not many scouts in the stands anymore."

Not a big league scout was spotted at JetBlue Tuesday morning.

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As Booth chatted standing by the aluminum bleachers, his wife of 60 years, Jean, walked up and said, "Do you want to take your Advil?"

Booth said he doesn't normally take Advil but he is in his second week here and a shoulder was a bit sore. He managed and played a little last week for the Mudhens 60s team.

Booth is blessed with a baseball wife who approves of him playing and knows the game well. Jean has fond childhood memories of watching Cleveland Indians games with her Uncle John. Don bought her a SABR membership.

Jean was asked who her favorite Indians player was as a child.

"My Uncle John because I loved hanging out with him," Jean said.

For a very long time she has loved hanging out at the Roy Hobbs World Series. The same goes for Don and his fellow Mudhens.

"Everybody just loves coming down here," Booth said. "They love the tournament. They love the beach. They love the sun in November."

There may be more reasons for Booth to continue coming here. Roy Hobbs scheduled two 80s exhibition games this week, which Booth thinks is a good idea.

"I think that is our future if all goes well," Booth said.



*Kent MudHens
65's pitcher Bill
Russo*

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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG TUESDAY RESULTS

Vintage

Baltimore Orioles 20, USA Volkers Group 2
 Border City Brewers 10, Long Island Express 1
 Bronx Cardinals 11, Maine Woods 7
 DC Mets 6, Americans Baseball 2
 Huntsville Havoc 19, Tampa Stars 7
 Kent Mudhens 19, NJ Dodgers 9
 Livingston Dodgers 18, Oakville Golden A's 8
 Minnesota Goats 13, Long Island Yankees 4
 Nova Scotia Giants 16, S Maryland Blue Crabs 15
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 9, St. Louis Jets 3
 Orlando Freedom 9, St. Louis Patriots 8
 Ott's Tavern 17, Silver Foxes 12
 Philadelphia Cutters 16, Bergen Yankees 15
 Rhode Island Rockies 7, Kent MudHens 5
 Sacramento Buzzards 21, Chi-Town Cardinals 7
 San Antonio Texans 16, Carolina Rockies 4
 South Jersey Spikes 26, Silver Foxes 1
 Tidewater Drillers 17, Minnesota Bandits 14
 Washington Titans 10, Bergen Yankees 4
 Youngstown A2Z 15, Midwest Nine 4

Forever Young

Ironman Maidens 16, South Dakota Rushmores 11
 Maine Woods 19, Toledo Tigers 0
 New England Red Sox 6, White Foxes 5
 Team America 12, New Jersey Wonderboys 5
 Team Cambria 19, Avengers 1
 Tri-Cities 15, Kent MudHens 6



photo by Greg Wagner
 Kent Mudhens 65's baserunner slides safely into 2nd with a double vs. the Baltimore Orioles

Wednesday RAINOUT

Since we cannot play 47 games in one day, we cannot get everyone 5 games by tomorrow. We have opted to make sure every team has 4 games played, all even.



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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG STANDINGS

Vintage 65+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Youngstown A2Z	4	0	1.000	8
Border City Brewers	3	0	1.000	1
Washington Titans	3	0	1.000	11
South Jersey Spikes	3	0	1.000	18
Orlando Freedom	3	0	1.000	22
Philadelphia Cutters	3	0	1.000	23
Baltimore Orioles	3	1	0.750	15
DC Mets	2	1	0.667	17
Long Island Express	2	1	0.667	17
San Antonio Texans	2	1	0.667	18
Huntsville Havoc	2	1	0.667	22
Sacramento Buzzards	2	1	0.667	22
Minnesota Goats	2	1	0.667	27
Ott's Tavern	2	1	0.667	32
Minnesota Bandits	2	1	0.667	33
Nova Scotia Giants	2	1	0.667	40
Bergen Yankees	2	2	0.500	35
USA Volkers Group	2	2	0.500	42
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	2	0.333	23
St. Louis Patriots	1	2	0.333	27
S. Maryland Blue Crabs	1	2	0.333	29
Tidewater Drillers	1	2	0.333	29
Tampa Stars	1	2	0.333	30
Long Island Yankees	1	2	0.333	33
Oakville Golden A's	1	2	0.333	33

Midwest Nine	1	2	0.333	34
Livingston Dodgers	1	2	0.333	35
Bronx Cardinals	1	2	0.333	36
Carolina Rockies	1	2	0.333	37
Rhode Island Rockies	1	2	0.333	37
NJ Dodgers	1	2	0.333	39
St. Louis Jets	1	3	0.250	41
Kent Mudhens	1	3	0.250	53
Silver Foxes	1	3	0.250	72
Maine Woods	0	3	0.000	39
Americans Baseball Club	0	4	0.000	56
Chi-Town Cardinals	0	4	0.000	64

Forever Young 75+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Team Cambria	3	0	1.000	7
Ironman Maidens	3	0	1.000	17
Tri-Cities	2.5	0.5	0.833	14
Maine Woods Baseball	2	1	0.667	13
Team America	2	1	0.667	14
New England Red Sox	2	1	0.667	25
Avengers	1	2	0.333	35
Kent Mudhens	1	2	0.333	45
Toledo Tigers	1	2	0.333	49
White Foxes	0.5	2.5	0.167	23
New Jersey Wonderboys	0	3	0.000	31
South Dakota Rushmores	0	3	0.000	52



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FOREVER YOUNG THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Vintage

10 AM

Midwest Nine @ Nova Scotia Monarchs @ LC2
 San Antonio Texans @ Tidewater Drillers @ LC3
 St. Louis Patriots @ Livingston Dodgers @ LC4
 Tampa Stars @ Orlando Freedom @ LC6
 Maine Woods @ South Jersey Spikes @ LCSt
 DC Mets @ Washington Titans @ JBSt
 Carolina Rockies @ Minnesota Bandits @ PDC1
 Border City Brewers @ Long Island Yankees @ PDC2
 Nova Scotia Giants @ Sacramento Buzzards @ PDC3
 Philadelphia Cutters @ S Maryland Blue Crabs @ PDC4
 Rhode Island Rockies @ Minnesota Goats @ TPSt

1:30 PM

Oakville Golden A's @ Huntsville Havoc @ JBSt
 Bronx Cardinals @ Ott's Tavern @ LCSt
 NJ Dodgers @ Long Island Express @ TP2

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 South Dakota Rushmores @ White Foxes @ PDC5
 New England Red Sox @ Kent MudHens, TPSt



photo by Greg Wagner
 Joel Weinstein at the plate during the 80's exhibition game



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RHWS grounds crew getting the field ready for another game.

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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.



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

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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.



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.



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.

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.



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

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Kent Mudhens runner slides safely into 2nd base vs. the Rhode Island Rockies

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Complex and at the entrance to the Quad fields at Lee County.

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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.



Admission, \$1 a game

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.



Tidewater Drillers' Thurston Watkins stands on 2nd after an RBI double vs. the Orlando Freedom

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