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New Members Inducted to Hall of Fame



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The Magnificent Seven: 2023 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame inductees

By Glenn Miller
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Five new members of the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame were formally inducted Saturday night in a ceremony at Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill in Fort Myers. The 2022 and 2023 Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball recipients were also recognized in the event MC'd by Roy Hobbs president Tom Giffen.

No induction ceremony was held in 2022 because the World Series was cancelled in the wake of Hurricane Ian.

David Ball, Kelly Copeland, Steve Murfin and Jose Rosado were this year's inductees. Also honored, were Bruce Doney, the only inductee from 2022 and Jose Caballero as the 2022 Ambassador. And, of course, Glenn Miller, the 2023 Ambassador, was also honored.

"They each bring honor to the game," Giffen said Saturday night.

It was a humorous, moving and patriotic evening as the honored guests shared stories of learning the game from fathers or grandfathers. Caballero, a Cuban emigrant, was the first to speak and talked of what the United

States means to him.

"I just want to say thank you to the United States of America," Caballero said.

Doney credited fellow Hall of Famer Tim Doboszinski (2021) with his election.

"If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't be here, said of Doboszinski.

Several Doney family members attended and wore T-shirts with the number 52. That is the number Doney wears. Why 52? Doney was born in 1952 on Valentine's Day

So, he wears 52.

"That's the only way I can remember when I was born," Doney said.

The droll Doney started playing in the World Series in 1994.

"I don't remember 1994, either," Doney said.

Then came the 2023 inductees starting with Ball, an Asheville, N.C. resident who was nominated as an administrator and player.

Giffen pointed out that the Carolinian was a factor in changing at least one city ordinance in Fort Myers. In 1993,

the first year the Roy Hobbs World Series was held in Fort Myers, he played in a championship game at City of Palms Park that started at 1 a.m. The start had been delayed by rain.

It led to a curfew on night games at the ballpark.

On a more serious note, Ball talked about changing his batting from right-handed to left-handed after developing vision problems in his left eye.

"It's one of the hardest things I've ever overcome," said Ball, who has had a long career as a coach and athletic administrator at Erwin High School in North Carolina. The school gym is called the David A. Ball Gymnasium.

Rosado has helped build the Orlando Baseball Association into what Giffen called one of the best amateur baseball organizations in the country.

He followed in the footsteps in Orlando of another another Hall of Famer.

"My mentor was Bob Misko," Rosado said.

Rosado's work ethic, dedication and attention to details have all helped make the Orlando Baseball Association special. He loves baseball but amateur baseball is about more than the game. It's about time together in dugouts and other places.

"My joy comes after the game when we hang out together," Rosado said.

His team is more than a team.

"We have a family," Rosado said,

Copeland stood out Saturday from the rest of the room. Most of the people in the room were casually attired in short-sleeved shirts and shorts. Copeland wore a shiny, gold suit emblazoned with gold lightning bolts.

The name of his team - Tennessee Dirtbags - also stands out. Where that name come from? He said the team used to be called the Mudcats.

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But the fun-loving team members were looking for something other than Mudcats.

"They wanted something lower than that," Copeland said. Hence, Dirtbags.

Copeland likes joking around but some things he takes very seriously. At the top of the list is family. He and his wife, Karen, are raising a grandchild. Leo was at Saturday's event and joined the honorees when they sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

One of the most touching elements of Copeland's election is he follows his late friend Bart Leathers into the Hall of Fame. Leathers was part of the inaugural class in 2013. Copeland credits Leathers with being "the reason adult baseball happened in Nashville."

Now, he is keeping it going.

"His shoes are huge" Copeland said.

Murfin is from Maryland and has brought teams to the Word Series for more than 20 years and they've competed in A, AA and AAA. Like Ball, Murfin was a high school baseball coach for 19 years.

In his case, it was Blake High School in Maryland. As such, he helped pass along the tradition of baseball. Murfin said his two grandfathers brought him back to the game and then he taught other young people the game as a coach.

Murfin was surprised at the election. He recalls when Giff-



Tom Giffen addresses the crowd on Hall of Fame night

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Greg Wagner

en called over the summer.

"I thought, now what did I do," Murfin said.

Instead of being in trouble, he was informed he was going to be inducted into the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame.

He said he was choked up and couldn't speak after hearing the news.

"It meant so much to me" Murfin said.

Like everybody else in the room Saturday, he loves the game. Murfin recalls how playing the game was re-kindled at an Orioles fantasy camp in 1995 when in his first at-bat he was hit by the first pitch.

His reaction wasn't anger. Far from it

"God, I love this game." Murfin said.

That sums up the sentiment in Sidelines on Saturday night with the other inductees and their friends and family.

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CLASSICS / TIMELESS SUNDAY RESULTS

Classics Division

Albany Cubs 15, Midwest Nine 6
Americans Baseball Club 15, JD's Jaguars 3
Atlanta Baseball 15, Richmond Riverdogs 4
Aurora Islanders 13, Lansing Blue Jays 1
Aurora Islanders 13, Livingston Dodgers 1
Baltimore Orioles 15, Akron Brewers 7
Baltimore Orioles 29, Cleveland Spiders 5
Banana Sharks 13, Oakville Golden A's 12
Border City Brewers 10, St. Louis Grays 4
Carolina Rockies 14, Chicago Blues 0
Carolina Thunder 13, Minnesota Goats 1
ChicagoBay Warriors 13, Midwest Tigers 1
Dallas Rangers 13, Chicago Giants 3
JD's Jaguars 16, Atlanta Heat 2
Keystone Hawks 12, St. Louis Dodgers 11
Keystone Hawks 20, Chicago Blues 7
Lansing Blue Jays 16, Blue Ridge Rangers 7
Livingston Dodgers 15, Blue Ridge Rangers 5
Long Island Express 21, Akron Brewers 20
Maine Black Bears 11, Sunshine Cardinals 0
Minnesota Bees 12, Tidewater Drillers 5
Nova Scotia Giants 15, Kent Mudhens 13
Nova Scotia Giants 5, Windy City White Sox 3
Nova Scotia Monarchs 15, Boston GoodFellas 4
Orlando Royals 11, Puerto Rico Orioles 9
Pensacola Salt Bandits 15, Kent Mudhens 3
Philadelphia Cutters 25, Cleveland Spiders 2
Philadelphia Cutters 10, Bergen Yankees 7
Pittsburgh South Hills 17, Huntsville Trash Pandas 6
San Antonio Texans 13, Atlanta Baseball 10
St. Louis Dodgers 11, Carolina Rockies 10
Tuscaloosa Tornados 14, Toledo McGuire 10
Washington Titans 5, Fort Myers Cubs 4
Wright Field Reds 20, Minnesota Bandits 17



*Safe at first!
Aurora Islanders
vs. the Livingston
Dodgers*

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

Timeless Division

Chicago Fire 15, Wilmington Thunder 1
DuPage Indians 18, Baltimore Baseball 3
Florida Storm 18, Maine Woods Baseball 8
Florida Yankees 16, St. Louis 5
Gary Foxes 10, Hamilton Cardinals 6
Kenmore Eastern Brewers 7, National Spirit 3
Kent Mudhens 26, Potomac Senators 20
Midwest nine 15, Team America 3
Minnesota Bees 14, Asheville Sox 0
New Jersey Dodgers 6, Tallassee Classics 6
Nova Scotia Monarchs 10, New Jersey Wonderboys 5
Philadelphia Mustangs 4, Lake Erie Pirates 3
Sacramento Buzzards 16, San Antonio Texans 1
South Jersey Spikes 11, Cincinnati Colts 6
Vintages 18, Philadelphia Gray Sox 4
Washington Titans 22, Long Island Express 3
Youngstown Astros 17, Lehigh Baseball 10



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS SUNDAY STANDINGS

| Classics Team | W | L | PCT | RA |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Aurora Islanders | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 2 |
| Philadelphia Cutters | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 9 |
| Baltimore Orioles | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 12 |
| Nova Scotia Giants | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 16 |
| Keystone Hawks | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 18 |
| Maine Black Bears | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 |
| Carolina Thunder | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 1 |
| ChicagoBay Warriors | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 1 |
| Americans Baseball Club | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Dallas Rangers | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Pensacola Salt Bandits | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Border City Brewers | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 4 |
| Nova Scotia Monarchs | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 4 |
| Washington Titans | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 4 |
| Minnesota Bees | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 5 |
| Albany Cubs | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 6 |
| Pittsburgh South Hills | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 6 |
| Orlando Royals | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 9 |
| San Antonio Texans | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 10 |
| Tuscaloosa Tornados | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 10 |
| Banana Sharks | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 12 |
| Wright Field Reds | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 17 |
| Long Island Express | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 20 |
| Carolina Rockies | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 10 |
| Atlanta Baseball | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 17 |
| JD's Jaguars | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 17 |
| Livingston Dodgers | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 18 |
| Lansing Blue Jays | 1 | 1 | 0.500 | 20 |
| St. Louis Dodgers | 1 | 1 | 0.000 | 22 |
| Fort Myers Cubs | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 5 |
| Windy City White Sox | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 5 |
| Bergen Yankees | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 10 |
| St. Louis Grays | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 10 |
| Puerto Rico Orioles | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 11 |
| Sunshine Cardinals | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 11 |
| Tidewater Drillers | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 12 |
| Chicago Giants | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 13 |
| Midwest Tigers | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 13 |
| Minnesota Goats | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 13 |
| Oakville Golden A's | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 13 |
| Toledo McGuire | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 14 |
| Boston GoodFellas | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 15 |
| Midwest Nine | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 15 |

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|-------------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Richmond Riverdogs | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 15 |
| Atlanta Heat | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 16 |
| Huntsville Trash Pandas | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 17 |
| Minnesota Bandits | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 20 |
| Kent Mudhens | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 30 |
| Blue Ridge Rangers | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 31 |
| Chicago Blues | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 34 |
| Akron Brewers | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 36 |
| Cleveland Spiders | 0 | 2 | 0.000 | 54 |

| Timeless Team | W | L | PCT | RA |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-------|----|
| Minnesota Bees | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 |
| Chicago Fire | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 1 |
| Sacramento Buzzards | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 1 |
| Dupage Indians | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Kenmore Eastern Brewers | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Midwest nine | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Philadelphia Mustangs | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Washington Titans | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Vintages | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 4 |
| Florida Yankees | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 5 |
| Nova Scotia Monarchs | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 5 |
| Gary Foxes | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 6 |
| South Jersey Spikes | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 6 |
| Florida Storm | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 8 |
| Youngstown Astros | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 10 |
| Kent MudHens | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 20 |
| New Jersey Dodgers | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.500 | 6 |
| Tallassee Classics | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.500 | 6 |
| Lake Erie Pirates | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 4 |
| National Spirit | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 7 |
| Hamilton Cardinals | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 10 |
| New Jersey Wonderboys | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 10 |
| Cincinnati Colts | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 11 |
| Asheville Sox | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 14 |
| Team America | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 15 |
| Wilmington Thunder | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 15 |
| San Antonio Texans | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 16 |
| St. Louis | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 16 |
| Lehigh Baseball | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 17 |
| Baltimore Baseball | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 18 |
| Maine Woods Baseball | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 18 |
| Philadelphia GraySox | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 18 |
| Long Island Express | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 22 |
| Potomac Senators | 0 | 1 | 0.000 | 26 |

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CLASSICS / TIMELESS MONDAY SCHEDULE

Classics 60+

10 AM

St. Louis Grays @ Toledo McGuire, JB2
Wright Field Reds @ Huntsville Trash Pandas, JB3
Minnesota Bandits @ Orlando Royals, JB4
Chicago Giants @ Border City Brewers, JB5
Dallas Rangers @ Tuscaloosa Tornados, JB6
Puerto Rico Orioles @ Pittsburgh South Hills, JBSt
Kent MudHens @ San Antonio Texans, LCSt
Albany Cubs @ Atlanta Baseball, PDC1
Tidewater Drillers @ Banana Sharks, PDC2
Midwest Tigers @ Boston Goodfellas, PDC3
Washington Titans @ Oakville Golden A's, PDC4
Baltimore Orioles @ Atlanta Heat, PDC5

1:30 PM

Carolina Rockies @ Livingston Dodgers, LC1
St. Louis Dodgers @ Aurora Islanders, LC2
Americans Baseball @ Cleveland Spiders, LC3
Maine Black Bears @ Minnesota Goats, LC4
Carolina Thunder @ ChicagoBay Warriors, LC6

1:45 PM

Tuscaloosa Tornados @ St. Louis Grays, JB1
Orlando Royals @ Wright Field Reds, JB2
Pittsburgh South Hills @ Minnesota Bandits, JB3
Windy City White Sox @ Midwest Nine, JB4
Huntsville Trash Pandas @ Puerto Rico Orioles, JB5
Toledo McGuire @ Chicago Giants, JB6
Border City Brewers @ Dallas Rangers, JBSt
Lansing Blue Jays @ Keystone Hawks, LCSt
Atlanta Heat @ Bergen Yankees, PDC1
Minnesota Bees @ Washington Titans, PDC2
Oakville Golden A's @ Tidewater Drillers, PDC3

Nova Scotia Giants @ Albany Cubs, PDC4

Banana Sharks @ Fort Myers Cubs, PDC5

5:30 PM

Richmond Riverdogs @ Pensacola Salt Bandits, JBSt
Fort Myers Cubs @ Minnesota Bees, LCSt
Long Island Express @ Philadelphia Cutters, TP2
Blue Ridge Rangers @ Chicago Blues, TP3
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Sunshine Cardinals, TP4
Akron Brewers @ JD's Jaguars, TPSt

Timeless 70+

9 AM

South Jersey Spikes @ Florida Yankees, TP2
Midwest Nine @ Cincinnati Colt 45s, TP3
Potomac Senators @ Youngstown Astros, TP4
Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Minnesota Bees, TPSt

10 AM

Asheville Sox @ Florida Storm, LC1
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Washington Titans, LC2
Long Island Express @ Chicago Fire, LC3
Baltimore Baseball @ Wilmington Thunder, LC4
DuPage Indians @ New Jersey Wonderboys, LC6

11:45 AM

St. Louis @ New Jersey Dodgers, TP2
Lehigh Baseball @ Team America, TP3
Hamilton Cardinals @ Vintages, TP4
Philadelphia Mustangs @ Maine Woods Baseball, TPSt

2:45 PM

Tallahassee Classics @ Gray Foxes, TP2
Philadelphia GraySox @ Sacramento Buzzards, TP3
San Antonio Texans @ Kent MudHens, TP4
Lake Erie Pirates @ National Spirit, TPSt



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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 8th and 9th 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.



Playoff Pairings

AAAA Division: We will meet with the managers of potential 4A teams at the conclusion of Tuesday's games (Approx 5PM) to decide which 4, 6 or 8 will comprise the AAAA double elimination playoff. To be considered for 4A your team must have played a pool schedule from the top groups, usually the top 16 or 20 overall (top 12 in 35s/65s/70s). They will have Wednesday off and start a double elimination playoff on Thursday.

AAA/AA/A/B Divisions: After every team has played 5 games, we will breakdown the rest of the teams into the different divisions based on record, strength of schedule and the manager's input. We will announce the divisions and first round matchups at the Player Pairings Party between 6:30 and 7 PM on Thursday.



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

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Marcel Bruce is down from Canada to umpire at Roy Hobbs and it's pretty clear he's enjoying it

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St. Louis Grays batter takes a hack at a Border City Brewers pitch

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Score Reporting

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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.



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.

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NOTEBOOK



Wonderboys catcher is keeping his eye on the ball

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Greg Wagner*

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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.

