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Elias Attending His 34th Roy Hobbs World Series

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Steve Elias is a Roy Hobbs World Series pioneer, one of a handful of men who played in the inaugural event in 1989 and has never missed.

He's now 76. In 1989, he was a mere lad of 42 when he traveled to Haines City in central Florida for the first World Series.

Through the 1990s, 2000s, 2010s and now the 2020s, he's played. This year he's with the Wilmington Thunder. It is his 34th World Series.

"This is the highlight of my life," Elias said Monday morning at the Lee County Sports Complex.

Who else is in this select company of having spent more than a third of a century coming to the World Series? The list likely includes Troy Cox and Dave Mathews, who are here this year.

In 2018 at the 30th World Series, a story focused on the men who had been to the first 30 World Series. Even then the list was short and included Fran Podraza, Daryl Miller and Harvey Swisher.

Elias credits his wife of 54 years, Linda, with helping make this possible. She's made most of the 34 World Series trips.

"Because she loves the game as much as I do," said Elias, who resides in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

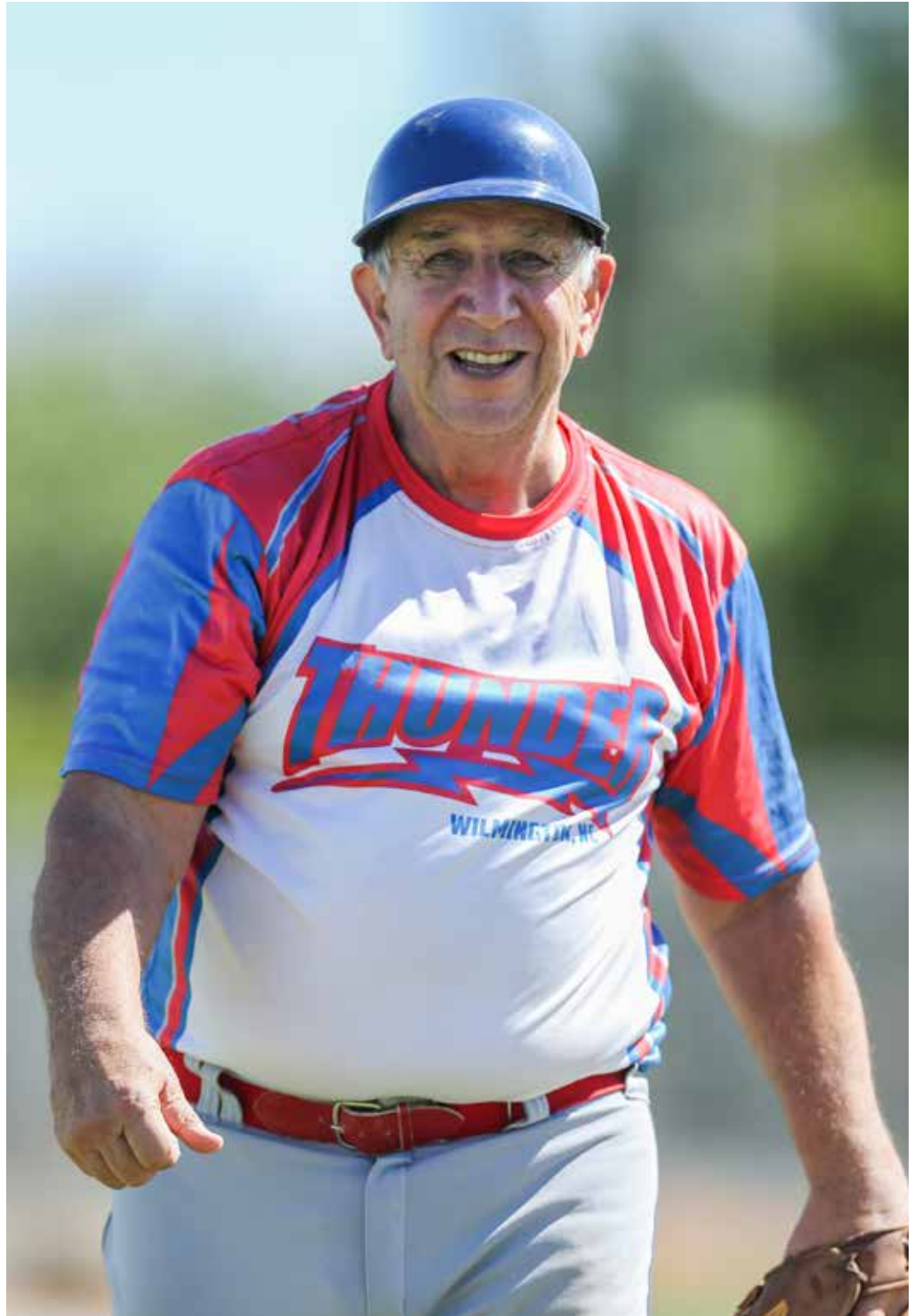
Linda understands what baseball does for Steve.

"It keeps him young," Linda said. "This is Forever Young. It really is."

Mathews, 79, also played at the Lee County Sports Complex on Monday. Coming here is a big commitment for the resident of Gig Harbor, Wash. He flies from the Great Northwest to South-west Florida.

One of the treats of playing on the Titans for Mathews is being surrounded by talented teammates.

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Steve Elias of the Wilmington Thunder is all smiles on the diamond

photo by Greg Wagner

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"I think I'm a pretty good player," Mathews said. "I think there is not a guy on the team that isn't better than I am."

The first World Series was a venture into the unknown.

"We didn't know what to expect," Elias said. "Some of the teams were stacked with ex-major league players."

But the event has never been about the pros. It's about teammates and camaraderie.

"The most important thing is meeting with all the players," Elias said. "Not only your own teammates but players from other teams."

He talked about the "sad part" of reading In Memoriam notices from Roy Hobbs Baseball. But the World Series and Elias live on.

Seeing the same faces over the years means a great deal.

"As old as we get, it's quite an honor to play with these guys," Elias said.

Even after 34 World Series.



Elias enjoying his time at the Roy Hobbs World Series

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CLASSICS / TIMELESS TUESDAY RESULTS

Tuesday

Classics 60+

Washington Titans 11, Banana Sharks 9
 Baltimore Orioles 14, Long Island Express 4
 Carolina Thunder 7, Maine Black Bears 6
 Bergen Yankees 20, JD's Jaguars 10
 Sunshine Cardinals 16, Boston Goodfellas 8
 St. Louis Grays 17, Chicago Giants 10
 St. Louis Dodgers 10, Livingston Dodgers 9
 San Antonio Texans 13, Richmond Riverdogs 4
 Windy City White Sox 19, Pensacola Salt Bandits 11
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 19, Midwest Tigers 4
 ChicagoBay Warriors 13, Minnesota Goats 3
 Orlando Royals 6, Huntsville Trash Pandas 1
 Border City Brewers 14, Tuscaloosa Tornados 4
 Dallas Rangers 18, Toledo McGuire 10
 Puerto Rico Orioles 7, Minnesota Bandits 5
 Long Island Express 17, Cleveland Spiders 7
 Lansing Blue Jays 18, Chicago Blues 3
 Kent MudHens 19, Windy City White Sox 12
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 10, ChicagoBay Warriors 4
 San Antonio Texans 9, Pensacola Salt Bandits 4
 Albany Cubs 15, Richmond Riverdogs 0
 Minnesota Goats 19, Midwest Tigers 8
 Midwest Nine 13, Nova Scotia Giants 6
 Minnesota Bees 9, Oakville Golden A's 2
 Americans Baseball 6, Bergen Yankees 5
 Akron Brewers 21, Atlanta Heat 1

Keystone Hawks 9, Carolina Rockies 7
 Maine Black Bears 11, Boston Goodfellas 2
 Sunshine Cardinals 15, Carolina Thunder 10
 Tidewater Drillers 12, Fort Myers Cubs 10
 Pittsburgh South Hills 18, Wright Field Reds 11
 Philadelphia Cutters @ Americans Baseball, JBSt
 Aurora Islanders @ Blue Ridge Rangers, LCSt
 Atlanta Baseball @ Midwest Nine, TPSt

Timeless 70+

Ashville Sox 8, Lake Erie Pirates 7
 Baltimore Baseball 12, New Jersey Wonderboys 5
 Dupage Indians 18, Long Island Express 11
 Florida Yankees 14, New Jersey Dodgers 3
 Lehigh Baseball 14, Cincinnati Colts 4
 Maine Woods Baseball 18, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 7
 Minnesota Bees 18, Florida Storm 15
 National Spirit 18, Philadelphia Mustangs 4
 Philadelphia GraySox 17, Hamilton Cardinals 12
 Sacramento Buzzards 15, Kent MudHens 1
 South Jersey Spikes 17, Midwest nine 1
 Tallassee Classics 13, St. Louis 5
 Team America 9, Potomac Senators 5
 Vintages 8, Gray Foxes 3
 Washington Titans 17, Chicago Fire 1
 Wilmington Thunder 7, Nova Scotia Monarchs 7
 Youngstown Astros 18, San Antonio Texans 12



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS TUESDAY STANDINGS

Classics 60+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Americans Baseball Club	4	0	1.000	11
Aurora Islanders	4	0	1.000	12
Baltimore Orioles	4	0	1.000	16
Albany Cubs	4	0	1.000	16
San Antonio Texans	4	0	1.000	19
Maine Black Bears	3	1	0.750	15
Philadelphia Cutters	3	1	0.750	25
Nova Scotia Monarchs	3	1	0.750	25
Lansing Blue Jays	3	1	0.750	29
Carolina Thunder	3	1	0.750	30
Keystone Hawks	3	1	0.750	31
Sunshine Cardinals	3	1	0.750	32
ChicagoBay Warriors	2	2	0.500	23
Bergen Yankees	2	2	0.500	29
Midwest Nine	2	2	0.500	32
St. Louis Grays*	2	2	0.500	32
Carolina Rockies	2	2	0.500	32
Atlanta Baseball	2	2	0.500	32
Pittsburgh South Hills*	2	2	0.500	45
St. Louis Dodgers	2	2	0.500	45
Nova Scotia Giants	2	2	0.500	48
Akron Brewers	2	2	0.500	51
Long Island Express	2	2	0.500	55
Livingston Dodgers	1	3	0.250	43
Pensacola Salt Bandits	1	3	0.250	44
Minnesota Bandits*	1	3	0.250	45
Toledo McGuire*	1	3	0.250	46
Chicago Giants*	1	3	0.250	47
Minnesota Goats	1	3	0.250	50
Huntsville Trash Pandas*	1	3	0.250	51
Windy City White Sox	1	3	0.250	51
Tidewater Drillers*	1	3	0.250	52
Richmond Riverdogs	1	3	0.250	54
Chicago Blues	1	3	0.250	55
JD's Jaguars	1	3	0.250	59
Midwest Tigers	1	3	0.250	61
Kent Mudhens	1	3	0.250	66
Tuscaloosa Tornados*	1	3	0.250	71
Wright Field Reds*	1	3	0.250	81
Fort Myers Cubs*	0	4	0.000	48
Blue Ridge Rangers	0	4	0.000	51
Boston GoodFellas	0	4	0.000	53
Atlanta Heat	0	4	0.000	70
Cleveland Spiders	0	4	0.000	98

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

Timeless 70+

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Sacramento Buzzards	3	0	1.000	4
Washington Titans	3	0	1.000	6
South Jersey Spikes	3	0	1.000	9
Vintages	3	0	1.000	13
Minnesota Bees	3	0	1.000	15
Dupage Indians	3	0	1.000	24
Tallassee Classics	2.5	0.5	0.833	21
Florida Yankees	2	1	0.667	14
Chicago Fire	2	1	0.667	20
Lehigh Baseball	2	1	0.667	22
Florida Storm	2	1	0.667	27
Maine Woods Baseball	2	1	0.667	27
Youngstown Astros	2	1	0.667	28
Midwest nine	2	1	0.667	29
Baltimore Baseball	2	1	0.667	38
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1.5	1.5	0.500	29
Lake Erie Pirates	1	2	0.333	19
National Spirit	1	2	0.333	21
Asheville Sox	1	2	0.333	30
Gray Foxes	1	2	0.333	30
Team America	1	2	0.333	30
New Jersey Dodgers	1	2	0.333	37
Philadelphia Mustangs	1	2	0.333	38
San Antonio Texans	1	2	0.333	38
Potomac Senators	1	2	0.333	39
Kent MudHens	1	2	0.333	42
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	1	2	0.333	45
Philadelphia GraySox	1	2	0.333	49
Wilmington Thunder	0.5	2.5	0.167	39
St. Louis	0.5	2.5	0.167	46
New Jersey Wonderboys	0	3	0.000	33
Hamilton Cardinals	0	3	0.000	34
Cincinnati Colts	0	3	0.000	36
Long Island Express	0	3	0.000	46



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Classics 60+

Wednesday (Flip For Home)

10 AM

Baltimore Orioles VS Albany Cubs, LCSt
San Antonio Texans VS Aurora Islanders, LC2
Americans Baseball VS Maine Black Bears, LC3
Philadelphia Cutters VS Nova Scotia Monarchs, LC4
Lansing Blue Jays VS Sunshine Cardinals, LC6
Bergen Yankees VS Carolina Rockies, PDC1
Pittsburgh South Hill VS St Louis Grays, PDC2
Chicago Giants VS Huntsville Trash Pandas, PDC3
Akron Brewers VS Pensacola Salt Bandits, PDC4
St Louis Dodgers VS Nova Scotia Giants, PDC5

1:30 PM

Midwest Nine VS ChicagoBay Warriors, LCSt
Long Island Express VS Minnesota Goats, LC2
Chicago Blues VS Kent Mudhens, LC3
JD's Jaguars VS Midwest Tigers, LC4
Blue Ridge Rangers VS Boston GoodFellas, LC6
Atlanta Heat VS Cleveland Spiders, PDC1
Tidewater Drillers VS Tuscaloosa Tornados, PDC2
Wright Field Reds VS Fort Myers Cubs, PDC3
Minnesota Bandits VS Toledo McGuire, PDC4
Atlanta Baseball VS Livingston Dodgers, PDC5

5:30 PM

Carolina Thunder VS Keystone Hawks, JBSt
Windy City White Sox VS Richmond Riverdogs, LCSt

Timeless 70+

10 AM

Cincinnati Colt 45s @ Team America, JB2
Vintages @ Sacramento Buzzards, JB3



Sorry, Louie. Joe is safe at 2nd. Kent Mudhens 60's vs. the Windy City White Sox

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Potomac Senators @ San Antonio Texans, JB4
Maine Woods Baseball @ Minnesota Bees, JB5
Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Philadelphia Mustangs, JB6
Tallahassee Classics @ Lehigh Baseball, JBSt
Asheville Sox @ National Spirit, TP3
Chicago Fire @ DuPage Indians, TP4
South Jersey Spikes @ St. Louis, TPSt

1:30 PM

Kent MudHens @ Philadelphia GraySox, JB3
Youngstown Astros @ Gray Foxes, JB4
Florida Storm @ Lake Erie Pirates, JB5
Wilmington Thunder @ Washington Titans, JB6
Hamilton Cardinals @ New Jersey Dodgers, JBSt
Long Island Express @ New Jersey Wonderboys, TP3
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Baltimore Baseball, TP4
Florida Yankees @ Midwest Nine, TPSt



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When it was all said and done the St. Louis Grays baserunner was safe at 2nd vs. the Chicago Giants

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Greg Wagner*

60s Pairings Party Thursday, 7 PM, at Sidelines

The pairings party for AAA, AA, A divisions will be held Thursday night at 7 PM at Sidelines Sports Grill.

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

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

All managers and players are welcome, even AAAA players who want to enjoy an evening with their peers and perhaps an adult beverage or two.

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.



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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

The ticket number will be posted on our website. You do not have to collect in person, just proof of the ticket.

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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.

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photo by Greg Wagner

That's going to leave a mark! Windy City White Sox took one for the team vs. the Kent Mudhens 60's



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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.



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.



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