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Limeport's Milkmen deliver at RHWS

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Limeport Milkmen deliver.

They don't deliver quarts of cold milk in glass bottles the way milkmen used to do.

They deliver a chance to play baseball in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley and Fort Myers.

They also delivered history lessons this week at the Roy Hobbs World Series about the origins of their team name and a place called Limeport Stadium. That stadium is nearly as old as Terry Park.

Limeport Stadium was built in 1933, only eight years after Terry Park became the spring training home of the Philadelphia A's.

"It reminds me of Terry Park," Milkman Chad Arnold said Tuesday, sitting in the bleachers at Terry Park Field No. 2.

Although Limeport Stadium has never been used for pro baseball it has a rich history of amateur ball.

The Milkmen uniform pays tribute to what the original Milkmen wore but with one key difference. The original was wool. The 2024 Milkmen do not wear wool.

The team name also pays homage to the Lehigh Valley's dairy industry and to an old-time semi-pro team that played home games in Limeport Stadium.

Limeport Stadium was built during the Depression. The project provided jobs for unemployed workers when jobs were scarce.

Limeport's centerfield wall is 485 feet away and up a slope.



Chad Arnold and Eric Pieczynski of the Limeport Milkmen

photo by Greg Wagner

A boulder is in deep center and remains there because during construction it was deemed too expensive to get out. Dirt was filled in around it.

Local legend around Limeport holds that only one player ever hit a ball over the centerfield wall. His name was Alex Sabo, a former Fordham football and baseball player who played briefly with the Washington Senators.

How briefly? He played in five games over the 1936 and 1937 seasons and was 3-for-8 with no homers. His historic Limeport homer was hit in 1947.

Another Limeport Stadium legend includes the resting place of a hunting beagle that belonged to dairy farmer Howard "Lefty" Fegely, the man behind the stadium. The dog is buried under third base.

The beagle's name is unknown to the modern Milkmen and is not mentioned on the stadium website or in an account of the stadium history by a newspaper.

A story by Chuck Hixson on timesnewsonline.com noted that the grandstand was designed to match that of Connie Mack Stadium in Philadelphia.

That is a connection to Fort Myers. Connie Mack managed the A's when they held spring training at Terry Park from 1925 to 1936.

What Fegely created more than 90 years ago lives on now in Florida with the Limeport Milkmen.

It's a baseball story that never sours.



Washington All-Stars catcher Gus Kearney warming up his pitcher before an inning vs. the Lansing A's

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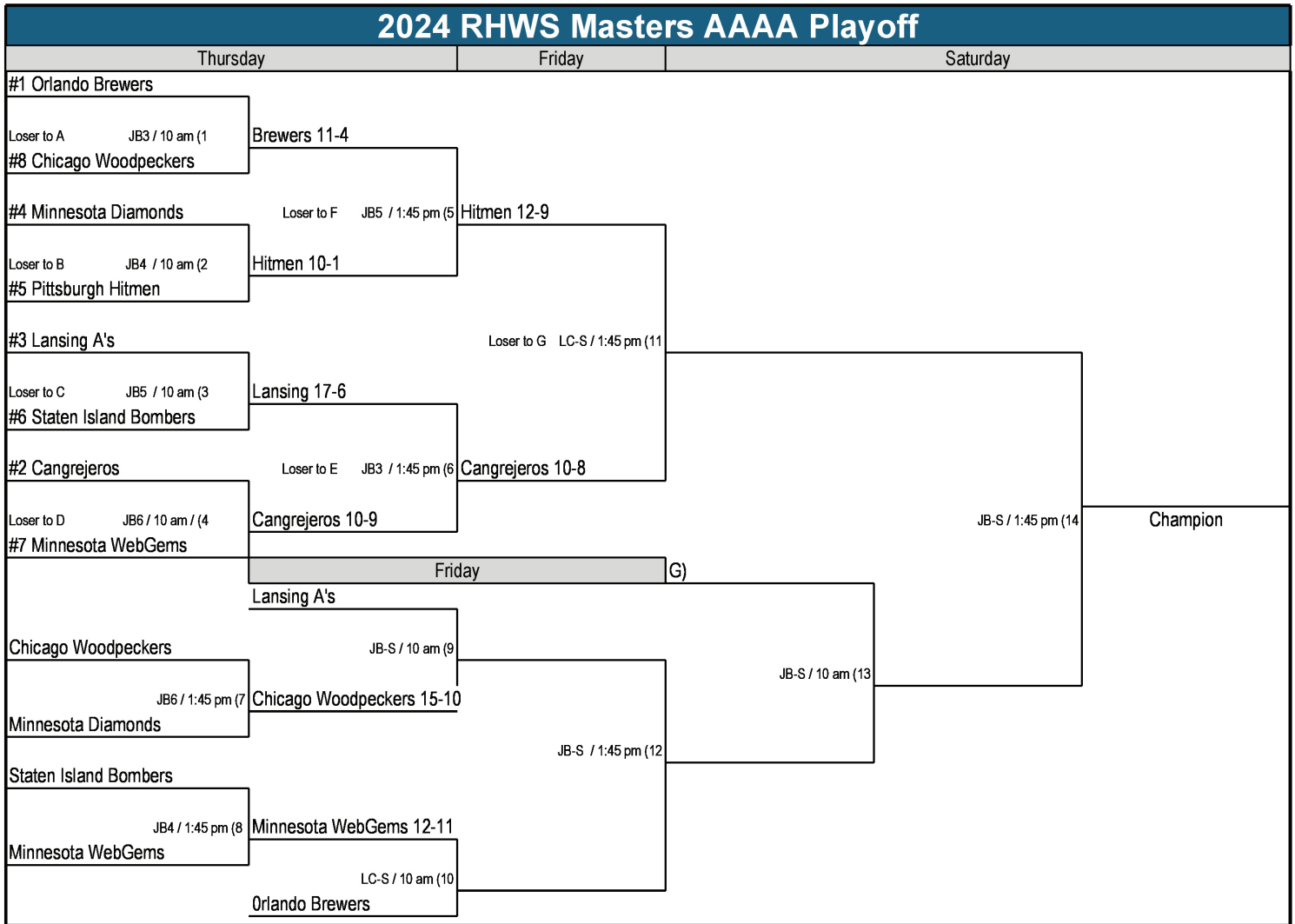
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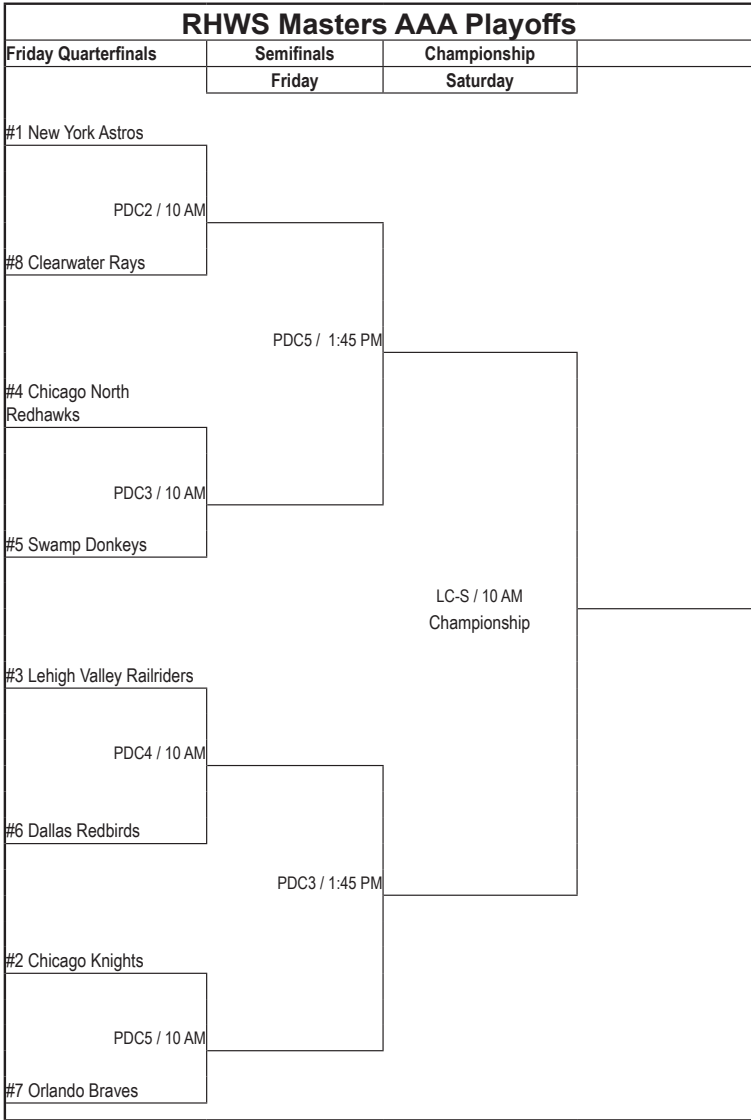


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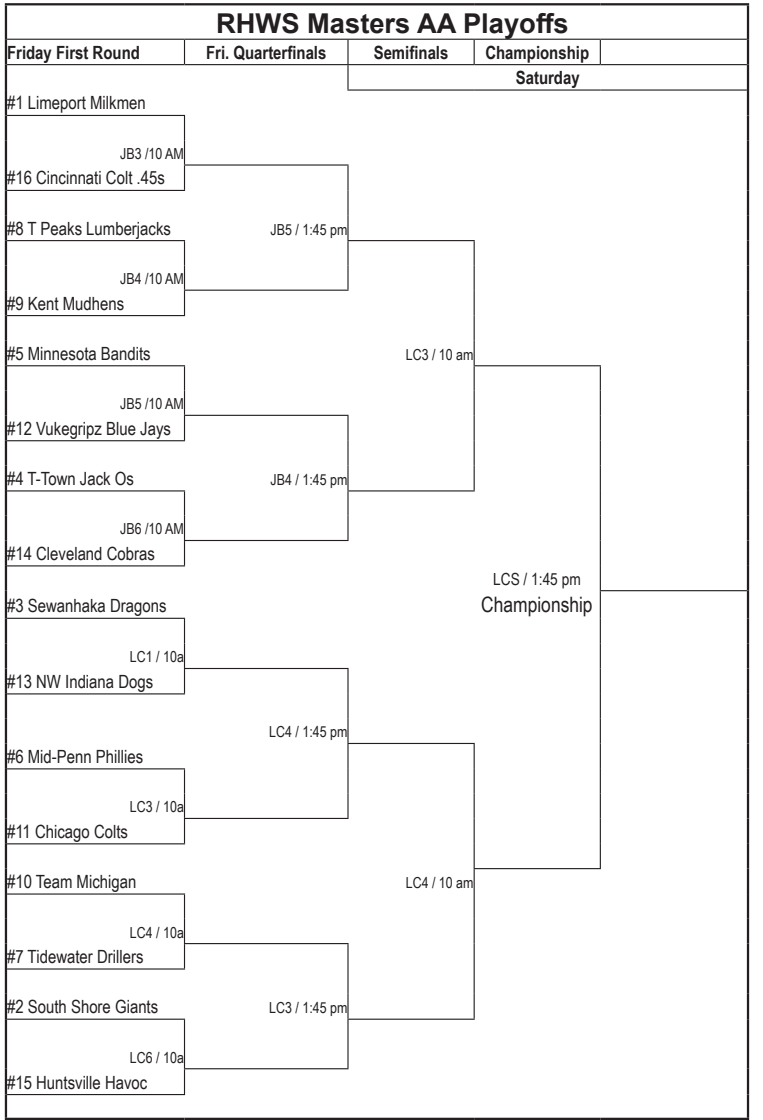
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Washington All-Stars left fielder Don Hart had hitter played perfectly, catching a line drive off the bat of a Lansing A's batter



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MASTERS STANDINGS

AAA-AA-A Playoffs						
S	AAA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	New York Astros	5	0	1.000	23	8
2	Chicago Knights	5	0	1.000	25	14
3	Lehigh Valley Railriders	4	1	.800	23	12
4	Chicago North Redhawks	4	1	.800	20	12
5	Swamp Donkeys	4	1	.800	23	13
6	Dallas Redbirds	3	2	.600	32	19
7	Orlando Braves	3	2	.600	39	27
8	Clearwater Rays	2	3	.400	51	36

Notes: Clearwater won 2A in 2023, should move up to 3A by rule; Lehigh beats Redhawks on third tiebreaker. Redbirds & Braves moved up by request.

S	AA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
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1	Limeport Milkmen	4	1	.800	27	14
2	South Shore Giants	4	1	.800	34	18
3	Sewanhaka Dragons	3	2	.600	22	13
4	T-Town Jack-Os	3	2	.600	49	21
5	Minnesota Bandits	3	2	.600	55	31
6	Mid Penn Phillies	3	2	.600	47	34
7	Tidewater Drillers	3	2	.600	53	36
8	Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	3	2	.600	59	39
9	Kent Mudhens	2	3	.400	27	15
10	Team Michigan	2	3	.400	40	24
11	Chicago Colts	2	3	.400	41	25
12	VukGripz Blue Jays	2	3	.400	40	26
13	NW Indiana Dogs	2	3	.400	52	29
14	Cleveland Cobras	2	3	.400	55	39
15	Huntsville Havoc	2	3	.400	61	43
16	Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	3	.400	69	49

Notes: 3-14 & 4-13 involved rematches, so opponents (13 & 14) swapped).

S	A Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
N	Florida Lumberjacks	1	3	.250	74	74
O	Nova Scotia Privateers	1	4	.200	39	26
	Dundalk Nationals	1	4	.200	45	30
S	Atlanta Baseball	1	4	.200	52	32
E	DuPage Indians	1	4	.200	47	36
E	Baltimore Krushers	1	4	.200	60	43
D	Baltimore Thunder	1	4	.200	67	43
IN	Washington All-Stars	1	4	.200	68	46
G	South Bend Cardinals	1	4	.200	80	59
	Minnesota Catfish	1	4	.200	92	65
Flip	Flint Tigers	0	5	.000	65	48
for	Bellacino's Red Sox	0	5	.000	82	58
Home	PSOF Rangers	0	5	.000	93	68

Notes: At the discretion of Roy Hobbs, a decision was made to keep all 3 0-5 teams in playoffs: Then to do no seeding but to place teams at our discretion to avoid rematches. Flip a coin for home team.

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NOTEBOOK

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.



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, which includes places for your Player of the Game and your umpire evaluations.



Results corrections

Please check the posted results and standings each day.

Managers should contact Rob at the Tournament Headquarters (234.200.8449) 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.



Run-rule games

Run rule is 10 runs at 7 complete innings or if home team is ahead in a scheduled 9-inning game. Scheduled 7-inning games are 15 at 5 innings.

Now, in a 9-inning game, if the score difference is 15 at 5 innings, umpires have been instructed to call both managers together and to offer the team on the short end of the score if they want 6 outs to bat.

As far as RH is concerned the team ahead has won, but any runs scored will count in RA, so that is an incentive to not just put anyone out there to pitch.

Both teams must agree.

If you believe a game has been ended prematurely, don't leave and ask for a field manager; he will get in touch with headquarters for adjudication.



*photo by Greg Wagner
Staten Island Bombers Frankie Russo is safe at second in a cloud of dust vs.
the Clearwater Rays*





Wednesday-Thursday Players of the Game

Atlanta Baseball 12, Nova Scotia Privateers 7:

Atlanta - Burton Parker 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI;

Privateers - Alex Sabean 2x4, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 1 R

Chicago Colts 9, Baltimore Krushers 3: **Colts** - Eddie Greer 1x1, BB, 2 SB

Clearwater Rays 8, Flint Tigers 7: **Tigers** - Keith Morin 1x3, 1 RBI

Dallas Redbirds 15, Cincinnati Colt .45s 3: **Redbirds** - Jerry Anderson 3x4, 1 3B, 1 2B, 5 RBI, 2 R

Huntsville Havoc 7, Baltimore Thunder 5: **Havoc** - Semin Pohlot 4 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 5 K; **Thunder** - Scott Smith 1x4, 2B, 2 RBI

Limeport Milkmen 9, T-Town Jackos 45 7: **Milkmen** - Brian Padilla 4 IP, 7 K, 2 ER; **Jackos** - Doug Gardner 3x5, 3 R, 2 RBI

Mid Penn Phillies 14, Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 11: **Lumberjacks** - Joe Nitti 1x4, 2 RS, 1 RBI, 1 BB, 2 SB

Mid Penn Phillies 16, Team Michigan 13: **Phillies** -

Jamal Womble 2x4, 1 RBI, 3 R
Minnesota Catfish 8, Bellacino's Red Sox 7: **Catfish** - Jim Klugherz 9 IP complete game win, Jason Stober walk-off GW RBI in bottom of 9th, Zach Wells scored GW run

NW Indiana Dogs 18, Baltimore Thunder 7: **Dogs** - Anthony Quarracino 1 hit, 1 RBI

NY Astros 10, Swamp Donkeys 3: **Astros** - Joe Giannie complete game 9 IP, W; Erik Maldonado 2x4, 3 RBI, Gold Glove play at 2B

Sewanhaka Dragons 13, Cleveland Cobras 5: **Dragons** - Kevin Reese 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 R

South Shore Giants 18, Tidewater Drillers 17: **Giants** - Player of the Game 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI

Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 16, Huntsville Havoc 10: **Lumberjacks** - Randy Banner 3x4, 2 RS, 4 RBI, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1.1 IP, 4 K, W

VukGripz Blue Jays 8, Dundalk Nationals 7: **Blue Jays** - Ethan West 3x5, 4 R, 3 SB, 2B, diving catch in CF; **Nationals** - Derek Wells 3x4, 2 inns pitched

Washington All Stars 11, DuPage Indians 6: **All Stars** - Dave Moriarity 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI

Note: Managers submit Player of the Game on the score App after each game.



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