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When it's 'Dogs vs. Dawgs', no leash needed



Left to right: Dan Gavlick, Manager Dennis Higgins, Manager Joe Palluck, Paul Duyvejonck.

photo by Greg Wagner

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

A dogged investigation by the Inside Pitch staff uncovered what looked like a doggone fun match-up Monday morning at the PDC.

We hope we didn't bark up the wrong tree.

A 10 a.m. game featured the Austin Saltdogs vs. the Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs.

Somewhere, one-time big-leaguer Bow Wow Arft was smiling. Bow Wow's real first name was Hank and he played for the St. Louis Browns from 1948 to 1952. A statistical quirk on his career: He had 13 homers and 13 triples.

The news that it would be Dawgs vs. Dogs didn't register with players ahead of time.

"They're the Dogs, too?" Saltdog starting pitcher Jordan

Johnson said before the game.

Yep.

The Austin Saltdogs are making their Roy Hobbs World Series debut and the team includes players from Chicago and Arkansas.

The Dirt Dawgs name fits their personality, according to player Dan Gavlick. Fittingly, perhaps, Gavlick is a canine police officer back home with the Delaware River and Bay Authority.

"It just fits," Gavlick said of the Dirt Dawgs name. "Symbolizes our style. Gritty."

The name was partly inspired by the Long Beach State Dirtbags.

Dirt Bags and Dirt Dawgs. Both symbolize grit and determination and hustle.

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DOGS VS DAWGS

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"That's always been our identity," Dirt Dawgs manager Dennis Higgins said.

How would he describe the identity?

"We are a bunch of guys who really, really love playing baseball," Higgins said. "Probably more than any adult should."

The spelling with "w" in Dawgs might cost the team points in a grammar class. Why is Dawgs spelled that way?

"Nobody really knows how that started," Higgins said.

The Saltdogs of Austin are a long way from the salt waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The team was inspired in part by the Lincoln Saltdogs, a minor-league team.

Much of the team is new to the Roy Hobbs World Series and brought here by manager Joe Palluck, who has been here several times.

"I want our guys to experience what I experienced the last five years," Palluck said. "You do it once, you'll be ruined. You'll need to do it every year. You eat, sleep baseball for a whole week."

Whatever the name or spelling, both teams came for the baseball. That includes the Saltdogs' Paul Duyvejonck. How does he pronounce his last name?

"Smith," Duyvejonck said with a smile.

That's what both teams are here for - smiles and baseballs and a doggone good time.

Even if neither team has a player named Bow Wow.



photo by Greg Wagner
South Bend Cardinals pitcher Nick Dowty fields his position vs. the Chi Sox

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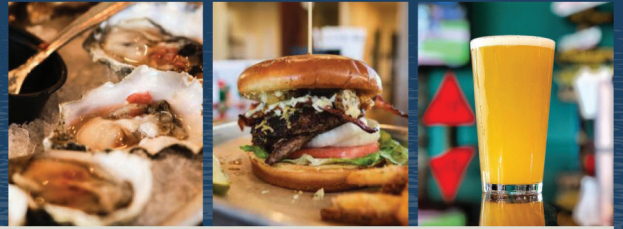
Chi Sox batter vs. the Glass City Black Sox.

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VETERANS MONDAY RESULTS

Monday's Games

- Baltimore Chop 11, Vukgripz Akron A's 7
- Baltimore Chop 4, Chicago Giants 3
- Chicago Knights 2, Jet Box 1
- Glass City Black Sox 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 1
- Glass City Black Sox 20, Chi-Sox 10
- Knoxville Nightmare 7, Tennessee White Lightnin' 0
- Lakeville Lobos 12, Germain Ohio Aces 2
- Minnesota Blenders 25, South Florida Eagles 3
- Minnesota Web Gems 4, Jet Box 2
- New Jersey Mets 16, Chicago Knights 4
- Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 13, Cincinnati Colt .45s 3
- Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 9, Austin Saltdogs 7
- South Bend Cardinals 18, Akron Cardinals 7
- South Florida Eagles 11, Chicago Giants 10
- Stars of Herrera 4, Minnesota Web Gems 3
- T-Town Jack'Os 3, JR Bats 2
- The Oilers 6, Stars of Herrera 0
- The Oilers 7, New Jersey Mets 1
- Tidewater Drillers 14, Minnesota Blenders 2
- Tidewater Drillers 15, Vukgripz Akron A's 7



*photo by Greg Wagner
 Germain Ohio Aces' Nick Geno squares to bunt vs. the T-Town Jackos*



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VETERANS MONDAY STANDINGS

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
The Oilers	3	0	1.000	4
Knoxville Nightmare	3	0	1.000	10
Tidewater Drillers	3	0	1.000	12
South Bend Cardinals	3	0	1.000	14
Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs	3	0	1.000	16
Minnesota Web Gems	2	1	0.667	8
Lakeville Lobos	2	1	0.667	9
Stars of Herrera	2	1	0.667	12
JR Bats	2	1	0.667	14
Baltimore Chop	2	1	0.667	18
Glass City Black Sox	2	1	0.667	27
TTown Jack-Os	1	1	0.500	9
New Jersey Mets	1	2	0.333	21
Minnesota Blenders	1	2	0.333	23
Chicago Giants	1	2	0.333	24
Germain Ohio Aces	1	2	0.333	24
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	2	0.333	25



Safe at Home! Home plate ump makes the call as Germain Ohio Aces' Casey Asperson scores against T-Town Jacko's

photo by Greg Wagner

Vukgripz Akron A's	1	2	0.333	34
Chicago Knights	1	2	0.333	38
South Florida Eagles	1	2	0.333	44
Akron Cardinals	1	2	0.333	50
Jet Box	0	3	0.000	13
Austin Saltdogs	0	3	0.000	23
Tenn. White Lightnin'	0	3	0.000	31
Chi-Sox	0	3	0.000	55



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VETERANS TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday's Games

10:00 AM

- T-Town Jack Os @ Austin Saltdogs @ LC-S
- South Bend Cardinals @ Knoxville Nightmare @ LC6
- Chicago Giants @ Vukgripz Akron A's @ PDC2
- Tennessee White Lightnin' @ Chi-Sox @ PDC3
- Akron Cardinals @ Lakeville Lobos @ PDC4
- South Florida Eagles @ Tidewater Drillers @ PDC5

- New Jersey Mets @ Minnesota Web Gems @ TP-S
- Baltimore Chop @ Minnesota Blenders @ TP2
- Chicago Knights @ The Oilers @ TP3
- Jet Box @ Stars of Herrera @ TP4

1:45 PM

- Germain Ohio Aces @ Cincinnati Colt .45s @ LC-S
- Glass City Black Sox @ T-Town Jack Os @ LC6
- Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs @ JR Bats @ TP-S



Tennessee Lightnin' manager and outfielder Garrett Calhoun hitting a double to the left field corner vs. the Knoxville Nightmare

photo by Greg Wagner



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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 pitch 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.



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.



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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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, \$2 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is \$2 per game or \$8 for a tournament pass. The player ID card grants players access to all games in which they are not playing. Spectators will pay \$2 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day at all complexes.

The \$8 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.



RH Label Cigars

RH Label cigars are available at PDC headquarters from the Roy Hobbs Geezer.

Cost: \$7 each or 5 for \$30.



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.



Customer Service

Roy Hobbs Baseball is proud of its record on customer service.

Staff members are required to wear identifying staff shirts



A Classic Beard

photo by Greg Wagner

South Bend Cardinals catcher Nick Tilley has been working on his beard for 4 years. He said he last shaved in either February or March of 2020. Now, four and half years later, the result is apparent. Tilley, 36, said he is most often compared to ZZ Top band members or the "Duck Dynasty" cast. Why did he stop shaving? "No reason," Tilley, 36, said. But if the Cardinals win a Roy Hobbs World Series title he may shave off the beard. — Glenn Miller

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.





Monday Players of the Game

Akron Cardinals 20, Chi-Sox 14: **Cardinals** - Robert Williams 3x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 R

Baltimore Chop 11, Vukgripz Akron A's 7: **Chop** - Jeff Thrappis 2 hits, 3 RBI

Baltimore Chop 4, Chicago Giants 3: **Chop** - David Nutter 7.1 IP, 2 R, 5 K; **Giants** - Henry Peter 2x3, 2 RBI, pitched 8.1 innings with 2 unearned runs in the ninth.

Glass City Black Sox 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 1: **Black Sox** - Rusty Ventresca 4x4, 2 HR, 5 RBI

Knoxville Nightmare 7, Tennessee White Lightnin' 0:

Nightmare - John O'Rourke 3x4, 2B, 4 RBI

Knoxville Nightmare 7, Tennessee White Lightnin' 0: **White Lightnin'** - Garrett Calhoun 2x3, 2 2B, SB; Kris Murdock 2x4, 2B, 1B, SB

Minnesota Blenders 25, South Florida Eagles 3: **Blenders** - Joe Hallock 5x6, HR, 4 RBI, 2 R

Minnesota Web Gems 4, Jet Box 2: **Web Gems** - Ben Schroeder 2x3, 1 RBI, 1 R

Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 13, Cincinnati Colt .45s 3: **Dirt Dawgs** - Mike Moriarty 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI; **Colts** - Anthony Rivera 1x3, 1 RBI

Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 9, Austin Saltdogs 7: **Saltdogs** - Gary Farr HR to lead off the game, 1x4, RBI.

South Bend Cardinals 18, Akron Cardinals 7: **SB Cardinals** - Adrian Schaugranny, 7 RBIs; **Akron** - Tom DeLullo 2x3, HR, BB, 2 RBI



Tennessee White Lightnin' catcher Jim Shearer

photo by Greg Wagner

South Florida Eagles 11, Chicago Giants 10: **Giants** - Zack Darabaris 4x5, 2 2B, 4 R, 1 RBI; John Jensen 3x4, 2 2B, 3 RBI

Tidewater Drillers 14, Minnesota Blenders 2: **Drillers** - Ben Tomchick 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI

Tidewater Drillers 15, Vukgripz Akron A's 7: **Drillers** - Will Somerindyke 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 R

TTown Jack-Os 3, JR Bats 2: **Jack-Os** - Adam Duncan complete game victory, 7 Ks, 2 BB; **Bats** - Jamie Trimm 6 IP, 0 ER, 1x3

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



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