

WEEK 1 | VETERANS | OCT. 23

# Dream team: Knoxville Nightmare a 'wild bunch'



photo by Greg Wagner

Sliding: Andy Delaere, Jason Brown  
 Bottom row: Todd Hold, Dennis Gurkin, Erik Draper, Brian Overbay, Wes Cobb, John O'Rourke, David Shannon  
 Back row: Eric Bailey, Taylor Owens, Adam Hollowell

**BY GLENN MILLER**

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Yes, Halloween is next week.  
 No, the Knoxville Nightmare is not a Halloween-inspired team name.

Not even close.  
 When Wes Cobb started managing the team at the age of 20 in 2007, he was thrown into an administrative quagmire of making sure all the minutia of running a team was completed. Then, he had to make sure at least nine players showed up for every game.

Manager Brian Overbay knows the team's name origins and how Cobb dealt with it.

"He was like, 'this is a freakin' nightmare,'" Overbay said. "He goes, that's it! That's our team name! So, that's how it

came about."  
 And it has also proven to be a lasting nickname for a team that has a fun-loving attitude.

"I think the team name is appropriate because we're kind of a wild bunch," Overbay said.

Cobb used another word.  
 "The land of misfits," Cobb, 37, said in an affectionate tone. Overbay, 54, also likes the character of the team. "Pretty crazy," said Overbay, a physician's assistant.

But they can also play. They've won a Kentucky adult league numerous times and often compete against younger players.

It all started long ago with Cobb when he was barely out of his teens and with no experience organizing and managing the team.

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# KNOXVILLE

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"We were kind of a disaster," Cobb said.

But they matured and improved. Cobb did more than merely bestow a name on a team.

"Wes is really the founder of the team," Overbay said,

Cobb knows his last name is one of the most famous in baseball history. He also knows he could never hit like the most famous baseball Cobb ever - Ty Cobb.

"I wouldn't be here if I did," Wes Cobb said.

Cobb no longer manages. He's "just" a player. And happy to be one.

"It's way easier," Cobb said.

He recalls dealing with administrative nightmares. Those are memories many managers likely understand, especially when dealing with young players.

"Oh, man, it was awful," Cobb said. "The worst part was when we first started just out of college. No one was dependable. Just tried to keep it going."

And they certainly did that, winning their league title at least 10 consecutive times.

But have they won a Roy Hobbs World Series championship?

"Not yet," first baseman Adam Hollowell.

Maybe this year.

A World Series title could turn the Knoxville Nightmare into the Knoxville Dream.


## 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



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## VETERANS TUESDAY RESULTS

### Tuesday Results

Akron Cardinals 3, Lakeville Lobos 1  
Austin Saltdogs 8, T-Town Jack Os 4  
Chicago Giants 14, Vukgripz Akron A's 10  
Germain Ohio Aces 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 0  
Glass City Black Sox 14, T-Town Jack Os 2  
Minnesota Blenders 12, Baltimore Chop 7  
Minnesota Web Gems 11, New Jersey Mets 5  
Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 11, JR Bats 1  
South Bend Cardinals 15, Knoxville Nightmare 14  
Stars of Herrera 13, Jet Box 3  
Tennessee White Lightnin' 18, Chi-Sox 15  
The Oilers 12, Chicago Knights 2  
Tidewater Drillers 11, South Florida Eagles 5

Home plate umpire  
Ryan Starks  
ready for play at  
the plate in game  
with Tennessee  
White Lightnin'  
vs. Knoxville  
Nightmare



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Nightmare 2nd baseman Jason Brown in the middle of a double play vs. Tennessee  
White Lightnin'



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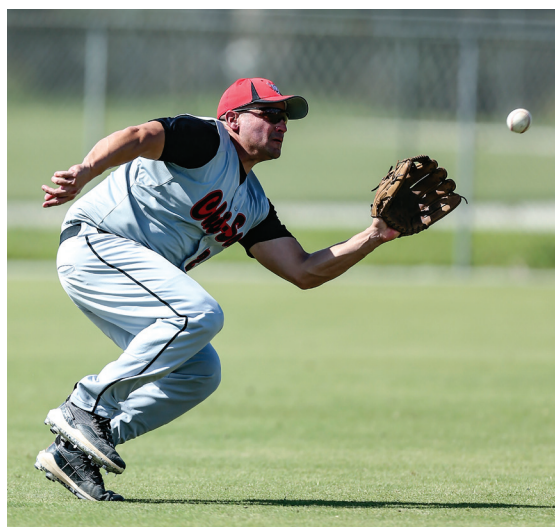
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## VETERANS TUESDAY STANDINGS

S	4A Division	W	L	PCT	RA
1	The Oilers	4	0	1.000	6
2	Tidewater Drillers	4	0	1.000	14
3	Minnesota Web Gems	3	1	0.750	13
4	Stars of Herrera	3	1	0.750	15
5	Minnesota Blenders	2	2	0.500	30
6	Baltimore Chop	2	2	0.500	30
7	Chicago Giants	2	2	0.500	34
8	New Jersey Mets	1	3	0.250	21
<b>Pool play, game 5 / Wednesday</b>					
	Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs	4	0	1.000	17
	South Bend Cardinals	4	0	1.000	28
	Knoxville Nightmare	3	1	0.750	25
	Glass City Black Sox	3	1	0.750	29
	Lakeville Lobos	2	2	0.500	12
	Germain Ohio Aces	2	2	0.500	24
	JR Bats	2	2	0.500	25
	Akron Cardinals	2	2	0.500	51



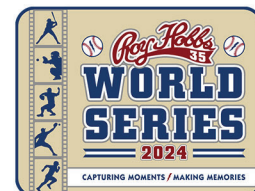
Chi Sox left fielder Vincent Lockett makes a great catch of a Glass City Black Sox fly ball

photo by Greg Wagner

	Austin Saltdogs	1	3	0.250	27
	TTown Jack-Os	1	3	0.250	31
	Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	3	0.250	35
	Tenn. White Lightnin'	1	3	0.250	46
	Vukgripz Akron A's	1	3	0.250	48
	Chicago Knights	1	3	0.250	50
	South Florida Eagles	1	3	0.250	55
	Jet Box	0	4	0.000	26
	Chi-Sox	0	4	0.000	73



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## VETERANS WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

### Wednesday Schedule

**Flip a coin for home team**

**10 AM**

Akron Cardinals vs. Tennessee White Lightnin', LC-S  
 Cincinnati Colt .45s vs. Jet Box, PDC2  
 Philadelphia Dirt Dogs vs. South Bend Cardinals, PDC3  
 Germain Ohio Aces vs. Knoxville Nightmare, PDC4

**1:30 PM**

Glass City Black Sox vs. VukeGripz A's, LC-S  
 JR Bats vs. Lakeville Lobos, PDC3  
 Austin Saltdogs vs. Chicago Knights, PDC4  
 South Florida Eagles vs. T-Town Jack Os, PDC5

### Thursday Schedule

**4AAAA**

**Round 1**

**10 AM**

#7 Chicago Giants at #1 The Oilers, LC6  
 #5 Minnesota Blenders at #4 Stars of Herrera, LC4  
 #6 Baltimore Chop at #3 Minnesota WebGems, LC3  
 #8 New Jersey Mets at #2 Tidewater Drillers, LC1

**Round 2**

**1:30 PM**

**Winner's Bracket**

7-1 winner vs. 5-4 winner, field LC3  
 6-3 winner vs. 8-2 winner, field LC6

**Losers Bracket**

7-1 loser vs. 5-4 loser, LC2  
 6-3 loser vs. 8-2 loser, LC4



*photo by Greg Wagner*  
 TN White Lightnin' baserunner Cliff Soukup leads off 2nd base wearing his trademark 2 different colored socks



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# NOTEBOOK

## 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.



## 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.



## 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

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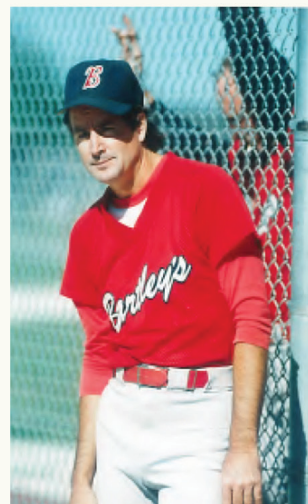
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# NOTEBOOK



*Home plate umpire Troy Hudson calls a strike on field PDC 3 at 10 a.m. Game Lightnin' vs Chi Sox*

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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.



### 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 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.



### RH Label Cigars

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

Cost: \$7 each or 6 for \$30.



### Thank You & Travel Safe

Roy Hobbs Baseball would like to thank all of you for coming to the Roy Hobbs World Series, helping to make this event a success. For those who are traveling to get home, We wish a safe journey and we look forward to seeing you all next year.







## Tuesday Players of the Game

Akron Cardinals 3, Lakeville Lobos 1: **Cardinals** - Charles Miller CG, 9 IP, 6 H, 5 K, 0 ER  
 Austin Saltdogs 8, T-Town Jack-Os 4: **Saltdogs** - Paul Duyvejonck 1x4, 2B, 4 RBI, 2 shutout innings pitched  
 Chicago Giants 14, Vukgripz Akron A's 10: **Giants** - Zack Darabaris 3x5, HR, 2B, 3 R, Hector Ruiz 3x3, Mickey Rodriguez 3x4, 2 2B, Jon Ongstad save  
 Chicago Knights 3, Jet Box 1: **Knights** - Luis Negron 1-hitter, 9 IP, 1x3, 2B, SB  
 Germain Ohio Aces 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 0: **Aces** - Adrian Riley 7 IP, 7 H, 4 K, 1 BB, 0 R  
 Glass City Black Sox 14, T-Town Jack-Os 2: **Black Sox** - Matt McCoy 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 Glass City Black Sox 18, Chi-Sox 8: **Black Sox** - Nick Assman 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 Glass City Black Sox 20, Chi-Sox 10: **Black Sox** - John Sawicki 2x4, 2 RBI, 1 R  
 Minnesota Blenders 12, Baltimore Chop 7: **Blenders** - Alex Wells 2-run HR, 1x4, 2 RBI; Colton Haight 2x3, 2 BB, 4 R, 1 RBI  
 Minnesota Web Gems 11, New Jersey Mets 5: **Web Gems** - Nick Corbin 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 New Jersey Mets 12, Chicago Knights 3: **Mets** - Nick Lococo 4 IP, 1x2  
 Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 11, JR Bats 1: **Dirt Dawgs** - Maikol Gonzalez 2x3; Matt Edmondson 6 shutout innings, W, 5 K  
 South Bend Cardinals 15, Chi-Sox 4: **Cardinals** - Rick



Tennessee White Lightning' catcher Jim Shearer waiting for the throw as a Cardinals baserunner scores

photo by Greg Wagner

Martinez 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R  
 South Bend Cardinals 15, Knoxville Nightmare 14: **Nightmare** - Jason Diaz 2x4, 1 HR, 3 RBI  
 Tennessee White Lightning' 18, Chi-Sox 15: **White Lightning'** - Garrett Calhoun 4x4, 5 RBI, 2 R; **Chi-Sox** - Keith Dorio 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 Tidewater Drillers 11, South Florida Eagles 5: **Drillers** - Roger Hall 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
**Note:** Managers submit Player of the Game on the score App after each game.



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