



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH



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Black Sox from Glass City avoid ‘scandals’



photo by Greg Wagner

Angelo Palladino (left) and Gary Thompson during the anthem

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Glass City Black Sox manager Gary Thompson wants everybody in Roy Hobbs to know a difference between his team and the infamous 1919 Chicago Black Sox

“None of us has taken any bribes,” Thompson said with a laugh Tuesday while standing outside Hammond Stadium.

That’s good to know.

The 1919 Black Sox, of course, were at the center of the biggest scandal in baseball history. They threw the World Series to the Cincinnati Reds.

There is an Ohio connection here. The 1919 White Sox/Black Sox lost to an Ohio team. Thompson is a Toledo resident. Toledo is known as Glass City. The Glass City Black Sox have a few former Ohio State baseball players, including catcher

Angelo Palladino.

Before Tuesday afternoon’s game at LC6, Palladino sat down with an Inside Pitch representative who said he is a baseball history buff.

“We’re going to get along well,” Palladino said, “So am I.”

He’s read up on the 1919 team and penny-pinching owner Charles Comiskey who was a factor behind the players throwing the series.

“What a jerk Comiskey was,” Palladino said.

The Glass City Black Sox are Fort Myers regulars. Thompson said this is their 14th World Series.

Thompson knows more about the 1919 team than most fans. He’s read Eliot Asinof’s 1963 book, “Eight Men Out.” The eight men in the title indicates the eight members of the team

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banished from baseball for participating in the scheme.

Thompson has also seen the 1988 movie of the same title. "The book was way better," Thompson said.

The 1919 Black Sox team's most famous and best player was Shoeless Joe Jackson. His name is still recognized more than a century later.

The roster included players with now old-fashioned names such as Chick Gandil, Swede Risberg, Happy Felsch, Shano Collins and Nemo Liebold.

Nemo?

Finding Nemo is easy thanks to Google. His real first name was Harry. Nemo was no Shoeless Joe as a player. Jackson remains a somewhat tragic figure from the scandal.

"I do know Shoeless Joe was an unwitting accomplice," Thompson said.

Shoeless Joe was an uneducated and perhaps illiterate man who is not eligible for the Hall of Fame despite a career .356 batting average.

"From a personality, from a character perspective, I'm sure there's way worse people in the Hall of Fame than him," Palladino said.

The 1919 Black Sox were managed by Kid Gleason. What about the Glass City's manager?

"Nobody calls me kid," Thompson said.

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.

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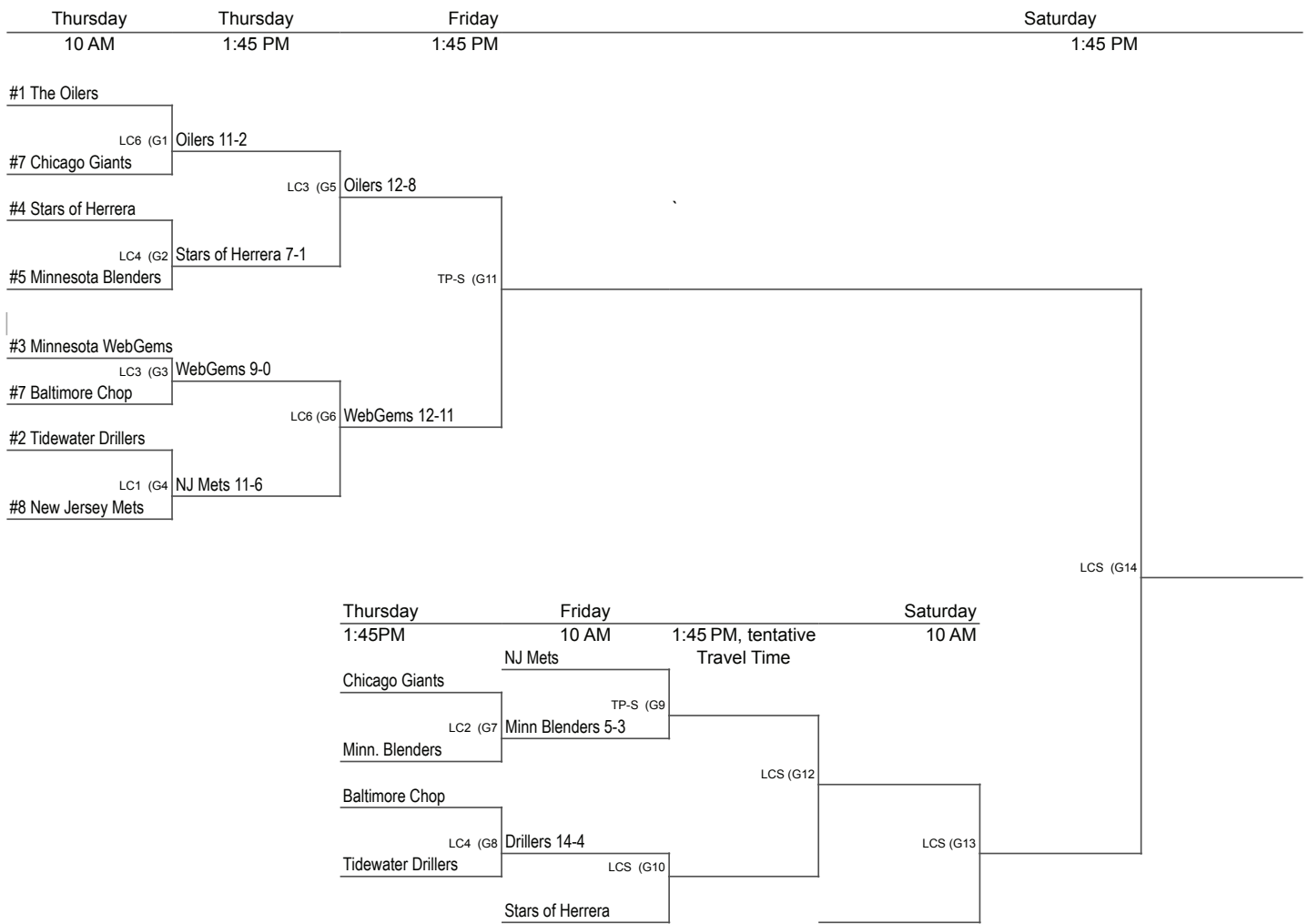


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VETERANS AAA and AA BRACKETS

Veterans AAA Playoffs

Quarterfinals / Friday	Semifinals	Championship
Higher seeded team is home throughout playoffs		
		Saturday
#1 South Bend Cardinals		
PDC2 / 10 am		
#5 JR Bats		
	JB3 / 10 am	
#6 Vukegripz A's		
PDC3 / 10 am		
#4 Knoxville Nightmare		
		JB-S / 1:45 pm Championship
#7 South Florida Eagles		
PDC4 / 10 am		
#8 Jet Box		
	JB6 / 10 am	
#3 Germain Ohio Aces		
PDC5 / 10 am		
#2 Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs		

RHWS Veterans AA Playoffs

Friday First Round	Flip a coin for home team throughout playoffs		
	Friday Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship
		Saturday	
	Lakeville Lobos		
	LC6 / 1:45 pm		
	Austin Saltdogs		
		TP2 / 10 am	
	T-Town Jack Os		
	LC3 / 1:45 pm		
	Chicago Knights		
			TP-S / 1:45 pm Championship
Cincinnati Colt .45s			
LC3 / 10a			
Chi-Sox			
	LC2 / 1:45 pm		
	Akron Cardinals		
		TP4 / 10 am	
	Glass City Black Sox		
	LC4 / 1:45 pm		
	Tenn. White Lightnin'		







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VETERANS RESULTS and STANDINGS

Wednesday / Thursday Results

Wednesday Games

- Austin Saltdogs 18, Chicago Knights 10
- Germain Ohio Aces 8, Knoxville Nightmare 3
- Jet Box 11, Cincinnati Colt .45s 9
- JR Bats 13, Lakeville Lobos 9
- South Bend Cardinals 13, Philadelphia Dirt Dogs 8
- South Florida Eagles 19, T-Town Jack Os 8
- Tennessee White Lightnin' 14, Akron Cardinals 23
- VukeGripz A's 16, Glass City Black Sox 2

Thursday's AAAA games

Round 1

- #1 The Oilers 11, #7 Chicago Giants 2
- #4 Stars of Herrera 7, #5 Minnesota Blenders 1
- #3 Minnesota WebGems 9, #6 Baltimore Chop 0
- #8 New Jersey Mets 11, #2 Tidewater Drillers 6

Round 2

Winner's Bracket

- # 1 The Oilers 12, #4 Stars of Herrera 8
- #3 Minnesota Web Games 12, #8 New Jersey Mets 11

Losers Bracket

- #5 Minnesota Blenders 5, #7 Chicago Giants 3
- #2 Tidewater Drillers 14, #6 Baltimore Chop 4

Thursday AAAA Schedule

See the bracket on page 3 in the Inside Pitch

Veterans Division standings

S	AAA Playoffs	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1	South Bend Cardinals	5	0	1.000	22	8
2	Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs	4	1	.800	30	17
3	Germain Ohio Aces	3	2	.600	27	15
4	Knoxville Nightmare	3	2	.600	33	18
5	JR Bats	3	2	.600	34	23
6	Glass City Black Sox	3	2	.600	45	29
7	Vukgripz Akron A's	2	3	.400	50	35
8	South Florida Eagles	2	3	.400	63	38
	AA Playoffs	W	L	Pct.		
N	Akron Cardinals	2	3	.400		
O	Austin Saltdogs	2	3	.400		
	Chi-Sox	0	4	.000		
S	Chicago Knights	1	4	.200		
E	Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	4	.200		
E	Jet Box	1	4	.200		
D	Lakeville Lobos	2	3	.400		
S	Tenn. White Lightnin'	2	3	.400		
	TTown Jack-Os	1	4	.200		



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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.



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
see NOTEBOOK on page 7



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Umpires during the national anthem Wednesday 10 a.m. Game at LC Stadium

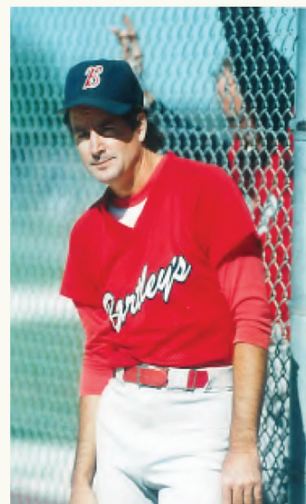
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NOTEBOOK



TN White Lightning' 1st baseman Shawn Smith keeping an eye on Akron Cardinals runner Tom Delullo.

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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.



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Chi Sox pitcher Ingram Liljessstrand delivering a knuckleball vs. the Glass City Black Sox





Grounds crew member Logan Costanza wetting the turf before the 1:45 LC Stadium game Wednesday.

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Wednesday-Thursday Players of the Game

Tennessee White Lightnin' 14, Akron Cardinals 3:

White Lightnin' - Jeff Schmitt 5 IP, 2 ER, 5 K; Cliff Soukup 2x2; **Cardinals** - Steven Wilhelm 2x4, R, RBI

South Bend Cardinals 13, Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 8:

Dirt Dawgs - Anthony Kelly 3x4, 2 2B, HR, 5 RBI, 4 R, BB

Austin Saltdogs 18, Chicago Knights 10: **Saltdogs** -

Kevin Wolfe 5x5, 5 RBI, 3 R

JR Bats 13, Lakeville Lobos 9: **Bats** - Ryan Duva 5x5, 2 2B

Stars of Herrera 7, Minnesota Blenders 1: **Blenders** -

Ronnie Olson 3x4, SB

Minnesota Web Gems 9, Baltimore Chop 0: **Web Gems**

- Zach Femrite 4x4, 2 HR, 5 RBI; **Chop** - Steven Wells 1x3, 2B

Jet Box 11, Cincinnati Colt .45s 9: **Colt .45s** - Curtis

Allen 3x5, 4 RBI, 1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K

Minnesota Web Gems 12, New Jersey Mets 11: **Web**

Gems - David Jonas 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI

Minnesota Blenders 5, Chicago Giants 3: **Blenders** -

Joe Ward pitched 7.2 innings, 2 hits, 0 runs.

Tidewater Drillers 14, Baltimore Chop 4: **Chop** - Rob

Warwick 2x4, solo HR

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

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