



# Brothers' love of baseball lasts a lifetime

BY GLENN MILLER  
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Brothers Paul and Nick Saidoo are in their 60s and on Tuesday morning behind LC6 talked baseball 1,351 miles from the site of their old high school, Flint North-ern.

The distance disappeared for a few minutes as did the decades as they reminisced about baseball. They were transported to a time long before they were members of the Flint Tigers and playing in the Roy Hobbs World Series.

There was talk of their mom and dad and playing catch in the street and rooting for the big-league Detroit Tigers.

They have memories shared by many Roy Hobbs players. The teams Roy Hobbs players root for are different but the baseball memories remain indelible and special no matter the team name.

Nick wears No. 23 in honor of his favorite boyhood Tiger, slugger Willie Horton.



photo by Greg Wagner  
Brothers Nick (with bat) and Paul Saidoo of the Flint Tigers

They talked about sitting on the front porch on warm summer nights with their father listening to Tiger games on a "crackly" AM radio.

Paul at 67 is four years older than 63-year-old Nick and has a family memory of the Tigers winning the 1968 World Series.

"Mom was on the front porch banging pots and pans," Paul said of his later mother, Gladys, who died in 2004. Their father, Nicholas, died in 2010.

Paul recalls how a nun at his Catholic grade school let the class listen to the Tigers on the radio back when World Series games were played in the day. He recalls the nun's name as Eustacia.

"I can't believe I remember that," Paul said.

Baseball has a way of preserving memories.

They couldn't wait to get up in the morning and play catch. "That's the first thing we did," Paul said.

He said they lived in downtown Flint.

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## AAA-AA-A Pairings Party Thursday night

Sidelines Sports Grill will host Roy Hobbs Veterans Division AAA-AA-A Pairings Party Thursday night. It is open to all RHWS participants

Doors open at Sidelines - at the corner of Colonial Blvd. and Veronica Shoemaker Blvd - at 6:30 p.m., and snacks will be provided starting at 7 p.m. This is not a dinner, but rather finger foods to go with a cash bar for alcohol and soft drinks.

Roy Hobbs personnel will be present the pairings at 7:30 p.m. Tom Giffen will be available to explain how pairings were set up. **Please note that if you have issues with the brackets, seeing Tom Thursday night is the ONLY way to handle that.** He will not be available after he leaves the party.

Once the pairings are presented, they will be posted on royhobbs.com/world-series around 8 p.m.

Roy Hobbs will be presenting a raffle along with a Thursday night 50/50 raffle.

Come and be prepared to enjoy yourself.





# BROTHERS

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"So, our ballfield growing up was a concrete parking lot," Paul said. "We played with a rubber ball and chasing it off the roof every now and then."

Now, more than a half century later, Paul treasures the chance to play baseball, especially on Lee County big-league quality ballfields.

"There's something about being on these fields, all aches and pains go away," Paul said. "My arm feels better being down here."


His favorite childhood player was Hall of Fame outfielder Al Kaline. Paul said he's read a Kaline autobiography three times.

Nick hopes to continue playing until he's eligible for an 80-plus age division.

"That's my goal," Nick said. "I'm going to play until they drag my cold, dead body off the field."




photo by Greg Wagner  
Cleveland Cobras Pat Leneghan keeping the book vs. the Chicago Knights



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## MASTERS TUESDAY RESULTS

Cangrejeros RD 7, Team Michigan 4  
 Chicago Knights 18, Minnesota Bandits 11  
 Chicago North Redhawks 10, DuPage Indians 4  
 Cleveland Cobras 17, Flint Tigers 7  
 Dallas Redbirds 25, PSOF Rangers 2  
 Huntsville Havoc 7, Baltimore Thunder 5  
 Lansing A's 8, Washington All-Stars 2  
 Lehigh Valley Railriders 18, Cincinnati Colt .45s 3  
 Lehigh Valley Railriders 24, Florida Lumberjacks 6  
 Limeport Milkmen 10, DuPage Indians 3  
 Mid Penn Phillies 14, Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 12  
 Minnesota Diamonds 7, Chicago Woodpeckers 2  
 Minnesota Web Gems 12, NW Indiana Dogs 8  
 Nova Scotia Privateers 19, Minnesota Catfish 9  
 NY Astros 16, South Bend Cardinals 15  
 Orlando Braves 8, VukGripz Blue Jays 7  
 Orlando brewers 16, Baltimore Krushers 1  
 Pittsburgh Hitmen 9, Atlanta Baseball 3  
 Sewanhaka Dragons 20, Bellacino's Red Sox 1  
 Sewanhaka Dragons 5, Kent Mudhens 1  
 South Shore Giants 19, Florida Lumberjacks 8  
 Staten Island Bombers 15, Clearwater Rays 5



*photo by Greg Wagner*  
Safe at 3rd! Mid Penn Phillies baserunner Brandon Perks slides in under the tag vs. the Tidewater Drillers

Swamp Donkeys 12, Dundalk Nationals 9  
 T-Town Jack-Os 7, South Shore Giants 6  
 Tidewater Drillers 8, Chicago Colts 4



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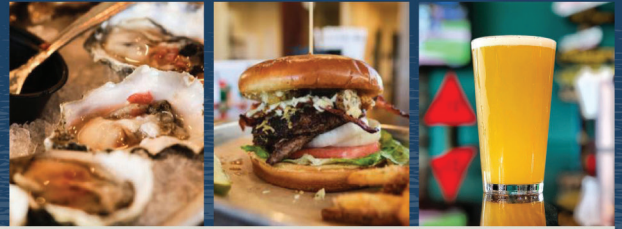


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## MASTERS TUESDAY STANDINGS

S	4A Playoffs	W	L	PCT	RA
1	Orlando Brewers	4	0	1.000	9
2	Cangrejeros RD	4	0	1.000	11
3	Lansing A's	4	0	1.000	14
4	Minnesota Diamonds	3	1	.667	10
5	Pittsburgh Hitmen	3	1	.750	12
6	Staten Island Bombers	3	1	.750	25
7	Minnesota Web Gems	3	1	.750	34
8	Chicago Woodpeckers	2	2	.500	25
	<b>General Pool Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>RA</b>
	Swamp Donkeys	4	0	1.000	13
	New York Astros	4	0	1.000	19
	Chicago Knights	4	0	1.000	19
	Lehigh Valley Railriders	4	0	1.000	12
	Chicago North Redhawks	3	1	.750	12
	South Shore Giants	3	1	.750	18
	Limeport Milkmen	3	1	.750	19
	Minnesota Bandits	3	1	.750	31
	Tidewater Drillers	3	1	.750	38
	T-Town Jack-Os	3	1	.750	38
	Kent Mudhens	2	2	.500	15
	Sewanhaka Dragons	2	2	.500	18
	Team Michigan	2	2	.500	24

	Dallas Redbirds	2	2	.500	29
	Mid Penn Phillies	2	2	.500	34
	Orlando Braves	2	2	.500	38
	Cleveland Cobras	2	2	.500	42
	Huntsville Havoc	2	2	.500	45
	Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	2	2	.500	49
	Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	2	.500	54
	Nova Scotia Privateers	1	3	.250	32
	VukGripz Blue Jays	1	3	.250	33
	DuPage Indians	1	3	.250	36
	Dundalk Nationals	1	3	.250	38
	Chicago Colts	1	3	.250	38
	Clearwater Rays	1	3	.250	44
	Baltimore Thunder	1	3	.250	49
	Baltimore Krushers	1	3	.250	51
	NW Indiana Dogs	1	3	.250	51
	Florida Lumberjacks	1	3	.250	74
	Atlanta Baseball	0	4	.000	45
	Flint Tigers	0	4	.000	57
	Washington All-Stars	0	4	.000	62
	South Bend Cardinals	0	4	.000	64
	Bellacino's Red Sox	0	4	.000	74
	PSOF Rangers	0	4	.000	76
	Minnesota Catfish	0	4	.000	85



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# MASTERS WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY SCHEDULE

## Wednesday's Schedule

**Flip a coin for home team in all games**  
**10AM**

- Atlanta Baseball vs. Nova Scotia Privateers, LC4
- Baltimore Krushers vs. Chicago Colts, LC-S
- Bellicino's Red Sox vs. Minnesota Catfish, LC6
- Chicago Knights vs. Lehigh Valley Railriders, TP4
- Cincinnati Colt .45s vs. Dallas Redbirds, PDC4
- Clearwater Rays vs. Flint Tigers, JB-S
- Dundalk Nationals vs. Vukegripz A's, TP-S
- DuPage Indians vs. Washington All-Stars, PDC5
- Kent Mudhens vs. Orlando Braves, TP3
- Limeport Milkmen vs. T-Town Jack Os, TP2
- Mid-Penn Phillies vs. Team Michigan, PDC3
- PSOF Rangers vs. South Bend Cardinals, LC3
- South Shore Giants vs. Tidewater Drillers, PDC2

**1:45 PM**

- Chicago North RedHawks vs. Minnesota Bandits, LC-S
- Huntsville Havoc-Balt. Thunder loser vs. NWS Indiana Dogs, TP4
- Huntsville Havoc-Balt. Thunder winner vs. Twin Peaks Lumberjacks, LC6
- Sewanhaka Dragons vs. Cleveland Cobras, TP-S
- Swamp Donkeys vs. NY Astros, JB-S



*Home plate umpire Luis Sierra going over the ground rules prior to the Florida Lumberjacks/Lehigh Valley Railriders game*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

## Thursday's Games

### AAAA Playoffs

**Round 1 / 10 AM**

- #8 Chicago Woodpeckers @ #1 Orlando Brewers, JB3
- #5 Pittsburgh Hitmen @ #4 Minnesota Diamonds, JB4
- #6 Staten Island Bombers @ #3 Lansing A's, JB5
- #7 Minnesota WebGems @ #2 Cangrejeros, JB6

**Second Round, winners Bracket, 1:45 PM**

- #8-#1 winner vs. #5-#4 winner, JB5
- #7-#2 winner vs. #6-#3 winner, JB3

**Second Round, Losers Bracket, 1:45 PM**

- #8-#1 loser vs. #5-#4 loser, JB6
- #7-#2 loser vs. #6-#3 loser, JB4

**AAAA Bracket to be posted Wednesday Afternoon**



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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 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.



## 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.

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Baltimore Krushers starting pitcher Reyamar Gonzalez vs. Atlanta Baseball

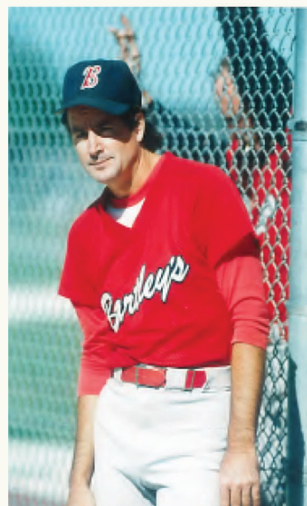
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# NOTEBOOK



Atlanta Baseball hitter Tom Raymond (#13) after his homer vs. the Baltimore Krushers

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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 6 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.







## Tuesday Players of the Game

Cangrejeros RD 15, Dallas Redbirds 2: **Redbirds** - Mark Tierney 2x2, 4 IP, 2 K, 0 BB, 1 ER  
 Cangrejeros RD 7, Team Michigan 4: **Michigan** - Matt Sherock 2x3, 1 RBI, 1 R  
 Chicago Knights 16, Cleveland Cobras 5: **Knights** - Jason Kozik 4x4, BB, 4 hits  
 Chicago Knights 18, Minnesota Bandits 11: **Knights** - Sean Hoyer 3x4, 2 2B, 3 RBI  
 Clearwater Rays 0, Orlando Brewers 10: **Brewers** - Player of the Game 0x0  
 Cleveland Cobras 17, Flint Tigers 7: **Cobras** - Jeff Cunningham 2x4, 3 RBI; Ulpi Puente 2x2, 1 3B, 7 RBI  
 Dallas Redbirds 25, PSOF Rangers 2: **Redbirds** - Lance Davis 3x3, 1 3B, 1 2B, 7 Ks, 3 IP; **Rangers** - Tim McCoy 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 SB  
 Florida Lumberjacks 25, T-Town Jackos 17: **Jackos** - Ryan Dehning 4x4, 3 R, Darryl Webb 3x4, 4 RBI  
 Lansing A's 8, Washington All Stars 2: **A's** - Dean Shepard 4x4, 2 RBI, 1 SB  
 Limeport Milkmen 10, DuPage Indians 3: **Milkmen** - Chris Saylor 1x4, 350-ft HR, 3 RBI  
 Mid Penn Phillies 14, Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 12: **Phillies** - Rob McDonald 3x4, 2 2B, 4 RBI, 5 IP; **Lumberjacks** - Will 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R  
 Minnesota Web Gems 12, NW Indiana Dogs 10: **Web Gems** - Michael Andreas 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 Nova Scotia Privateers 19, Minnesota Catfish 9: **Privateers** - Dave Cameron 4x5, 7 RBI  
 NY Astros 16, South Bend Cardinals 15: **Astros** - Keith Ciupak 3x4, 5 RBI; **Cardinals** - Tad Dickerson 3x5, 1 RBI, Jayson Best 2x4, 3 RBI

Orlando Braves 8, VukGripz Blue Jays 6: **Braves** - Dusty Loy 2x3, 2B, BB, 3 RBI  
 Orlando Brewers 15, Baltimore Krushers 1: **Brewers** - Roman Marcano 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 Pittsburgh Hitmen 9, Atlanta Baseball 3: **Hitmen** - Mike Richards 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 K  
 Pittsburgh Hitmen 12, Clearwater Rays 3: **Rays** - Jim Vigue 2x3, 1 RBI, 1 R  
 Sewanhaka Dragons 20, Bellacino's Red Sox 1: **Dragons** - The TEAM 5x5, 4 RBI, 3 R, 2 HR  
 Sewanhaka Dragons 5, Kent Mudhens 1: **Mudhens** - Tracy Lewis 7 IP, 5 ER  
 South Shore Giants 19, Florida Lumberjacks 8: **Giants** - JT Toledo 4x6, 4 RBI  
 Staten Island Bombers 15, Clearwater Rays 5: **Bombers** - Al Tolman 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Joe Miller 3x4, 2 Run HR, 2 Singles, 2 SB  
 Swamp Donkeys 12, Dundalk Nationals 8: **Donkeys** - Anthony Hayden 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI; **Nationals** - Gio Garcia 4x4, 1 HR, 1 2B, 3 RBI  
 T-Town Jackos 11, Minnesota Catfish 1: **Jackos** - Ryan Dehning 3x4, 2 RBI; Jeremy Wieland 7 IP, 1 ER.  
 T-Town Jackos 7, South Shore Giants 6: **Jackos** - Dan Beaty 6 IP, 3 ER, Ryan Potter 3 IP save  
 Tidewater Drillers 8, Chicago Colts 4: **Drillers** - Donald Ossini 2x4, 1 HR, 4 RBI; **Colts** - Sam Paschka 7 IP, 4 ER, 5 K, 1 BB  
 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 16, Chicago Colts 5: **Lumberjacks** - Ron Obermeier 2x2, 2 RS, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 1 SB; Devin Hotsko 5 IP, 2 ER, 4 K, W

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



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