

# Troy Cox: baseball manager and historian

**BY GLENN MILLER**

*Roy Hobbs Baseball*

Major League Baseball's statistical history can be found at several websites, most notably baseball-reference.com.

What about Roy Hobbs teams? The preservation of such history may be spotty.

Not for one team. The history of the Americans Baseball Club is preserved in a way that is perhaps unique in Roy Hobbs.

It is carefully saved in the pages of what is officially titled the "2024 Official 45th Anniversary Season Program."

It's all there, from the team's inception in 1980 to its 35th trip to the Roy Hobbs World Series.

The Americans history is a long-term project for Americans manager Troy Cox, who resides in Palm Bay, Fla.

Before a game Sunday at the Lee Health Sports Complex, Cox talked about his team and program.

An interested bystander (or sitter) was Rodney Holmes of the St. Louis Patriots. Holmes glanced at the program and its pages and pages of photos and history and statistics.



*Troy Cox, manager of the Americans Baseball Club*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

"That is absolutely awesome," said Holmes, who was sitting in the bleachers.

He doesn't recall seeing another team produce such a tangible record of its history. There may not be anything else like it.

Cox produced a record book every year from 2006 to 2013. Although he didn't print a program again until this year, the record-keeping continued.

"I never got around to it but kept all the notes," Cox said.

The cover of the 2024 program features five color photos and a slogan that is likely near and dear to the hearts of all Roy Hobbs players. That slogan: "We play hardball."

Flipping through the program's more than 50 pages, readers can find far more information than can be presented in the pages of the Inside Pitch.

Upon opening the program one can see on the right-hand page a message from Cox and

a photo of him with his wife, Diane.

This is how he starts the message, which fills an entire page: "GOD knows I love BASEBALL. My Love Angel, Diane knows I

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# TROY COX

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love baseball as well.”

Cox is an administrator with the Palm Bay Recreation Department in Brevard County on Florida’s east coast.

The organizational and administrative acumen it takes to run a department is apparent in the attention to detail in the program.

At his home he maintains the files that allow him to update the Americans Baseball Club records and history in the program.

It’s all there, from fun quotes to team trivia to photos and six pages that bear in bold print and three words in capital letters the words **History of the AMERICANS BASEBALL CLUB (1980 -present.)**

And the history continues rolling on. ...



*Troy Cox addressing his Americans team before a morning game at LCS*

*photo by Greg Wagner*

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## CLASSICS / TIMELESS SUNDAY RESULTS

### Classics Division

#### Sunday's Results

- Alabama Bandits 10, Minnesota Bandits 2
- Alabama Bandits 5, Toledo McGuire 1
- Albany Cubs 15, Maine Black Bears 3
- Atlanta Baseball 12, Wright Field Reds 0
- Atlanta Baseball 15, Long Island Express 4
- Banana Sharks 19, Philadelphia Cutters 12
- Border City Brewers 23, ChicagoBay Warriors 6
- Boston Braves 11, Keystone Hawks 8
- Carolina Thunder 10, Bergen Yankees 0
- Chicago Giants 12, Boston Goodfellas 5
- Chicago Giants 22, St. Louis Dodgers 0
- Fort Myers Cubs 12, Nova Scotia Monarchs 5
- Kent Mudhens 17, Boston Goodfellas 7
- Livingston Dodgers 12, Pensacola Salt Bandits 2
- Minnesota Bandits 21, Livingston Dodgers 10
- Minnesota Bees 13, Baltimore Orioles 10
- Minnesota Twins 15, Bergen Yankees 14
- Minnesota Twins 16, Cleveland Carps 3
- New Hampshire Hammerheads 5, Minnesota Goats 1
- Orlando Royals 14, Lansing Blue Jays 4
- Pensacola Salt Bandits 8, DuPage Wildcats 4
- Pittsburgh South Hills 19, Americans Baseball Club 7
- Puerto Rico Orioles 16, St. Louis Grays 4
- St. Louis Grays 10, Maine Black Bears 5 (10)
- St. Louis Patriots 13, Akron Brewers 3
- St. Louis Patriots 15, Tuscaloosa Tornados 12
- Tidewater Drillers 10, Chicago Blues 9
- Tidewater Drillers 22, Bonedogs 5
- Toledo McGuire 12, DuPage Wildcats 3
- Washington Titans 9 1, Oakville Golden A's



Washington Titans 3rd baseman Mike Denevi camps under a Chicago Fire fly ball

photo by Greg Wagner

### Timeless Division

#### Sunday's Results

- Asheville Sox 15, Gray Foxes 1
- Atlanta A's 8, Lake Erie Pirates 2
- Baltimore Baseball Club 10, New Jersey Wonderboys 3
- Cincinnati Colt .45s 2, Tallahassee Classics 0
- DuPage Indians 15, Kent Mudhens 6
- Florida Storm 12, Minnesota Crosstown Traffic 1
- Lehigh Baseball 9, St. Louis Legends 5
- Long Island Express 16, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 1
- Maine Woods Baseball 7, Youngstown Astros 6
- Minnesota Bees 17, Florida Yankees 7
- New Jersey Dodgers 21, Midwest Nine 6
- Nova Scotia Monarchs 21, Team America 12
- Rhode Island Rockies 16, Philadelphia Mustangs 13
- Sacramento Buzzards 6, Vintages 3
- San Antonio Texans 21, National Spirit 6
- South Jersey Spikes 12, Minnesota Goats 1
- St. Louis Patriots 20, Wilmington Thunder 11
- Washington Titans 12, Chicago Fire 1



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# CLASSICS / TIMELESS SUNDAY STANDINGS

## Classics Standings

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Alabama Bandits	2	0	1.000	3
Atlanta Baseball	2	0	1.000	4
Chicago Giants	2	0	1.000	5
Tidewater Drillers	2	0	1.000	14
St Louis Patriots	2	0	1.000	15
Minnesota Twins	2	0	1.000	17
Carolina Thunder	1	0	1.000	0
New Hamp. Hammerheads	1	0	1.000	1
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	1
Albany Cubs	1	0	1.000	3
Orlando Royals	1	0	1.000	4
Puerto Rico Orioles	1	0	1.000	4
Border City Brewers	1	0	1.000	6
Kent Mudhens	1	0	1.000	7
Pittsburgh South Hills	1	0	1.000	7
Boston Braves	1	0	1.000	8
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	10
Banana Sharks	1	0	1.000	12
Toledo McGuire	1	1	.500	8
Pensacola Salt Bandits	1	1	.500	16
Minnesota Bandits	1	1	.500	20
St Louis Grays	1	1	.500	21
Livingston Dodgers	1	1	.500	23
Fort Myers Cubs	1	0	.000	5
Minnesota Goats	0	1	.000	5
Oakville Golden A's	0	1	.000	9
Chicago Blues	0	1	.000	10
Baltimore Orioles	0	1	.000	10
Keystone Hawks	0	1	.000	11
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	.000	12
Wright Field Reds	0	1	.000	12
Akron Brewers	0	1	.000	13
Lansing Blue Jays	0	1	.000	14
Long Island Express	0	1	.000	15
Tuscaloosa Tornados	0	1	.000	15
Cleveland Carps	0	1	.000	16
Americans Baseball Club	0	1	.000	19
Philadelphia Cutters	0	1	.000	19
St Louis Dodgers	0	1	.000	22
Bonedogs	0	1	.000	22
ChicagoBay Warriors	0	1	.000	23

Boston Goodfellas	0	2	.000	19
DuPage Wildcats	0	2	.000	20
Bergen Yankees	0	2	.000	25
Maine Black Bears	0	2	.000	25

## Timeless Standings

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	0	1.000	0
Asheville Sox	1	0	1.000	1
Florida Storm	1	0	1.000	1
Long Island Express	1	0	1.000	1
South Jersey Spikes	1	0	1.000	1
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	1
Atlanta A's	1	0	1.000	2
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	3
Sacramento Buzzards	1	0	1.000	3
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	4
Lehigh Baseball	1	0	1.000	5
DuPage Indians	1	0	1.000	6
Maine Woods Baseball	1	0	1.000	6
New Jersey Dodgers	1	0	1.000	6
San Antonio Texans	1	0	1.000	6
St Louis Patriots	1	0	1.000	11
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	0	1.000	12
Rhode Island Rockies	1	0	1.000	13
Tallahassee Classics	0	1	.000	2
Vintages	0	1	.000	6
Youngstown Astros	0	1	.000	7
Lake Erie Pirates	0	1	.000	8
St Louis Legends	0	1	.000	9
New Jersey Wonderboys	0	1	.000	10
Chicago Fire	0	1	.000	12
Minn. Crosstown Traffic	0	1	.000	12
Minnesota Goats	0	1	.000	12
Gray Foxes	0	1	.000	15
Kent Mudhens	0	1	.000	15
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	0	1	.000	16
Philadelphia Mustangs	0	1	.000	16
Florida Yankees	0	1	.000	17
Wilmington NC Thunder	0	1	.000	20
Midwest Nine	0	1	.000	21
National Spirit	0	1	.000	21
Team America	0	1	.000	21







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## CLASSICS/ TIMELESS MONDAY SCHEDULE

### Classics Division

#### Monday's Games

##### 10 AM

- Washington Titans @ Minnesota Bees, JB-S
- St. Louis Patriots @ Fort Myers Cubs, JB3
- Keystone Hawks @ Baltimore Orioles, JB4
- Bonedogs @ Bergen Yankees, JB5
- Boston Braves @ Oakville Golden A's, JB6
- Orlando Royals @ Albany Cubs, LC-S
- Tidewater Drillers @ Carolina Thunder, LC1
- Long Island Express @ Chicago Giants, LC3
- Maine Black Bears @ Puerto Rico Orioles, LC4
- Lansing Blue Jays @ St. Louis Grays, LC6
- Philadelphia Cutters @ Chicago Bay Warriors, PDC2
- Banana Sharks @ Pittsburgh South Hills, PDC3
- Minnesota Bandits @ DuPage Wildcats, PDC4
- Americans Baseball Club @ Border City Brewers, PDC5

##### 1:45 PM

- Bonedogs @ Cleveland Carps, JB-S
- New Hampshire Hammerheads @ Tuscaloosa Tornados, JB1
- Baltimore Orioles @ Washington Titans, JB3
- Minnesota Bees @ Boston Braves, JB4
- Oakville Golden A's @ Keystone Hawks, JB5
- Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Akron Brewers, JB6
- Long Island Express @ Kent Mudhens, LC-S
- Atlanta Baseball @ St Louis Dodgers, LC2
- Minnesota Twins @ Chicago Blues, LC3
- Albany Cubs @ Lansing Blue Jays, LC4
- Puerto Rico Orioles @ Orlando Royals, LC6
- ChicagoBay Warriors @ Americans Baseball Club, PDC3
- Border City Brewers @ Banana Sharks, PDC4
- Pittsburgh South Hills @ Philadelphia Cutters, PDC5

##### 5:30 PM

- Akron Brewers @ Minnesota Goats, JB-S
- Boston Goodfellas @ Wright Field Reds, LC-S
- Alabama Bandits @ Livingston Dodgers, TP-S
- Pensacola Salt Bandits @ Toledo McGuire, TP2

### Timeless Division

#### Monday's Games

##### 9 AM

- National Spirit @ DuPage Indians, TP-S
- Rhode Island Rockies @ Kent Mudhens, TP2
- Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Long Island Express, TP3
- St. Louis Patriots @ Kenmore Eastern Brewers, TP4

##### 10 AM

- Minnesota Goats @ Washington Titans, JB2
- Sacramento Buzzards @ South Jersey Spikes, PDC1
- Vintages @ Chicago Fire, PDC2

##### 11:45 AM

- Philadelphia Mustangs @ Gray Foxes, TP-S
- San Antonio Texans @ Asheville Sox, TP2
- Wilmington Thunder @ New Jersey Dodgers, TP3
- Tallahassee Classics @ Midwest Nine, TP4

##### 1:45 PM

- Maine Woods Baseball @ Minnesota Bees, JB2
- Florida Storm @ Youngstown Astros, PDC1
- Minnesota Crosstown Traffic @ Florida Yankees, PDC2

##### 2:45 PM

- Lake Erie Pirates @ Lehigh Baseball, TP-S
- New Jersey Wonderboys @ Team America, TP2
- Baltimore Baseball Club @ St. Louis Legends, TP3
- Atlanta A's @ Nova Scotia Monarchs, TP4



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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.



*NJ Wonderboys  
2nd baseman Rex  
Walker snags a  
Baltimore Baseball  
Club infield fly ball*

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Greg Wagner*

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## Saturday-Sunday Players of the Game

### Saturday

Albany Whiz 5, Crystal Clinic Indians 2: **Whiz** - Shawn Martin 3-run RBI double, Jan Friedman 2 hits, 2 RBI.  
 Jersey Bananas 9, Omaha Indians 4: **Bananas** - Jeff Breeling 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R  
 Michigan Dodgers 11, Florida Muskrats 7: **Muskrats** - Norm Dumont 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R  
 Michigan Dodgers 9, Chicago North Redhawks 6: **Dodgers** - Pedro Valera 2x4, 1 HR, 3 RBI  
 Omaha Indians 9, Banana Sharks 6: **Indians** - Bill Jelkin 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 Orlando Brewers 10, Chicago Woodpeckers 0: **Brewers** - Noel Ariezaga 4x4, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 RIMA Foxes 16, Baltimore Thunder 6: **Foxes** - Al McLeod 2 hits, 2 BB, 3 R, motivational speech energized team!  
 St. Louis A's 15, St. Louis Patriots 7: **A's** - Dan McQuerry 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 TP Lumberjacks 10, Dayton Wolves 1: **Lumberjacks** - Cliff Soukup CG 9 IP, 1 R, 3 K; Ron Obermeier 2x3, 2 BB, 3 R, 2 RBI  
 TP Lumberjacks 11, Albany Whiz 3: **Lumberjacks** - Larry Solins 6.2 IP, 1 K, 3 ER, W; Wayne Manolescu 3x4, 2 RS, 3 SB; Gary Apolon 3x4, 2 RS, 1 RBI, 3 SB  
 TP Lumberjacks 18, Cuyahoga Indians 6: **Lumberjacks** - Ron Obermeier 5x5, 3 RS, 3 RBI, 3B

### Sunday

**Editor's note: Please remember to include player's full name!**  
 Alabama Bandits 10, Minnesota Bandits 2: **Alabama** - Ben Eldred 7 IP, 0 ER, 8 K, 1 BB  
 Alabama Bandits 5, Toledo McGuire 1: **Bandits** - Brett Graves CG, 9 IP, 1 R, game-ending pick-off at 2B.  
 Albany Cubs 15, Maine Black Bears 3: **Cubs** - Mike Girard CG victory, 8 Ks, 1 BB  
 Asheville Sox 15, Gray Foxes 1: **Sox** - Gary Graham 4x5, 3 HR, 7 RBI  
 Baltimore Baseball Club 8, New Jersey Wonderboys 3: **Wonderboys** - Rex Walker 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R

Boston Braves 11, Keystone Hawks 8: **Hawks** - Bill Churma 3x4, 2 R, 2 SB, 2 RBI  
 Carolina Thunder 11, Bergen Yankees 0: **Thunder** - Neil Benton 4 IP, 1 H; Todd Rehaneck 2 hits, 3 RBI  
 Chicago Giants 12, Boston Goodfellas 5: **Giants** - Lynn Strohl 9-inning win, Glenn Summers 2x3, 2 2B; Steve Connelly pitched 4 scoreless innings, 4 Ks, 1 BB  
 Florida Storm 12, Minn. Crosstown Traffic 1: **Storm** - Bruce Alpaugh 6 IP, 4 H, 2 BB  
 Kent Mudhens 17, Boston Goodfellas 7: **Mudhens** - Sam Santabarbara 3 IP, 0.00 ERA, 4 K  
 Lehigh Baseball 9, St Louis Legends 5: **Lehigh** - Dave Barber 5 IP, 2 hits, 0 ER, 8 Ks.  
 Minnesota Bees 17, Florida Yankees 4: **Bees** - Bob Britz 4x4, Neil Sather 3x4, John Arnold 7 IP, 4 R, 3 K.  
 Minnesota Goats 11, New Hamp. Hammerheads 5: **Goats** - Steve Cole 4x5, 2B, 3 RBI, 1 R  
 Minnesota Twins 15, Bergen Yankees 14: **Twins** - Mark Besser 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 Minnesota Twins 16, Cleveland Carps 3: **Twins** - Mark Wolfe 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI  
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 22, Team America 12: **Monarchs** - Bill Fear 2x3  
 Pensacola Salt Bandits 8, DuPage Wildcats 4: **Wildcats** - Pat Splan 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R  
 St. Louis Patriots 15, Tuscaloosa Tornados 12: **Tornados** - Wade Todd 6.1 IP, strong outing  
 St. Louis Patriots 20, Wilmington NC Thunder 12: **Thunder** - Tom Armstrong 4x4, 2 2B, 6 OF putouts  
 St. Louis Grays 10, Maine Black Bears 5: **Grays** - Kenny Hagerty 4x5, 2 RBI, 2 R  
 Tidewater Drillers 22, Bonedogs 5: **Drillers** - Vincent 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 3 R  
 Toledo McGuire 12, DuPage Wildcats 3: **Wildcats** - Dan Williams 2x4, 1 HR, 1 RBI  
 Vintages 12, Minnesota Goats 1: **Goats** - John Moore 2 2B, errorless fielding  
 Washington Titans 9, Oakville Golden A's 1: **Titans** - Steve Harrison 2x3, 1 RBI

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



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Every year, Roy Hobbs works with Tri-County Challenger Baseball, a recipient of Roy Hobbs Foundation financial support every year, to put on a Challenger Exhibition during the RHWS. The 2024 event was held Saturday with 50-plus Challenger Athletes playing games on Lee County Stadium and Field 6 with the help of Roy Hobbs participants.

From top left, RH Hall of Famer Gary Wright of the Tidewater Drillers helps a young man with his hitting; top right, we have 2 Challenger athletes combining to play shortstop; bottom right, Orlando Brewer Craig Marsden gave his game hat to a young lady (and then got an old hat from his car to play the championship game); bottom left, RH Hall of Famer Randy Mosell worked with a young lady on the finer points of playing the infield.

Roy Hobbs is proud to sponsor this event and is thankful for the RHWS players who helped out.