

Asheville manager: Witness to disaster

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Asheville Sox manager John Morris is spending this week in the serene setting of the Roy Hobbs World Series.

This is a stark contrast to the horror that Tropical Storm Helene unleashed in September on his hometown of Swannanoa, N.C.

Morris said his town received about 30 inches of rain between a previous storm and Helene.

That was far more than the town could handle. The floodgates opened and billions of gallons of water hurtled downhill.

With each yard rolling downhill the water picked up speed.

"The farther downhill it it goes, the faster it goes," Morris said.

His town is 2,225 feet above sea level, a place in the mountains one does not expect floods. Swannanoa was in the water's path.

"When it got so Swannanoa it just took everything," Morris said.



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Asheville Sox manager John Morris talks about devastation in his hometown

Fortunately, the house he shares with his wife of 51 years, Frances, was spared. But not others.

Cars and trucks were swept away. Morris could see the horror unfolding before his eyes, across a street.

"There were people on the roofs on the other side screaming for help," Morris said. "But you couldn't get to them because the water was going 40, 50 miles per hour. People were helpless and lost everything they had and a lot of them lost their lives, and the insurance will not cover it."

Mountain people do not have flood insurance.

"Nobody in the mountains of North Carolina has flood insurance," Morris said.

And nobody had seen the likes of this flood in those mountains.

The water dragged everything in its path down.

"I'm talking 18-wheelers," Morris said.

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Pairings Party Thursday night

Sidelines Sports Grill will host Roy Hobbs Classics Division AAA-AA-A and 70s AAAA-AAA-AA 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 8:15 p.m.

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

Come and be prepared to enjoy yourself.



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His town is an unincorporated community near Asheville. Swannanoa isn't what it was before the September storm.

"Everything is gone," Morris said.

A Washington Post story pegged the death toll at 98 in North Carolina. At least 38 of those people drowned in creeks or rivers and another 23 perished in landslides.

Even here in the serene setting of the World Series several weeks after the flood, Morris can't shake what he witnessed and experienced.

"You may not think it's affecting you mentally because you and your family and good friends are OK," Morris said. "But if you've got any feelings at all, it's got to touch you being that people lost their lives."

He can't forget what he witnessed.


"I don't want to forget it," Morris said. "It makes you think how fortunate we are with all of the ball teams to be here now, to play, even to be here."

Far from the swirling waters that Helene unleashed on Swannanoa.




Bang-bang play at 3rd: Minnesota Bandits baserunner Marshall Werden was called safe at 3rd as he slid under the tag by Toledo McGuire's 3rd baseman Jay Leist

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CLASSICS / TIMELESS TUESDAY RESULTS

Classics Division

Alabama Bandits 18, Pensacola Salt Bandits 1
 Albany Cubs 13, St Louis Grays 1
 Atlanta Baseball 12, Bergen Yankees 2
 Baltimore Orioles 11, Oakville Golden A's 10
 Banana Sharks 10, Americans Baseball Club 4
 Border City Brewers 12, Philadelphia Cutters 2
 Boston Braves 6, Washington Titans 4
 Carolina Thunder 16, Cleveland Carps 0
 Chicago Blues 16, Cleveland Carps 12
 Chicago Blues 17, Bonedogs 6
 ChicagoBay Warriors 14, Pittsburgh South Hills 6
 DuPage Wildcats 15, Livingston Dodgers 7
 Fort Myers Cubs 18, New Hampshire Hammerheads 5
 Fort Myers Cubs 9, Minnesota Goats 4
 Minnesota Bandits 13, Toledo McGuire 12
 Minnesota Bees 16, Keystone Hawks 4
 Minnesota Goats 17, Tuscaloosa Tornados 7
 Minnesota Twins 16, Carolina Thunder 9
 New Hampshire Hammerheads 19, Akron Brewers 10
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 15, Tuscaloosa Tornados 14
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 9, St. Louis Patriots 3
 Orlando Royals 13, Maine Black Bears 2
 Puerto Rico Orioles 22, Lansing Blue Jays 11
 St. Louis Dodgers 14, Kent Mudhens 5
 St. Louis Dodgers 15, Boston Goodfellas 0
 Tidewater Drillers 9, Chicago Giants 5
 Wright Field Reds 15, Long Island Express 10
 Wright Field Reds 18, Kent Mudhens 17

Timeless Division

Asheville Sox 13, Rhode Island Rockies 6
 Atlanta A's 19, Team America 3
 Chicago Fire 17, Minnesota Goats 4
 Cincinnati Colt .45s, 16, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 7



Maine Woods 70's shortstop Mike Tenaglia sacrificed his body and saved a Florida Yankees run from scoring

photo by Greg Wagner

DuPage Indians 17, Philadelphia Mustangs 0
 Florida Yankees 11, Maine Woods Baseball 9
 Long Island Express 16, Wilmington Thunder 1
 Minnesota Bees 12, Florida Storm 12, tie
 National Spirit 16, Kent Mudhens 1
 New Jersey Wonderboys 14, Lehigh Baseball 6
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 12, Baltimore Baseball Club 11
 San Antonio Texans 7, Gray Foxes 6
 South Jersey Spikes 19, Vintages 0
 St. Louis Legends 9, Lake Erie Pirates 5
 St. Louis Patriots 22, Midwest Nine 7
 Tallahassee Classics 9, New Jersey Dodgers 5
 Washington Titans 20, Sacramento Buzzards 0
 Youngstown Astros 17, Minnesota Crosstown Traffic 11



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS TUESDAY STANDINGS

Classics 4A Playoffs						
S	Team	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Border City Brewers	4	0	1.000	8	2
2	Boston Braves	3	1	.750	31	18
3	Puerto Rico Orioles	4	0	1.000	23	12
4	Albany Cubs/3a	3	1	.750	20	5
5	Orlando Royals	3	1	.750	23	14
6	Banana Sharks	3	1	.750	28	16
7	Minnesota Bees **	4	0	1.000	18	8
8	Baltimore Orioles	3	1	.750	32	22

Note: ** loses the #2 seed for failure to attend 4A seeding meeting

Classics Standings				
Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Alabama Bandits	4	0	1.000	8
Atlanta Baseball	4	0	1.000	10
Tidewater Drillers/2a	4	0	1.000	23
Minnesota Twins	4	0	1.000	41
Chicago Giants	3	1	.750	24
St Louis Patriots	3	1	.750	24
Minnesota Goats	3	1	.750	28
Nova Scotia Monarchs	3	1	.750	38
Minnesota Bandits	3	1	.750	39
Fort Myers Cubs	3	1	.750	55
Wright Field Reds	2.5	1.5	.625	55
Carolina Thunder	2	2	.500	28
Toledo McGuire	2	2	.500	29
Pittsburgh South Hills	2	2	.500	34
Chicago Blues	2	2	.500	41
ChicagoBay Warriors	2	2	.500	42
Boston Goodfellas	1.5	2.5	.375	35
Washington Titans	1	3	.250	25
Oakville Golden A's	1	3	.250	40
St Louis Grays	1	3	.250	40
Bergen Yankees	1	3	.250	41
Philadelphia Cutters	1	3	.250	47
DuPage Wildcats	1	3	.250	48
St Louis Dodgers	1	3	.250	50
New Hamp. Hammerheads	1	3	.250	51
Tuscaloosa Tornados	1	3	.250	52
Pensacola Salt Bandits	1	3	.250	52
Cleveland Carps	1	3	.250	53
Livingston Dodgers	1	3	.250	55
Lansing Blue Jays	1	3	.250	56
Kent Mudhens	1	3	.250	62

Long Island Express	1	3	.250	68
Maine Black Bears	0	4	.000	46
Americans Baseball Club	0	4	.000	53
Akron Brewers/1a	0	4	.000	53
Keystone Hawks	0	4	.000	57
Bonedogs	0	4	.000	73

Timeless Standings				
Team	W	L	PCT	RA
South Jersey Spikes	3	0	1.000	2
Washington Titans	3	0	1.000	3
Atlanta A's	3	0	1.000	8
Cincinnati Colt .45s	3	0	1.000	14
San Antonio Texans	3	0	1.000	15
St Louis Patriots	3	0	1.000	20
Florida Storm	2.5	0.5	.833	17
Minnesota Bees	2.5	0.5	.833	22
Asheville Sox	2	1	.667	11
Long Island Express	2	1	.667	12
DuPage Indians	2	1	.667	13
Chicago Fire	2	1	.667	19
Tallahassee Classics	2	1	.667	22
National Spirit	2	1	.667	23
New Jersey Wonderboys	2	1	.667	28
Nova Scotia Monarchs	2	1	.667	31
Florida Yankees	2	1	.667	33
St Louis Legends	1	1	.500	14
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	1	.500	15
Lake Erie Pirates	1	2	.333	29
Gray Foxes	1	2	.333	29
Lehigh Baseball	1	2	.333	31
Kent Mudhens	1	2	.333	32
Maine Woods Baseball	1	2	.333	32
Sacramento Buzzards	1	2	.333	33
Rhode Island Rockies	1	2	.333	33
Wilmington NC Thunder	1	2	.333	34
Youngstown Astros	1	2	.333	40
New Jersey Dodgers	1	2	.333	44
Vintages	0	3	.000	36
Minnesota Goats	0	3	.000	39
Minn. Crosstown Traffic	0	3	.000	44
Philadelphia Mustangs	0	3	.000	50
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	0	3	.000	53
Team America	0	3	.000	57
Midwest Nine	0	3	.000	68



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Classics Division

Wednesday's Schedule

Flip a coin for home team in all games

10AM

- JB2 - Akron Brewers vs. Keystone Hawks
- JB6 - Pensacola Salt Bandits vs. St. Louis Grays
- LC3 - Maine Black Bears vs. Bonedogs
- LC4 - Americans Baseball vs. Kent Mudhens
- LC6 - Chicago Blues vs. Wright Field Reds
- PDC1 - DuPage Wildcats vs. Lansing Blue Jays
- PDC2 - Oakville Golden A's vs. Tuscaloosa Tornados
- PDC3 - NH Hammerheads vs. Washington Titans
- PDC4 - Pittsburgh South Hills vs. St. Louis Patriots
- PDC5 - ChicagoBay Warriors vs. Minnesota Goats

1:45 PM

- JB2 - Livingston Dodgers vs. St. Louis Dodgers
- JB6 - Cleveland Carps vs. Philadelphia Cutters
- LC3 - Atlanta Baseball vs. Tidewater Drillers
- LC4 - Chicago Giants vs. Fort Myers Cubs
- LC6 - Carolina Thunder vs. Toledo McGuire
- PDC3 - Minnesota Bandits vs. Nova Scotia Monarchs
- PDC4 - Bergen Yankees vs. Boston Goodfellas
- PDC5 - Alabama Bandits vs. Minnesota Twins

Timeless Division

Wednesday's Schedule

9 AM

- St. Louis Legends @ Atlanta A's, TP-S
- Lake Erie Pirates @ Baltimore Baseball Club, TP2
- National Spirit @ Rhode Island Rockies, TP3
- Gray Foxes @ DuPage Indians, TP4

10 AM

- Wilmington Thunder @ Midwest Nine, JB-S
- Minnesota Goats @ Sacramento Buzzards, JB3



Toledo McGuire baserunner Pete DeLois was caught in a rundown and was eventually tagged out by Minnesota Bandits infielder Paul Fogarty

photo by Greg Wagner

- Minn. Crosstown Traffic @ Washington Titans, JB4
- Chicago Fire @ South Jersey Spikes, JB5
- Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Tallahassee Classics, LC-S

11:45 AM

- New Jersey Wonderboys @ Nova Scotia Monarchs, TP-S
- Team America @ Lehigh Baseball, TP2
- Kent Mudhens @ San Antonio Texans, TP3
- Philadelphia Mustangs @ Asheville Sox, TP4

1:45 PM

- Florida Yankees @ Youngstown Astros, JB-S
- Maine Woods Baseball @ Florida Storm, JB3
- Vintages @ Minnesota Bees, JB4
- New Jersey Dodgers @ Long Island Express, LC-S

2:45 PM

- Cincinnati Colt .45s @ St. Louis Patriots, TP-S
- Baltimore Baseball Club @ St. Louis Legends, TP2

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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 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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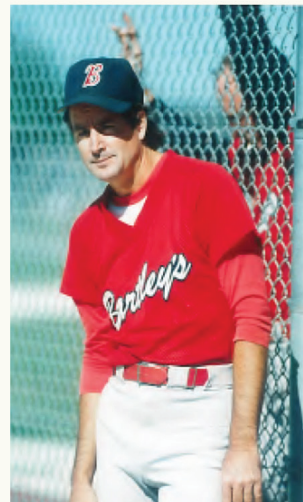
Kent Mud Hens 60's baserunner Joe Breton slides safely into home vs. the Long Island Express

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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.



photo by Greg Wagner
Wilmington Thunder 2nd baseman David Pichan with some fancy footwork vs. the Long Island Express





Tuesday Players of the Game

Editor's note: Please remember to include player's full name!

Alabama Bandits 17, Livingston Dodgers 4: **Bandits** - John Sikes 3x5, 2 2B

Alabama Bandits 18, Pensacola Salt Bandits 1: **Bandits** - John Tomanio 4x4 at the plate.

Albany Cubs 13, St Louis Grays 1: **Cubs** - Darrell Duncan 1-hit complete game, only 1 R allowed.

Asheville Sox 13, Rhode Island Rockies 6: **Sox** - Gary Stephens 4x5, 2B, 5 RBI

Atlanta A's 19, Team America 3: **Team America** - Joe Morani 1 hit, 1 RBI

Atlanta A's 8, Nova Scotia Monarchs 3: **A's** - Jeff Bartolotta 2 hits, 3 RBI

Baltimore Orioles 11, Oakville Golden A's 10: **Golden A's** - Greg Macdonald 2x4, 1 HR, 3 RBI

Banana Sharks 10, Americans Baseball Club 4: **Americans** - Alex Patton 7 IP, 8 K, 2 BB

Chicago Blues 16, Cleveland Carps 12: **Blues** - Al Arena 3 IP, 0 R, 4 Ks, 1 BB in relief.

Chicago Blues 17, Bonedogs 6: **Blues** - Mike Darabaris 5x5, 7 RBI

Chicago Fire 17, Minnesota Goats 4: **Fire** - John Moore 3 hits and excellent defense

Cincinnati Colt .45s 16, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 7: **Brewers** - Jack Powers 2x3, 1 RBI; Jim Nice 1x3, 2 R, 2 RBI

DuPage Wildcats 15, Livingston Dodgers 7: **Wildcats** - Russ Rachubinski 4x5, 3 RBI, 2 R, 1 HR

Florida Yankees 11, Maine Woods Baseball 9: **Yankees** - Stew Sallo 4x5, 2 RBI, 1 HR

Florida Yankees 14, Minn. Crosstown Traffic 6: **Traffic** - Gary Revall 4x4, 2B, 3 RBI

Fort Myers Cubs 9, Minnesota Goats 4: **Goats** - Greg Knutson 2x3, 1 RBI, 1 BB

Maine Woods Baseball 7, Youngstown Astros 6: **Woods** - Howard

Elson 2x3, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 1 R

Minnesota Bees 11, Keystone Hawks 4: **Hawks** - Trace Bocan 2x3, 1B, 2B, RBI; Dave Campbell 2x3, Run, RBI

Minnesota Goats 19, Akron Brewers 8: **Goats** - Steve Cole 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R

Minnesota Twins 16, Carolina Thunder 9: **Twins** - Casey Howell 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R

National Spirit 16, Kent Mudhens 1: **Mudhens** - Scott Ruhe 2x2

New Jersey Wonderboys 14, Lehigh Baseball 6: **Wonderboys** - Bobby Hannigan solid hits and defense.

Nova Scotia Monarchs 15, Tuscaloosa Tornados 14: **Tornados** - Jay Evans 8 IP, 3 ER, 9 K

San Antonio Texans 7, Gray Foxes 6: **Texans** - Jim Goodwin 3 great catches of hard line drives

St. Louis Dodgers 14, Kent Mudhens 6: **Dodgers** - Greg Poniewaz 6 IP, 3 ER, 8 K, W; Dan Leonard 2 IP, 0 ER, SV; **Mudhens** - Lou Munoz 4 SB, diving catch in left.

St. Louis Dodgers 15, Boston Goodfellas 0: **Dodgers** - Dave Thompson CG shutout, 9 Ks.

St. Louis Legends 9, Lake Erie Pirates 5: **Legends** - Greg Johnson CG W, 5 Ks, 1 BB

Tidewater Drillers 9, Chicago Giants 5: **Drillers** - Marmol 4x4, 2 RBI, 2 R

Toledo McGuire 18, Pensacola Salt Bandits 8: **McGuire** - Tom Daney

4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI

Tuscaloosa Tornados 17, Minnesota Goats 6: **Tornados** - Kirby Gaudin 7 IP, 2 ER, 8 K, 1 BB

Washington Titans 20, Sacramento Buzzards 0: **Titans** - Lonnie Bloom 2x2, 2 2B

Wright Field Reds 15, Long Island Express 10: **Reds** - Mike Krzan 4x4, 3 RBI, 2 R

Wright Field Reds 18, Kent Mudhens 17: **Mudhens** - Rob Obrecht 3x3, 2B, 2 RBI

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



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