

Terry Park's centerfield is sacred ground



photo by Greg Wagner

Iconic Centerfield Fence at Terry Park with Philadelphia Cutter Scott Harris (left) and BC Brewers Mike Carter (right).

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*"Oh, to be a centerfielder, a centerfielder - and nothing more."
 - Philip Roth, 'Portnoy's Complaint.'*

*"I'm ready to play today
 Look at me, I can be centerfield."
 - John Fogerty.*

There is something magical about playing centerfield, given the freedom to roam all that wide open, green space chasing a white baseball under a blue sky,

That may be particularly true at Terry Park's centerfield with its 30-foot-high wall 412 feet from home plate.

Roy Hobbs World Series participants who stroll by the Hall of Fame banners hanging at the stadium can read through magical names. Look for centerfielders and one will see icons.

- Tris Speaker
- Richie Ashburn
- Duke Snider
- Mickey Mantle

They were principally centerfielders. They played in Terry Park. Now, men such as Mike Carter, Scott Harris, Keith

Derk and Greg Serum along with many others patrol that space.

It's a vast space.

"I play closer to the plate than to the wall," Carter said.

Scott Harris of the Philadelphia Cutters appreciates Terry Park's history.

"There's so many legends who have played there," Harris said.

And some near legends.

When the Pittsburgh Pirates (1955-1968) and Kansas City Royals (1969-1987) held spring training at Terry Park their roster of outstanding centerfielders included Bill Virdon, Amos Otis and Willie Wilson.

Keith Derk of the Keystone Hawks recalls another fleet centerfielder with the Pirates, Omar Moreno.

"Omar Moreno was pretty cool," Derk said.

Indeed. The speedy Moreno was known as the "Outmaker" in part for his ability to track down balls in the outfield. But he didn't get to the Pirates until 1975, seven years after their final spring at Terry Park. He almost certainly played spring training games at Terry Park as a visiting player.

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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.



TERRY PARK

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When Derk is in centerfield, stationed only about 50 feet behind the infield, he notices there is enough room behind him to play another game.

Greg Serum of the Minnesota Bees knows about the legends who played at Terry Park. Does he ever think about that?"

"Absolutely you do," Serum said.

A legend who had his baseball career cut short is Bo Jackson. Hitting a ball over that tall wall 412 feet from home plate sounds impossible. Fort Myers old-timers say that when Jackson was with the Royals in spring training in 1987, he did just that.


"I don't doubt it," Asheville Sox manager John Morris said. "He could throw it over from home plate and then run up the wall and catch it at the same time."

We haven't seen anybody do that in the Roy Hobbs World Series. At least not yet.




Philadelphia Cutter Scott Harris (left) and BC Brewers Mike Carter (right).

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CLASSICS / TIMELESS WEDNESDAY RESULTS

Classics Results

Alabama Bandits 22, Minnesota Twins 3
 Americans Baseball 18, Kent Mudhens 8
 Boston Goodfellas 19, Bergen Yankees 18
 Chicago Blues 14, Wright Field Reds 13
 Chicago Giants 7, Fort Myers Cubs 4
 ChicagoBay Warriors 14, Minnesota Goats 12
 Keystone Hawks 17, Akron Brewers 3
 Lansing Blue Jays 18, DuPage Wildcats 4
 Livingston Dodgers 10, St. Louis Dodgers 0
 Maine Black Bears 31, Bonedogs 4
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 22, Minnesota Bandits 17
 Oakville Golden A's 22, Tuscaloosa Tornados 5
 Philadelphia Cutters 16, Cleveland Carps 4
 Pittsburgh South Hills 16, St. Louis Patriots 4
 St. Louis Grays 15, Pensacola Salt Bandits 5
 Tidewater Drillers 5, Atlanta Baseball 4
 Toledo McGuire 14, Carolina Thunder 9
 Washington Titans 11, New Hampshire Hammerheads 4

Timeless Results

Asheville Sox 15, Philadelphia Mustangs 0
 Atlanta A's 8, St. Louis Legends 2
 Baltimore Baseball Club 13, Lake Erie Pirates 2
 Baltimore Baseball Club 14, St. Louis Legends 4
 DuPage Indians 5, Gray Foxes 3
 Florida Storm 6, Maine Woods Baseball 5
 Florida Yankees 15, Youngstown Astros 9
 Kent Mudhens 10, San Antonio Texans 9
 Lehigh Baseball 9, Team America 6
 Long Island Express 17, New Jersey Dodgers 2



*Hit by the pitch!
Keystone Hawks
batter John Boyle vs.
the Akron Brewers*

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

Minnesota Bees 16, Vintages 4
 National Spirit 8, Rhode Island Rockies 2
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 17, New Jersey Wonderboys 12
 Sacramento Buzzards 6, Minnesota Goats 5
 South Jersey Spikes 12, Chicago Fire 7
 St. Louis Patriots 12, Cincinnati Colt .45s 1
 Tallahassee Classics 14, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 7
 Washington Titans 18, Minn. Crosstown Traffic 3
 Wilmington Thunder 7, Midwest Nine 3



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS WEDNESDAY STANDINGS

Very close play at second base as Toledo McGuire's manager Bob Gray slides head first for a double



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Classics Standings

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Alabama Bandits	5	0	1.000	11
Tidewater Drillers/2a	5	0	1.000	27
Atlanta Baseball	4	1	.800	15
Chicago Giants	4	1	.800	28
Nova Scotia Monarchs	4	1	.800	45
Minnesota Twins	4	1	.800	63
Toledo McGuire	3	2	.600	38
Pittsburgh South Hills	3	2	.600	38
St Louis Patriots	3	2	.600	40
ChicagoBay Warriors	3	2	.600	44
Chicago Blues	3	2	.600	54
Minnesota Bandits	3	2	.600	61
Fort Myers Cubs	3	2	.600	62
Wright Field Reds	2.5	2.5	.500	69
Washington Titans	2	3	.400	29
Carolina Thunder	2	3	.400	42
Oakville Golden A's	2	3	.400	45
St Louis Grays	2	3	.400	45
Philadelphia Cutters	2	3	.400	51
Minnesota Goats	2	3	.400	53
St Louis Dodgers	2	3	.400	53
Livingston Dodgers	2	3	.400	55
Lansing Blue Jays	2	3	.400	60
Tuscaloosa Tornados	2	3	.400	63
Boston Goodfellas	1.5	3.5	.375	78
Long Island Express	1	3	.250	68
DuPage Wildcats	1	4	.250	66
Maine Black Bears	1	4	.200	50
Bergen Yankees	1	4	.200	60
Keystone Hawks	1	4	.200	60
Akron Brewers/1a	1	4	.200	61

Americans Baseball Club	1	4	.200	61
Pensacola Salt Bandits	1	4	.200	67
Cleveland Carps	1	4	.200	69
Kent Mudhens	1	4	.200	80
New Hampshire Hammerheads	0	5	.000	52
Bonedogs	0	5	.000	85

Timeless Standings

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Washington Titans	4	0	1.000	6
South Jersey Spikes	4	0	1.000	9
Atlanta A's	4	0	1.000	10
St Louis Patriots	4	0	1.000	21
Florida Storm	3.5	0.5	.875	22
Minnesota Bees	3.5	0.5	.875	26
Asheville Sox	3	1	.750	11
Long Island Express	3	1	.750	14
DuPage Indians	3	1	.750	16
Baltimore Baseball Club	3	1	.750	21
San Antonio Texans	3	1	.750	25
National Spirit	3	1	.750	25
Cincinnati Colt .45s	3	1	.750	26
Tallahassee Classics	3	1	.750	29
Florida Yankees	3	1	.750	42
Nova Scotia Monarchs	3	1	.750	43
Chicago Fire/3a	2	2	.500	31
Lehigh Baseball	2	2	.500	37
Wilmington NC Thunder	2	2	.500	37
Sacramento Buzzards	2	2	.500	39
Kent Mudhens	2	2	.500	41
New Jersey Wonderboys	2	2	.500	45
Gray Foxes	1	3	.250	34
St Louis Legends	1	3	.250	36
Maine Woods Baseball	1	3	.250	38
Rhode Island Rockies	1	3	.250	41
Lake Erie Pirates	1	3	.250	42
Youngstown Astros	1	3	.250	55
New Jersey Dodgers	1	3	.250	61
Minnesota Goats	0	4	.000	45
Vintages	0	4	.000	52
Minn. Crosstown Traffic	0	4	.000	62
Philadelphia Mustangs	0	4	.000	65
Team America	0	4	.000	66
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	0	4	.000	67
Midwest Nine	0	4	.000	75





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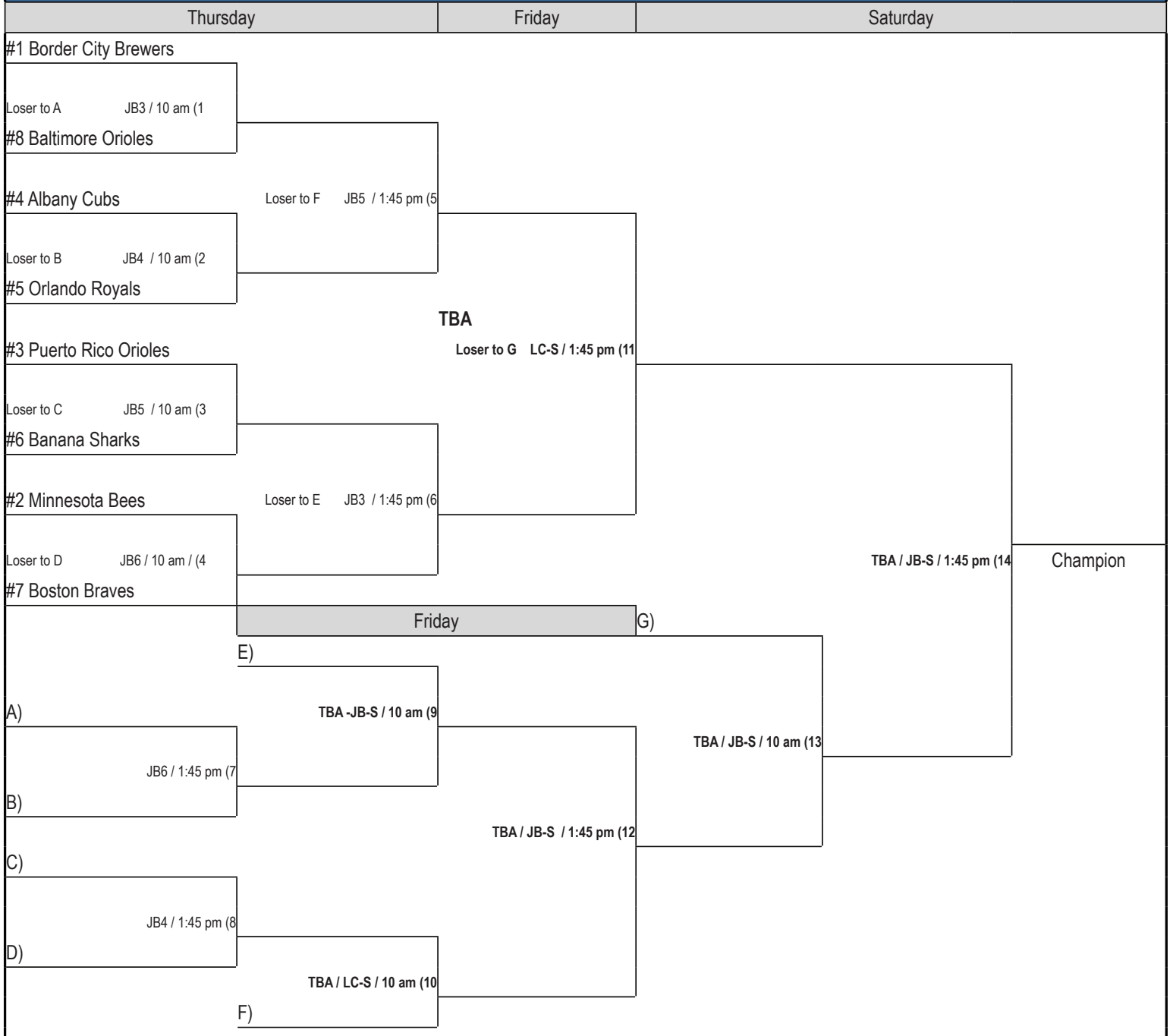
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9:30 AM

- JB-S - Asheville Sox vs. Kent Mudhens
- LC-S - Baltimore Baseball vs. San Antonio Texans
- TP-S - Maine Woods Baseball vs. Rhode Island Rockies

10 AM

- JB2 - Atlanta A's vs. St. Louis Patriots
- LC3 - St. Louis Legends vs. Youngstown Astros
- LC4 - New Jersey Dodgers vs. Vintages
- LC6 - Midwest Nine vs. Minnesota Goats
- PDC1 - Kenmore Eastern vs. Philadelphia Mustangs
- PDC2 - Cincinnati Colt .45s vs. National Spirit
- PDC3 - Chicago Fire vs. New Jersey Wonderboys
- PDC4 - Sacramento Buzzards vs. Wilmington Thunder
- PDC5 - Gray Foxes vs. Lake Erie Pirates
- TP2 - Florida Yankees vs. Long Island Express
- TP3 - DuPage Indians vs. Tallahassee Classics
- TP4 - Lehigh Baseball vs. Nova Scotia Monarchs

1 PM

- JB-S - Florida Storm vs. South Jersey Spikes
- LC-S - Minnesota Crosstown Traffic vs. Team America
- TP-S - Minnesota Bees vs. Washington Titans

*Keystone
Hawks catcher
Bill Churma
fires to first for
the out after
fielding an
Akron Brewers
bunt*



*photo by
Greg Wagner*



*New Jersey
Wonderboys 1st
baseman John
Jones takes the
throw as Albert
Slaunwhite of
the Nova Scotia
Monarchs tries
to leg it out*

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Tale of the tape, left..... New Jersey Wonderboys manager Tommy Faherty and home plate umpire Herm Brown between innings



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Long time Tidewater Drillers catcher Bobby McClary vs. Atlanta Baseball



photo by Greg Wagner

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.



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Wednesday Players of the Game

Alabama Bandits 22, Minnesota Twins 3: **Bandits** - Rick Bruce 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R
 Americans Baseball Club 18, Kent Mudhens 8: **Mudhens** - Robbie Obrecht inside-the-park slam, 2B, 4 RBI
 Asheville Sox 15, Philadelphia Mustangs 0: **Sox** - Jim Zitney 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R
 Chicago Bay Warriors 14, Minnesota Goats 12: **Warriors** - Mark Pearson 2x4, 1 HR, 4 RBI
 Chicago Blues 14, Wright Field Reds 13: **Blues** - Lance Eggermann 3x4, 3 SB
 Chicago Giants 7, Fort Myers Cubs 4: **Giants** - Lynn Strohl 9 IP win, Sean Hoye 2 hits, 3 RBIs
 DuPage Indians 5, Gray Foxes 3: **Gray Foxes** - Jim McArdle 2x3, 2 RBI
 Florida Storm 6, Maine Woods Baseball 5: **Maine Woods** - Ken Barnowski 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R
 Florida Yankees 15, Youngstown Astros 9: **Yankees** - Gregg Balin 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
 Kent Mudhens 10, San Antonio Texans 9: **Mudhens** - Greg VanValkenburgh K'd the last batter with 2 outs and bases loaded to save the win.
 Keystone Hawks 17, Akron Brewers 3: **Hawks** - Steve Bartek 2/3, Sac, BB, 3 RBI; 7 IP, 2 ER
 Lansing Blue Jays 18, DuPage Wildcats 11: **Blue Jays** - Dan Staebell 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
 Lehigh Baseball 9, Team America 6: **Lehigh** - Dave Barber 5 IP, 2 ER, 5 K, 1 BB; **Team America** - Tim Kostelnik HR, 3 RBI
 Minnesota Twins 16, Carolina Thunder 9: **Twins** - Casey Howell 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R
 Oakville Golden A's 22, Tuscaloosa Tornados 5: **Tornados** - Bob



New Jersey Wonderboys 3rd baseman Lou Hernandez applies the tag to Nova Scotia Monarchs baserunner Mickey Fox

photo by Greg Wagner

Christilaw 2x3, 1 RBI, 1 R
 Sacramento Buzzards 6, Minnesota Goats 5: **Buzzards** - Bill Bradish 2x3, 2B; **Goats** - Rick Engler 2x4, 1 RBI
 South Jersey Spikes 12, Chicago Fire 7: **Spikes** - Ed Costantini 4x5, 3 RBI, 2 R
 St Louis Grays 15, Pensacola Salt Bandits 5: **Grays** - Doug Moyer 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
 Tallahassee Classics 14, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 7: **Brewers** - Jerry Markovic 2x2, 2B, 2 runs, RBI; Jim Nice 2x1, 2 runs.
 Tidewater Drillers 5, Atlanta Baseball 4: **Drillers** - Thurston Walkins 2x3, 1 HR, 3 RBI
 Wilmington Thunder 7, Midwest Nine 3: **Thunder** - Mike Rozsak 2x3, 1 HR, 4 RBI

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



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