# Hobbs players embrace chance to 'suit up'

BY GLENN MILLER Roy Hobbs Baseball

> "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you are?" -Satchel Paige

Nobody at 60 or 70 or 80 can run, throw and hit the way they did in their teens or 20s.

That's an immutable fact.

Every Roy Hobbs player knows that, but love of the game and its camaraderie drives them to keep playing.

"I got to tell you," Mike Goduto of the Rhode Island Rockies said Thursday morning. "The way I look at it, we're old men playing a kid's game in the sunshine, beautiful fields and what's better than that?"

Goduto was standing next to teammate Gary Dadekian and looking at the three Hall of Fame banners hanging at Terry Park. The banners honor Hall of Famers who once played there.

Father Time caught up with the greatest of all time. Father Time is undefeated.

Roy Hobbs players know they can't physically do what they once did. Goduto and Dadekian know that..

But they're still playing and have no intention of quitting.

The same is true of 71-year-old Gary Goodrich of the Maine Bears. Before playing the Rockies he sat in the first base dugout at Terry Park and talked about the miracle of still playing at his age.

He doesn't dwell on the facts that he can't run, throw and hit like he did in the old days.

"I don't actually miss those old days because I'm still playing and the fact that I can still run reasonably well, throw OK," Goodrich said. "I feel blessed that I can still do this."

That's likely a sentiment widely shared throughout the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Goduto said he had both knees replaced about five years ago. When he returned to action he felt pretty good.

"I thought I was running fast," Goduto said.

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photo by Greg Wagner







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Then his wife, Terry, offered a scouting report.

She said, "You look like you're walking fast." Ouch.

"It kind of hits the ego a little bit," Goduto said.

Dadekian talked about how the brain sometimes forgets the body is about to turn 70

"Absolutely" Dadekian said. "The brain thinks you can do everything you could do back when you were 18 years old."

The brain is wrong.

Goduto will turn 70 in February. A man who turned 70 the year he was born (1965) would have been born in 1895. Babe Ruth was born in 1895.

Yet, Goduto still plays baseball and has no intention of quitting. His son, Michael, 42, has something to do with that.

Michael golfs and plays baseball. Goduto said his son's friends encourage him to quit baseball and focus on golf. But he won't quit.

"His answer is because my old man is still playing," Goduto said.



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Mike Goduto of the Rhode Island Rockies













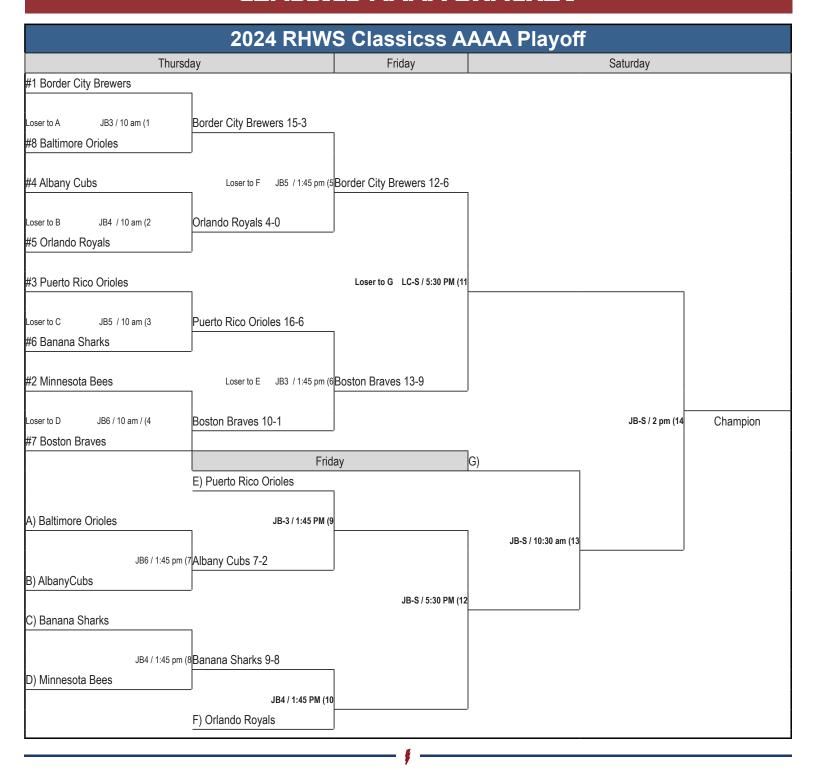




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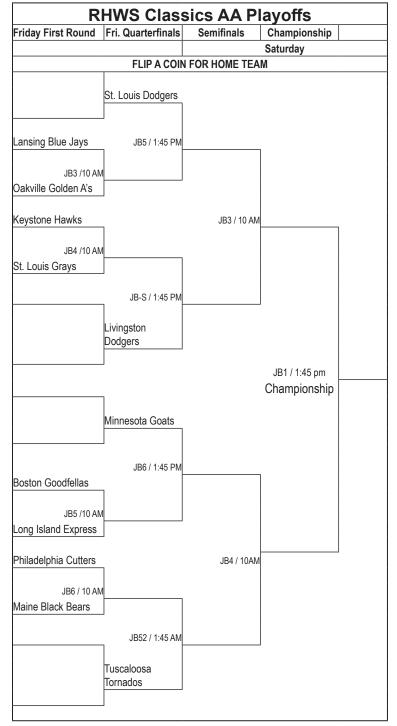


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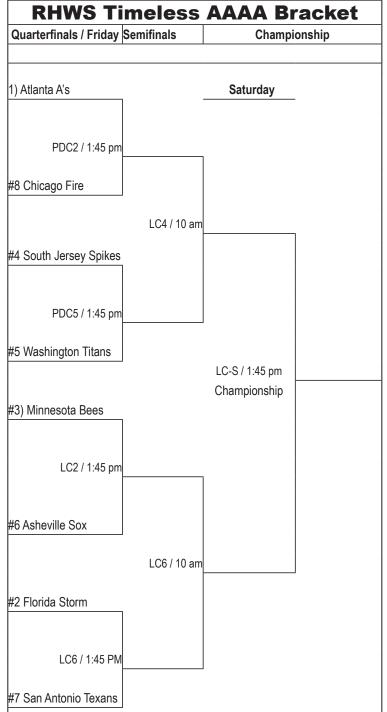




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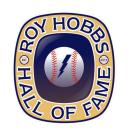








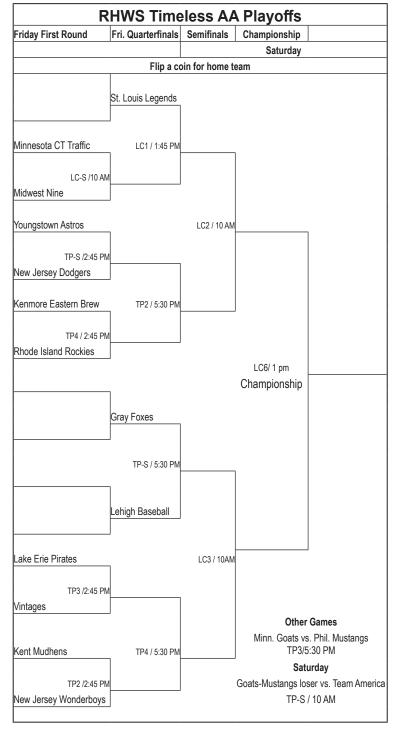
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# **STANDINGS**

Classics Playoff Standings							
S	AAA Division	w	L	PCT	RA	RA4	
1	Alabama Bandits	5	0	1.000	11	7	
2	Tidewater Drillers	5	0	1.000	27	18	
3	Atlanta Baseball	4	1	.800	15	10	
4	Chicago Giants	4	1	.800	28	18	
5	Nova Scotia Monarchs	4	1	.800	45	28	
6	Minnesota Twins	4	1	.800	63	41	
7	Pittsburgh South Hills	3	2	.600	38	18	
8	ChicagoBay Warriors	3	2	.600	44	21	
9	St Louis Patriots	3	2	.600	40	24	
10	Toledo McGuire	3	2	.600	38	25	
11	Chicago Blues	3	2	.600	54	37	
12	Minnesota Bandits	3	2	.600	61	39	
13	Fort Myers Cubs	3	2	.600	62	42	
14	Wright Field Reds	2.5	2.5	.500	69	52	
15	Washington Titans	2	3	.400	29	19	
16	Carolina Thunder	2	3	.400	42	26	

**Note:** Lower Number seed is home throughout playoffs; Matchups dictated by avoiding rematches where possible and not pairing teams from same neightborhoods.

	AA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
	St Louis Grays	2	3	.400	45	29
N	St Louis Dodgers	2	3	.400	53	31
0	Philadelphia Cutters	2	3	.400	51	32
	Oakville Golden A's	2	3	.400	45	33
S	Livingston Dodgers	2	3	.400	55	34
Е	Minnesota Goats	2	3	.400	53	35
Е	Tuscaloosa Tornados	2	3	.400	63	41
D	Lansing Blue Jays	2	3	.400	60	44
ı	Boston Goodfellas	1.5	3.5	.375	78	60
N	Long Island Express	1	3	.250	68	42
G	Maine Black Bears	1	4	.200	50	35
	Keystone Hawks	1	4	.200	60	38
	A Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
N	Bergen Yankees	1	4	.200	60	41
0	Americans Baseball Club	1	4	.200	61	42
	Akron Brewers	1	4	.200	61	43
S	DuPage Wildcats	1	4	.200	66	45
Е	Pensacola Salt Bandits	1	4	.200	67	49
Е	Cleveland Carps	1	4	.200	69	53
D	Kent Mudhens	1	4	.200	80	57

Non-playoff Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
New Hamp. Hammerheads	0	5	.000	52	34
Bonedogs	0	5	.000	85	60
Bonedogs vs. New Hampshire Hammerheads, Friday, 1:45 PM / LC-S					

**Timeless Playoff Standings** 

S	AAAA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Atlanta A's	5	0	1.000	19	10
2	Florida Storm	4.5	0.5	.900	23	11
3	Minnesota Bees	4.5	0.5	.900	33	21
4	South Jersey Spikes	4	1	.800	11	4
5	Washington Titans	4	1	.800	20	6
6	Asheville Sox	4	1	.800	15	9
7	San Antonio Texans	4	1	.800	30	20
8	Chicago Fire/3a	3	2	.600	46	31
Note:	Chicago Fire in AAAA having wor	AAA ir	า 2023			
S	AAA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	DuPage Indians	4	1	.800	32	21
2	St. Louis Patriots	4	1	.800	37	22
3	Cincinnati Colt .45s	4	1	.800	36	24
4	Florida Yankees	4	1	.800	48	33
5	Nova Scotia Monarchs	4	1	.800	46	34
6	Long Island Express	3	2	.600	26	14
7	Baltimore Baseball Club	3	2	.600	36	21
8	Sacramento Buzzards	3	2	.600	43	22
9	National Spirit	3	2	.600	37	25
10	Tallahassee Classics	3	2	.600	43	29
11	Maine Woods Baseball	2	3	.400	39	18
12	Wilmington NC Thunder	2	3	.400	50	21
S	AA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
N	St Louis Legends	2	3	.400	37	23
0	Lehigh Baseball	2	3	.400	48	34
	Gray Foxes	2	3	.400	40	35
S	Kent Mudhens	2	3	.400	55	39
Е	New Jersey Wonderboys	2	3	.400	61	44
Е	Vintages	1	4	.200	53	37
D	Rhode Island Rockies	1	4	.200	58	38
I	Lake Erie Pirates	1	4	.200	60	42
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IN	Kenmore Eastern Brewers	1	4	.200	75	49
G	Kenmore Eastern Brewers New Jersey Dodgers	1	4	.200	75 68	51
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	New Jersey Dodgers	1	4	.200	68	51







### **STANDINGS**

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S	Non-Playoff Division	w	L	PCT	RA	RA4
	Midwest Nine	0	5	.000	65	45
	Philadelphia Mustangs	0	5	.000	79	62
	Team America	0	5	.000	88	66
	Midwest 9 vs. Mustangs, Friday, 5:30 p.m. / TP3					
	Midwest-Mustangs loser vs. Team America, Saturday, 10 a.m. / TP-S					

#### **Timeless Thursday Results**

Asheville Sox 14, Kent Mudhens 4 Atlanta A's 16, St. Louis Patriots 9 Chicago Fire 16, New Jersey Wonderboys 15 Cincinnati Colt .45s 12, National Spirit 10 DuPage Indians 14, Tallahassee Classics 3 Florida Storm 2, South Jersey Spikes 1 Florida Yankees 12, Long Island Express 6 Gray Foxes 18, Lake Erie Pirates 6 Kenmore Eastern 14, Philadelphia Mustangs 8 Maine Woods Baseball 17, Rhode Island Rockies 1 Minnesota Goats 20, Midwest Nine 5 Minnesota Bees 14, Washington Titans 7 Minnesota Crosstown Traffic 22, Team America 15 Nova Scotia Monarchs 11, Lehigh Baseball 3 Sacramento Buzzards 13, Wilmington Thunder 4 San Antonio Texans 15, Baltimore Baseball 5 St. Louis Legends 14, Youngstown Astros 1 Vintages 7, New Jersey Dodgers 1

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Maine Woods leadoff hitter Eddie Klieman bunts for a base hit vs. the Rhode Island Rockies

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