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HOF ceremony pays tribute to class acts



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The second half of the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Class of 2024 (from left) Rich Seiler, Gary Foran, Jim Dyvig & Sam Ceci were inducted Saturday night at the Sidelines Sports Grill banquet.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame doors clanged open Saturday night to four new members -- Sam Ceci, Rich Seiler, Gary Foran and Jim Dyvig.

The largest turnout since the inaugural event in 2013 to see a Hall of Fame induction ceremony crammed into Sidelines Sport Bar & Grill in Fort Myers.

Nearly 100 people filled a room for a ceremony that also recognized four men for participating in all 35 Roy Hobbs World Series.

Those four: Troy Cox, Darrell Miller, Dave Mathews and Steve Elias. Elias was not at the event.

Early in the event, Roy Hobbs president Tom Giffen made

a point that opening the doors to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame is not merely about compiling statistics.

"We're talking about character," Giffen said.

That includes Ceci.

"A baseball resume that is very impressive," Giffen said of Ceci.

Ceci played on three USC College World Series championship team in the 1970s and has won about 10 Roy Hobbs World Series titles.

He reached Triple-A in the minors and played for legendary slugger Frank Howard on the Spokane Indians.

Howard liked to say, "Don't ever mistake my kindness for weakness."

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That could be a motto for the new Hall of Famers.

Gary Foran earned his way into the Hall of Fame by building adult amateur baseball in Nova Scotia and bringing numerous teams to the World Series.

As expected, the baseball season is shorter in Canada. Foran said his season runs roughly from the first week of June to the end of August.

He jokingly talked of how things work in Nova Scotia.

"We do a lot of it under the influence of beer," Foran said.

How did he grow the league?

"More beer," Foran said, presumably in jest.

Seriously, he added of baseball-playing Nova Scotians, "At the end of the day, guys love what they're doing."

Seiler set hitting records at the Naval Academy and went on to a distinguished career as a Naval aviator and Delta pilot "There is no question this is a serious man," Giffen said.

How did he earn his way onto Navy's baseball team? He noticed that Naval Academy athletes got to eat more and better food than other cadets.

"Whatever you wanted," Seiler said.

He not only made the team and ate better but hit .411 for his career, a record that still stands after more than 40 years.

Dyvig earned his way into the Hall of Fame building amateur baseball in Minnesota. He did it partly through love of the game and partly through business and administrative acumen.



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Roy Hobbs Co-Owner Ellen Giffen presented 35-year players with special wind shirts: Ellen Giffen, Dave Mathews, Darrell Miller & Troy Cox

He still recalls his first trip to Fort Myers and the World Series and his immediate impressions.

"The fields, the people you meet and get to know," Dyvig said.

Also recognized Saturday night was Meg Giffen, the daughter of Tom Giffen.

"We all love you," Tom said at the beginning of the event.

Meg encountered health challenges in 2024 but attended the event.

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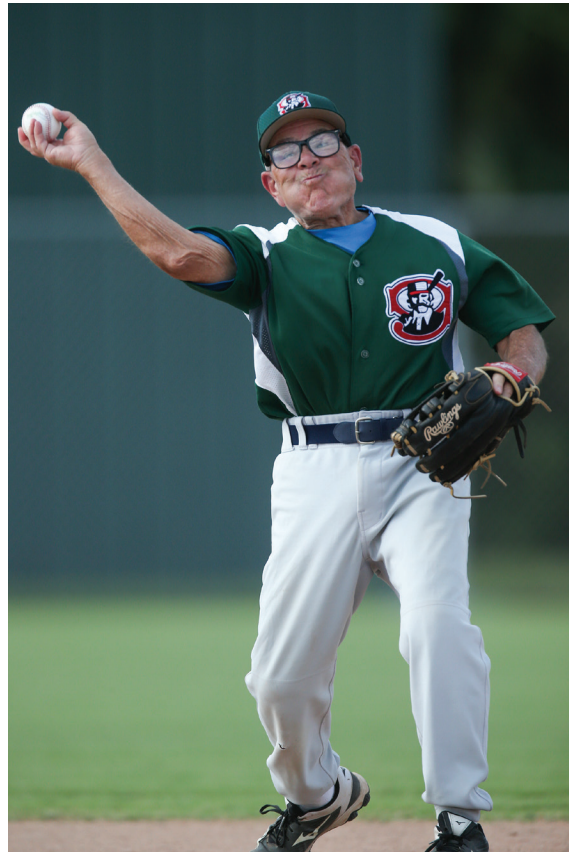
VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG SUNDAY RESULTS

2024 RHWS Vintage Sunday Results

- Americans Baseball 13, Livingston Dodgers 1
- Bergen Yankees 12, Huntsville Havoc 1
- Border City Brewers 17, Minnesota Bandits 1
- Carolina Rockies 13, S. Maryland Blue Crabs 12
- Chi-Town Cardinals 13, Oakville Golden A's 3
- Kenmore Eastern Brewers 13, Nova Scotia Monarchs 3
- Kent Mudhens 18, Blue Ridge Rangers 4
- Midwest Nine 15, DC Mets 5
- Nova Scotia Giants 17, New Jersey Dodgers 15
- Ott's Tavern 11, Bronx Cardinals 7
- Philadelphia Cutters 10, Sacramento Buzzards 9
- Raynham Baseball 12, Tampa Stars 4
- Richmond Riverdogs 20, Lansing Blue Jays 11
- San Antonio Texans 15, St. Louis Patriots 5
- Spokane DC Rapids 11, Minnesota Goats 1
- Team Albany 15, Silver Foxes 3
- USA Volkers Group 18, St. Louis Jets 17
- Washington Titans 17, DuPage Lugnuts 6
- Windy City White Sox 14, Long Island Express 9

2024 RHWS Forever Young Sunday Results

- Midwest Nine 20, White Foxes 6
- Mudville 9, Tri-Cities 1
- New England BoSox 7, Team America 5
- New England Red Sox 12, San Antonio Texans 9
- Potomac Senators 20, Kent Mudhens 4
- Team America 8, Maine Woods Baseball 7



Mudville Nine's 2nd baseman Jim Germano makes the play vs. Tri-Cities

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- Team Cambria 2, Maiden Titans 0
- Toledo Tigers 17, New Jersey Wonderboys 6

2024 RHWS Antiques Sunday Results

- South Dakota Rushmores 21, Avengers 11



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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG SUNDAY STANDINGS

Vintage Standings

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Americans Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	1
Bergen Yankees	1	0	1.000	1
Border City Brewers	1	0	1.000	1
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	1	0	1.000	1
Spokane DC Rapids	1	0	1.000	1
Chi-Town Cardinals	1	0	1.000	3
Team Albany	1	0	1.000	3
Kent Mudhens	1	0	1.000	4
Raynham Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	4
Midwest Nine	1	0	1.000	5
San Antonio Texans	1	0	1.000	5
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	6
Ott's Tavern	1	0	1.000	7
Philadelphia Cutters	1	0	1.000	9
Windy City White Sox	1	0	1.000	9
Richmond Riverdogs	1	0	1.000	11
Carolina Rockies	1	0	1.000	12
Nova Scotia Giants	1	0	1.000	15
USA Volkers Group	1	0	1.000	17
Sacramento Buzzards	0	1	.000	10
Bronx Cardinals	0	1	.000	11
Livingston Dodgers	0	1	.000	11
Minnesota Goats	0	1	.000	11
Huntsville Havoc	0	1	.000	12
Tampa Stars	0	1	.000	12
Southern Maryland Blue Crabs	0	1	.000	13
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	.000	13
Oakville Golden A's	0	1	.000	13
Long Island Express	0	1	.000	14
DC Mets	0	1	.000	15

Silver Foxes	0	1	.000	15
St. Louis Patriots	0	1	.000	15
DuPage Lugnuts	0	1	.000	17
Minnesota Bandits	0	1	.000	17
NJ Dodgers	0	1	.000	17
Blue Ridge Rangers	0	1	.000	18
St. Louis Jets	0	1	.000	18
Lansing Blue Jays	0	1	.000	20

Forever Young Standings

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Team Cambria	1	0	1.000	0
Mudville 9	1	0	1.000	1
Potomac Senators	1	0	1.000	4
New England Bosox	1	0	1.000	5
Midwest Nine	1	0	1.000	6
Toledo Tigers	1	0	1.000	7
New England Red Sox	1	0	1.000	9
Team America 75s	1	1	.500	14
Maiden Titans	0	1	.000	2
Tri-Cities	0	1	.000	7
Maine Woods Baseball	0	1	.000	8
San Antonio Texans	0	1	.000	12
New Jersey Wonderboys	0	1	.000	17
Kent Mudhens	0	1	.000	20
White Foxes	0	1	.000	20

Antiques Standings

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
South Dakota Rushmores	1	0	1.000	11
Avengers	0	1	.000	22
New England Red Sox	0	0	.000	0





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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG MONDAY SCHEDULE

2024 RHWS Vintage Monday Schedule

10 AM

- Lansing Blue Jays @ Sacramento Buzzards, JB-S
- DuPage Lugnuts @ Richmond Riverdogs, JB5
- Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Bronx Cardinals, JB6
- Tampa Stars @ DC Mets, LC-S
- Chi-Town Cardinals @ Nova Scotia Giants, PDC2
- Silver Foxes @ Kent Mudhens, TP-S
- Border City Brewers @ San Antonio Texans, TP2
- Philadelphia Cutters @ Minnesota Bandits, TP3
- Spokane DC Rapids @ St. Louis Patriots, TP4

1:45 PM

- Team Albany @ Raynham Baseball, JB-S
- Americans Baseball @ S. Maryland Blue Crabs, JB2
- Livingston Dodgers @ Long Island Express, JB3
- Windy City White Sox @ USA Volkers Group, JB4
- St. Louis Jets @ Carolina Rockies, JB5
- Midwest 9 @ Blue Ridge Rangers, LC-S
- Ott's Tavern @ New Jersey Dodgers, PDC4
- Oakville Golden A's @ Nova Scotia Monarchs, TP-S
- Minnesota Goats @ Bergen Yankees, TP2
- Washington Titans @ Huntsville Havoc, TP3

2024 RHWS Forever Young Monday Schedule

10 AM

- Potomac Senators @ White Foxes, JB2
- Midwest Nine @ Tri-Cities, JB3
- Toledo Tigers @ Mudville 9, JB4
- Team Cambria @ New England BoSox, PDC3
- Team America @ San Antonio Texans, PDC4
- Kent Mudhens @ New Jersey Wonderboys, PDC5



Kent Mud Hens 75's batter Rich Marcucci connects vs. the Potomac Senators

photo by Greg Wagner

1:45 PM

- Maine Woods Baseball @ Team Cambria, PDC3
- Maiden Titans @ New England Red Sox, PDC5

2024 RHWS Antiques Schedule

Monday 10 AM

- South Dakota Rushmores @ New England Red Sox, PDC1

Tuesday 10 AM

- New England Red Sox @ Avengers, JB6

Wednesday 10 AM

- South Dakota Rushmores @ Avengers, JB-S

Thursday 10 AM

- New England Red Sox @ South Dakota Rushmores, LC-S

Friday 10 AM

- Avengers @ New England Red Sox, 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 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 pitch 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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New Jersey Wonderboys 3rd baseman Lance Kolsky fires across the diamond for the out vs. the Toledo Tigers

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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.



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



*photo by Greg Wagner
Mudville Nine's catcher Tony Cabrera heads back to the dugout at the end of an inning vs. Tri-Cities*

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.





Sunday Players of the Game

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

Team Albany 15, Silver Foxes 3: **Albany** - Todd Gordon 7-inning complete game, 12 Ks, 1 BB

Americans Baseball 13, Livingston Dodgers 1: **Americans** - Dave Lutz 3x3, 2B, 4 RBIs, 3 R, 7 C in LF; Bob Martirano CG, 7 IP.

Bergen Yankees 12, Huntsville Havoc 1: **Yankees** - Steve Alemi complete game, no earned runs, 8 Ks.

Kenmore Eastern Brewers 13, Nova Scotia Monarchs 3: **Brewers** - George Hughes 1 R, 1 SB, 1 BB; **Monarchs** - Rob Hendrie 2x3, 1 RBI

Kent Mudhens 18, Blue Ridge Rangers 4: **Mudhens** - Gary Dover 7 IP, 4 R, CG

Mudville 9 7, Tri-Cities 1: **Mudville 9** - Billy Smith 7 IP, 1 R, 0 ER, 7 K; **Tri-Cities** - Randy Stimac 2x3, 1 R

Nova Scotia Giants 17, NJ Dodgers 15: **Dodgers** - Dave Zavracky 3x6, 4 SB, RBI

Philadelphia Cutters 10, Sacramento Buzzards 9: **Buzzards** - Johnny Lane 3x4

Potomac Senators 20, Kent Mudhens 4: **Senators** - Wayne Masefield 4x5, 3 HR, 8 RBI; **Mudhens** - Eddie Carter 2x4, 2 RBI, 1 R

Raynham Baseball 13, Tampa Stars 4: **Raynham** - Tony Catalano 4x5, 3 RBI, 2 R

Richmond Riverdogs 20, Lansing Blue Jays 11: **Riverdogs** - Jose Caballero 4x5, 3 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB

Team Cambria 2, Maiden Titans 0: **Cambria** - Al Alt CG SO, 8 Ks, 2 BB

Toledo Tigers 18, New Jersey Wonderboys 8: **Tigers** - Dick Woodward CG, 8 K, 2 BB.



Where can a guy get some green eyeblack? Only Wayne Masefield knows for sure

photo by Greg Wagner

USA Volkers Group 18, St. Louis Jets 17: **Jets** - Dave Blumhorst 2.1 IP, 3 Ks

Washington Titans 17, DuPage Lugnuts 6: **Lugnuts** - Chris Cassidy 2 hits, 3 RBI

Windy City White Sox 14, Long Island Express 9: **White Sox** - Lynn Strohl 3x4, 3 RBI, Vito Ruscio 2x3, 3 RBI, 2B, Angelo Consiglio 3x3, 2 RBI, Dwane Brenna 7 IP

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



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