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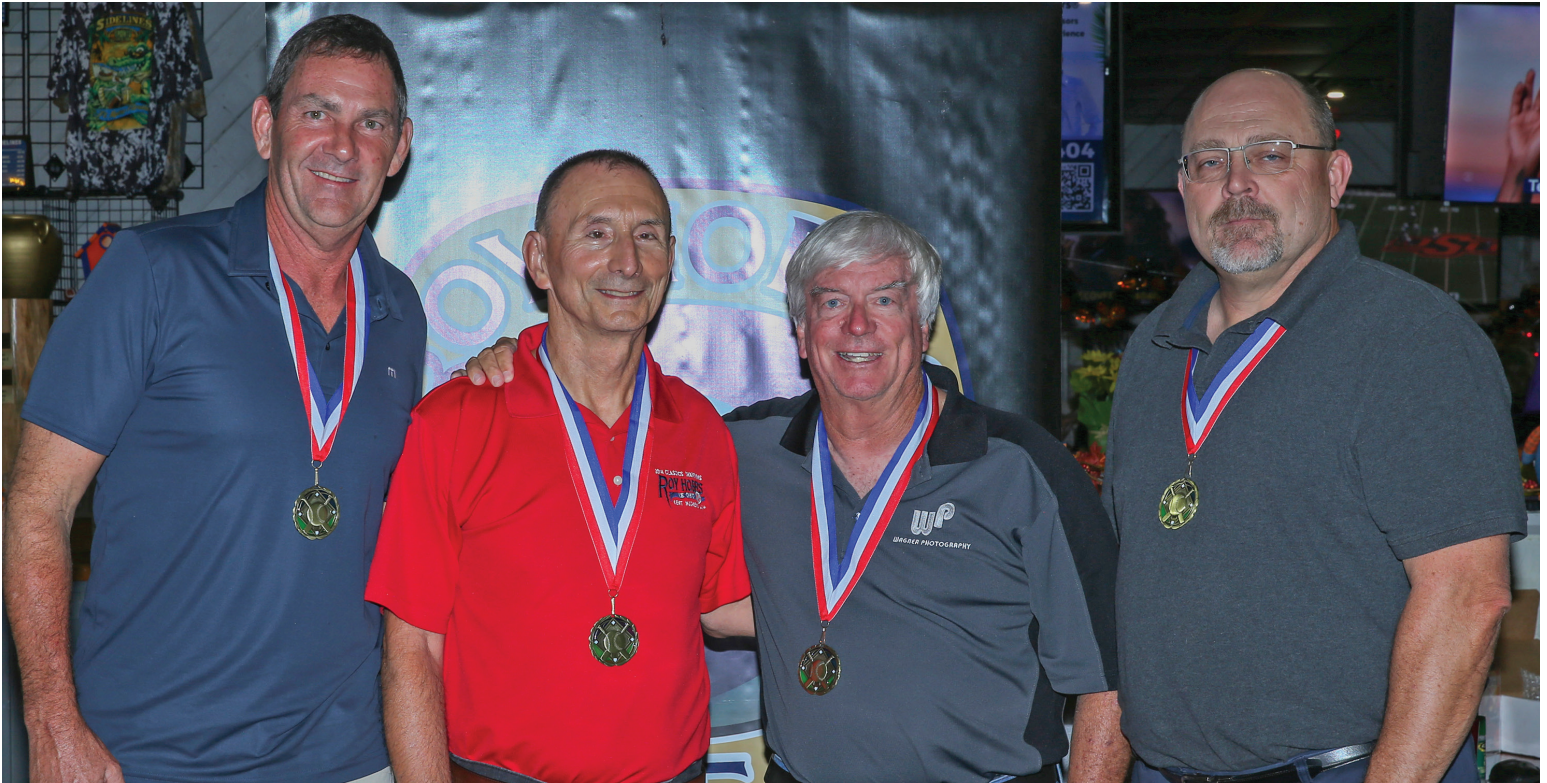


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Hall of Fame Honorees from Nov. 2 celebration (from left): Joe Williams, Bill Russo, Ambassador Greg Wagner & Rick Miller. Second celebration will be Nov. 16

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame inducted 3 new members Saturday night at Sidelines Sports Bar & Grill in Fort Myers. Joe Williams, Rick Miller and Bill Russo were inducted.

Photographer Greg Wagner, the 2024 Brian Mullen Ambassador of Baseball honoree, was also recognized at the event, which was MC'd by Roy Hobbs president Tom Giffen.

Rick Miller has been described as "country strong." What does that mean?

Part of it is never quitting, according to Miller. But there is more.

"If you get knocked down, get right back up," said Miller, whose dad, Thomas, 80, and mom, Janet, 79, attended the ceremony. "Keep getting up."

It's also been said of Miller, founder and manager of the Murfreesboro Mudcats and Tennessee Dirtbags, that he lives the rest of the baseball year for the Roy Hobbs World Series.

"It seems like everything else is practice for this," Miller said.

Russo is not only an excellent player and organizer, back

home in Ohio he has served as a member of the Solon City Council. He is an organizational wizard who helped build the Greater Cleveland Adult Baseball league from eight teams and one division to 25 teams and 4 age divisions since 2010.

How does he manage to do so much?

"If you want to get something done give it to a busy man," Giffen said.

That's Russo.

"It wasn't going anywhere," Russo said of the Cleveland league. "Guys asked me to take it over."

Joe Williams was respectfully dubbed "El Asesino" by Dominican Republic rivals. That translates to The Assassin.

"Probably the biggest compliment I ever got," Williams said.

It's a sign of respect for his ability as one of the best AAAA players in Roy Hobbs history.

Like all Roy Hobbs Hall of Famers, Williams has a profound love and respect for the game. As he walked through Sidelines he had a very slight limp.

"I just played all week," Williams said.

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He played 8 games last week and will play this week. The Hoover, Alabama resident typically bats in the heart of the lineup for AAAA teams.

Somebody at the event addressed Wagner as "Mr. Ambassador."

"I am the ambassador to Fiji," Wagner jokingly said.

Alas, for Wagner, being the Roy Hobbs Ambassador does not include paid trips to South Pacific islands.

Although Wagner joked about being ambassador to Fiji the honor means a great deal to him. He's been a part of the Roy Hobbs World Series since the inaugural event in 1989. His late father, Bob, helped bring the World Series to Fort Myers in 1993. Bob Wagner was inducted into the Hall of Fame in its inaugural class.

Bob Wagner died in 2001. Greg had 12 family members and friends on hand to see him honored.

Greg and his cameras have been World Series fixtures for more than a third of a century, creating vivid action and feature photos. His photos are featured in the Inside Pitch.

"Thanks for all you do," Giffen told him during the ceremony.

Four other 2024 Hall of Famers will be inducted Saturday, Nov. 16 in another ceremony at Sidelines. The event is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Scheduled to be inducted: Rich Seiler, Sam Cecil, Jim Dyvig and Gary Foran.



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White Bear Lake Bears left fielder Roger Huerta makes an outstanding catch of a Chicago Pilots fly ball

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Okaloosa Slammers 3rd baseman vs. the Florida Sharks.

There is still room for 1 team on the photography schedule for this week. Call or text Greg at 239-898-8677 ASAP



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LEGENDS SUNDAY RESULTS

Akron Summa Ortho Brewers 16, Dayton Angels 6
 Americans Baseball Club 22 RIMA Foxes 8
 Baltimore Krushers 14, Midwest Pirates 4
 Baltimore Krushers 18, Huntsville Havoc 15
 Banana Sharks 11, Akron Summa Ortho Brewers 1
 Banana Sharks 21, Chicago Jacks 1
 Canton Tigers 22, Bergen Yankees 7
 Chicago Knights 13, Baltimore Thunder 1
 Chicago North Redhawks 16, Carolina Thunder 0
 Chicago Woodpeckers 11, Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 6
 Crystal Clinic Indians 20, Kodak Reds 0
 Cuyahoga Indians 5, SouthEast Cardinals 13
 Dayton Angels 18, Albany Capitals 4
 Dayton Wolves 4, St Louis Patriots 2
 DC Pirates 14, Chicago Jacks 2
 DC Pirates 16, Chesapeake Rays 10
 DuPage Red Sox 8, Michigan Dodgers 2
 Florida Muskrats 12, Chesapeake Rays 2
 Florida Muskrats 15, Albany Capitals 1
 Florida Sharks 17, Okaloosa Slammers 7
 Glory Days 12, Minnesota Bandits 5
 HPK Oilers 13, Maine Black Bears 8
 Jersey Bananas 13, Chicago Giants 2
 Jersey Shore Hellcats 9, Midwest Pirates 3
 Lansing Blue Jays 23, Tidewater Drillers 7
 Long Island Patriots 14, Tennessee Dirtbags 7
 Minneapolis Millers 10, Nova Scotia Monarchs 7
 Minneapolis Millers 19, St Louis A's 17
 New Jersey Twins 21, Minnesota Cardinals 6



Florida Sharks baserunner Matt Brammer slides awkwardly into 2nd vs. the Okaloosa Slammers

photo by Greg Wagner

Nova Scotia Monarchs 12, USVI Hurricanes 8
 Oakville Golden A's 14, Philadelphia Generals 2
 Omaha Indians 12, Westchester Fury 8
 Orlando Blazers 23, Chicago Pilots 2
 Orlando Brewers 12, Fort Myers Cubs 1
 Pittsburgh 53s 10, PSOF Rangers/HY Builders 9
 Puerto Rico Caballeros 8, Albany Whiz 1
 South Dakota Rushmores 22, Minnesota Twins 5
 St Louis A's 20, Jersey Shore Hellcats 17
 Tampa Harbour Cats 25, Bellacino's Red Sox 5
 USVI Hurricanes 13, Huntsville Havoc 4
 Westchester Fury 15, Orlando Blazer 11
 White Bear Lake Bears 15, Chicago Pilots 0



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LEGENDS SUNDAY STANDINGS

Team	W	L	PCT	RA
Banana Sharks	2	0	1.000	2
Florida Muskrats	2	0	1.000	3
DC Pirates	2	0	1.000	12
Baltimore Krushers	2	0	1.000	19
Minneapolis Millers	2	0	1.000	24
Crystal Clinic Indians	1	0	1.000	0
White Bear Lake Bears	1	0	1.000	0
Chicago North Redhawks	1	0	1.000	0
Chicago Knights	1	0	1.000	1
Dayton Wolves	1	0	1.000	1
Orlando Brewers	1	0	1.000	1
Puerto Rico Caballeros	1	0	1.000	1
DuPage Red Sox	1	0	1.000	2
Jersey Bananas	1	0	1.000	2
Oakville Golden A's	1	0	1.000	2
Glory Days	1	0	1.000	5
South Dakota Rushmores	1	0	1.000	5
Tampa Harbour Cats	1	0	1.000	5
SouthEast Cardinals	1	0	1.000	5
Chicago Woodpeckers	1	0	1.000	6
Minnesota Twins	1	0	1.000	6
Canton Tigers	1	0	1.000	7
Florida Sharks	1	0	1.000	7
Lansing Blue Jays	1	0	1.000	7
Long Island Patriots	1	0	1.000	7
Americans Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	8
HPK Oilers	1	0	1.000	8
Omaha Indians	1	0	1.000	8
Pittsburgh 53s	1	0	1.000	9
USVI Hurricanes	1	1	.500	16
Ak Summa Ortho Brewers	1	1	.500	17
Orlando Blazers	1	1	.500	17

Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	1	.500	18
Dayton Angels	1	1	.500	20
Jersey Shore Hellcats	1	1	.500	23
Westchester Fury	1	1	.500	23
St Louis A's	1	1	.500	36
St Louis Patriots	0	1	.000	4
Albany Whiz	0	1	.000	8
Michigan Dodgers	0	1	.000	8
PSOF Rangers/HY Builders	0	1	.000	10
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	0	1	.000	11
Fort Myers Cubs	0	1	.000	12
Minnesota Bandits	0	1	.000	12
Cuyahoga Indians	0	1	.000	13
Baltimore Thunder	0	1	.000	13
Chicago Giants	0	1	.000	13
Maine Black Bears	0	1	.000	13
Philadelphia Generals	0	1	.000	14
Tennessee Dirtbags	0	1	.000	14
Carolina Thunder	0	1	.000	16
Okaloosa Slammers	0	1	.000	17
Kodak Reds	0	1	.000	20
Minnesota Cardinals	0	1	.000	21
Bergen Yankees	0	1	.000	22
New Jersey Twins	0	1	.000	22
RIMA Foxes	0	1	.000	22
Tidewater Drillers	0	1	.000	23
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	1	.000	25
Midwest Pirates	0	2	.000	23
Chesapeake Rays	0	2	.000	28
Huntsville Havoc	0	2	.000	31
Albany Capitals	0	2	.000	33
Chicago Jacks	0	2	.000	35
Chicago Pilots	0	2	.000	38





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LEGENDS MONDAY SCHEDULE

Monday's Games

10 AM

- Huntsville Havoc @ Minneapolis Millers, JB-S
- Banana Sharks @ Albany Capitals, JB2
- HPK Oilers @ St Louis Patriots, JB3
- Dayton Wolves @ Orlando Brewers, JB4
- Maine Black Bears @ Fort Myers Cubs, JB5
- Chesapeake Rays @ Dayton Angels, JB6
- RIMA Foxes @ New Jersey Twins, LC-S
- USVI Hurricanes @ Baltimore Krushers, LC1
- Americans Baseball Club @ SouthEast Cardinals, LC3
- Oakville Golden A's @ Minnesota Cardinals, LC4
- Philadelphia Generals @ Cuyahoga Indians, LC6
- Kodak Reds @ Chicago Knights, PDC1
- Chicago Woodpeckers @ Glory Days, PDC2
- Minnesota Twins @ Jersey Bananas, PDC3
- Twin Peaks Lumberjacks @ PSOF Rangers/HY Builders, PDC4
- Minnesota Bandits @ Pittsburgh 53s, PDC5
- Tampa Harbour Cats @ Westchester Fury, TP-S
- Orlando Blazers @ White Bear Lake Bears, TP2
- Chicago Pilots @ Bellacino's Red Sox, TP3
- Florida Muskrats @ DC Pirates, TP4

1:45 PM

- A. Summa Ortho Brewers @ Chicago Jacks, JB-S
- Long Island Patriots @ Michigan Dodgers, JB1
- South Dakota Rushmores @ Chicago North Redhawks, JB2

- Fort Myers Cubs @ Dayton Wolves, JB3
- St Louis Patriots @ Maine Black Bears, JB4
- Bergen Yankees @ Carolina Thunder, JB5
- Orlando Brewers @ HPK Oilers, JB6
- Cuyahoga Indians @ Americans Baseball Club, LC-S
- Canton Tigers @ Chicago Giants, LC2
- Minnesota Cardinals @ RIMA Foxes, LC3
- New Jersey Twins @ Philadelphia Generals, LC4
- SouthEast Cardinals @ Oakville Golden A's, LC6
- Tennessee Dirtbags @ Baltimore Thunder, PDC1
- PSOF Rangers/HY Builders @ Minnesota Bandits, PDC2
- Pittsburgh 53s @ Chicago Woodpeckers, PDC3
- Crystal Clinic Indians @ DuPage Red Sox, PDC4
- Glory Days @ Twin Peaks Lumberjacks, PDC5
- Tidewater Drillers @ Puerto Rico Caballeros, TP-S
- Florida Sharks @ Lansing Blue Jays, TP2
- Okaloosa Slammers @ Albany Whiz, TP3
- Omaha Indians @ Tampa Harbour Cats, TP4

5:30 PM

- Jersey Shore Hellcats @ Nova Scotia Monarchs, JB-S
- St Louis A's @ Midwest Pirates, LC-S
- Omaha Indians @ Bellacino's Red Sox, TP-S
- Albany Whiz @ Tidewater Drillers, TP2
- Puerto Rico Caballeros @ Florida Sharks, TP3
- Lansing Blue Jays @ Okaloosa Slammers, 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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photo by Greg Wagner
White Bear Lake Bears catcher Doug Tigner warming up the pitcher vs. the Chicago Pilots

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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.



*photo by Greg Wagner
Okaloosa Slammers shortstop and manager Bob Provost makes a basket catch vs. the Florida Sharks*





Sunday Players of the Game

Americans Baseball 22, RIMA Foxes 8: **Americans** - Eddie Serrano 4x4, 2 2B
 Baltimore Krushers 15, Midwest Pirates 4: **Krushers** - Mike Adelman complete game, Nick Santoro 4 hits, John Kutcher long fly ball catch.
 Baltimore Krushers 18, Huntsville Havoc 15: **Krushers** - John Kutcher 4x5, 1 BB
 Banana Sharks 22, Chicago Jacks 1: **Sharks** - Lenny Ward 5x5, 3 HR, 8 RBI
 Banana Sharks 22, Chicago Jacks 2: **Sharks** - Jeff Block 2x4, 1 RBI
 Canton Tigers 22, Bergen Yankees 7: **Tigers** - Rich Gilmore 4x4, 2B, 4 RBI
 Chicago Knights 13, Baltimore Thunder 1: **Knights** - Rick Hernandez 2x3
 Crystal Clinic Indians 20, Kodak Reds 0: **Indians** - Brett Hesser 5 IP in combined shutout, 7 Ks.
 Dayton Angels 16, Akron Summa Ortho Brewers 6: **Angels** - Juan Mateo 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 1 SB
 Dayton Angels 18, Albany Capitals 4: **Angels** - Jimmy Tesoriero pitched 5 IP complete, 0 R; John Bellamy 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI
 Dayton Wolves 4, St. Louis Patriots 2: **Patriots** - Don Elledge 2x3, 1 RBI, 1 R
 DC Pirates 13, Chicago Jacks 2: **Pirates** - Bob Lindgren 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R
 DuPage Red Sox 8, Michigan Dodgers 2: **Red Sox** - Jimmy Romano 2x4, 1 HR, 4 RBI
 Florida Muskrats 15, Albany Capitals 4: **Capitals** - Joey Careccia 2x3

Florida Sharks 17, Okaloosa Slammers 7: **Sharks** - Doug Johnson 3x3, 2 2B, 1 3B, 5 RBI, 2 BB
 Glory Days 12, Minnesota Bandits Red 5: **Glory Days** - Bob Down 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R
 Hellcats 10, Midwest Pirates 3: **Hellcats** - Gregg Balin WP, 5 IP, 1 hit, 0 ER; Jeff Ames 4 hits and 2 RBI.
 HPK Oilers 13, Maine Black Bears 8: **Oilers** - Bobby Klefsaas 6x6, 3 RBI, 2 R
 Jersey Bananas 13, Chicago Giants 2: **Bananas** - Steve Olszewski 2x3, Lynn Strohl 2x3.
 Minneapolis Millers 10, Nova Scotia Monarchs 7: **Millers** - Chad Schaefer 3x4, 3 RBI
 Minneapolis Millers 19, St. Louis A's 17: **Millers** - Jim Wolf 4x5, 1 BB
 New Jersey Twins 21, Minnesota Cardinals 6: **Twins** - Tony Meli 2-2, BB, SF, 2 SB, 3 RBI.
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 12, USVI Hurricanes 8: **Hurricanes** - Danny Rodriguez 3x4, 2 RBI, 1 HR
 Orlando Blazers 22, Chicago Pilots 2: **Blazers** - Miguel Ramirez 5 IP, 2 R, 2 H, 2 RBI
 Orlando Brewers 12, Fort Myers Cubs 1: **Brewers** - Kennon McA 4x5, 3 RBI, 2 R
 South Dakota Rushmores 22, Minnesota Twins 5: **Twins** - Matt Delany 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R
 USVI Hurricanes 13, Huntsville Havoc 4: **Hurricanes** - Raymond Cintron 4x5, 3 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB
 Westchester Fury 15, Orlando Blazers 11: **Fury** - Lou Vernagallo 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI; **Blazers** - Tony Caruso 5 IP, 1 ER, 3 K
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