

Baseball resume: facing legends, fueling youth

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs World Series

Jay Bobel's journey to becoming a Roy Hobbs World Series sponsor included pitching for the Salem Angels of the Northwest League in 1987.

The league that year included a couple of teenagers named Ken Griffey, Jr. and Pedro Martinez.

Gee, whatever became of those kids?

"I don't know what happened to Pedro," Bobel said. "Just kidding."

Bobel's journey also included pitching against two future Hall of Famers - Griffey and Barry Larkin. He faced Griffey in 1987 and again in 1988 in the California League. Bobel faced Larkin when Bobel was at Michigan State. Larkin, the future Cincinnati Reds shortstop, played for the University of Michigan.

Bobel, who now pitches for the Lansing Blue Jays, said Griffey and Larkin were a combined 0-for-11 against him.

"My biggest claim to fame," he said.

Bobel added, "I never struck out either of those guys, but



Jay Bobel of the Lansing Blue Jays

photo by Greg Wagner

throw just knuckleballs and pointed out, "If you throw that batting practice fastball and (bleeping) slider. ..."

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they never got a hit, either."

He recalls the ground Griffey covered in center.

"Effortlessly gliding," Bobel said.

Bobel's journey also includes pitching in an independent pro league at the age of 41 in 2006.

That was for the Calgary Vipers of the Northern League. His best pitch was a knuckleball. His first game he gave up two home runs.

"So, it was a rude awakening," Bobel said,

He ended the season 0-2 and with a 9.97 ERA. But he played pro ball at 41, 18 years after his career in affiliated leagues ended in the Class A California League.

Bobel started throwing the knuckleball in A ball.

"I can't throw my fastball by them," Bobel said.

His slider wasn't up to pro standards.

"I needed some smoke and mirrors," Bobel said.

Hence, the knuckleball. A Vipers coach told him to

AAA-AA-A Pairings Party Thursday night

Sidelines Sports Grill will host Roy Hobbs Legends Division AAA-AA-A 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.



BASEBALL RESUME

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Long before that he threw batting practice against a Michigan State football and baseball legend - Kirk Gibson. Gibson returned to Michigan State in the off-season for BP.

"He was the most intimidating guy, the meanest SOB," Bobel said.

If a BP pitcher failed to throw strikes the big-leaguer would curse about throwing the ball over the gosh-darn plate. But he did not say gosh-darn.

At 59, after more than 20 surgeries on his right shoulder, Bobel still pitches.

His company YouthFuel and its products help, he believes.

YouthFuel's advertising flyer proclaims that it can "roll back time, unleash your prime, throw harder- run faster - hit with power."

"The energy, for sure," Bobel said. "The healing. And with maintaining your muscle mass."

Now, it is connected with Roy Hobbs.

"I thought it was a perfect marriage," Bobel said.



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Americans Baseball Curt Tucker beat the throw to Cuyahoga Indians Sam Pitzulo, safe at second.

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LEGENDS MONDAY RESULTS

Albany Whiz 12, Tidewater Drillers 5
 Albany Whiz 14, Okaloosa Slammers 4
 Baltimore Krushers 5, USVI Hurricanes 4
 Banana Sharks 15, Albany Capitals 1
 Bergen Yankees 20, Carolina Thunder 10
 Chicago Giants 15, Canton Tigers 7
 Chicago Knights 15, Kodak Reds 5
 Chicago N. Redhawks 16, SD Rushmores 6
 Chicago Pilots 13, Bellacino's Red Sox 1
 Chicago Woodpeckers 13, Glory Days 7
 Crystal Clinic Indians 15, DuPage Red Sox 4
 Cuyahoga Indians 15, Americans Baseball 12
 Cuyahoga Indians 15, Philadelphia Generals 7
 Dayton Angels 19, Chesapeake Rays 9
 Florida Muskrats 24, DC Pirates 6
 Fort Myers Cubs 15, Maine Black Bears 5
 Fort Myers Cubs 8, Dayton Wolves 6
 HPK Oilers 16, St Louis Patriots 9
 Jersey Bananas 24, Minnesota Twins 12
 Lansing Blue Jays 16, Okaloosa Slammers 0
 Lansing Blue Jays 17, Florida Sharks 2
 Michigan Dodgers 12, Long Island Patriots 0
 Minneapolis Millers 16, Huntsville Havoc 12
 New Jersey Twins 16, Philadelphia Generals 6
 New Jersey Twins 5, RIMA Foxes 3
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 25, Hellcats 15
 Oakville Golden A's 15, Minnesota Cardinals 0
 Omaha Indians 14, Tampa Harbour Cats 0
 Omaha Indians 23, Bellacino's Red Sox 16
 Orlando Blazers 8, White Bear Lake Bears 2
 Orlando Brewers 11, Dayton Wolves 1
 Orlando Brewers 11, HPK Oilers 1



Okaloosa Slammers 1st baseman Bob Provost takes the throw vs. the Florida Sharks

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Pittsburgh 53s 14, Minnesota Bandits 4
 Pittsburgh 53s 9, Chicago Woodpeckers 2
 PSOF Rangers/HYB 11, TP Lumberjacks 10 (10)
 PSOF Rangers/HYB 23, Minnesota Bandits 7
 Puerto Rico Caballeros 10, Florida Sharks 4
 Puerto Rico Caballeros 9, Tidewater Drillers 1
 RIMA Foxes 10, Minnesota Cardinals 8
 SouthEast Cardinals 25, Americans Baseball 4
 SouthEast Cardinals 8, Oakville Golden A's 5
 St Louis A's 10, Midwest Pirates 7
 St Louis Patriots 8, Maine Black Bears 1
 Summa Ortho Brewers 8, Chicago Jacks 0
 Tennessee Dirtbags 15, Baltimore Thunder 10
 TP Lumberjacks 16, Glory Days 6
 Westchester Fury 13, Tampa Harbour Cats 2



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Team (Thru Monday Games)	W	L	PCT	RA
Banana Sharks	3	0	1.000	3
Orlando Brewers	3	0	1.000	3
Puerto Rico Caballeros	3	0	1.000	6
Florida Muskrats	3	0	1.000	9
Lansing Blue Jays	3	0	1.000	9
SouthEast Cardinals	3	0	1.000	14
Pittsburgh 53s	3	0	1.000	15
New Jersey Twins	3	0	1.000	16
Dayton Angels	3	0	1.000	19
Baltimore Krushers	3	0	1.000	23
Omaha Indians	3	0	1.000	24
Minneapolis Millers	3	0	1.000	36
Crystal Clinic Indians	2	0	1.000	4
Chicago North Redhawks	2	0	1.000	6
Chicago Knights	2	0	1.000	6
Jersey Bananas	2	0	1.000	14
Oakville Golden A's	2	1	.667	10
Albany Whiz	2	1	.667	17
Orlando Blazers	2	1	.667	19
Chicago Woodpeckers	2	1	.667	22
Fort Myers Cubs	2	1	.667	23
Westchester Fury	2	1	.667	25
PSOF Rangers/HY Builders	2	1	.667	27
HPK Oilers	2	1	.667	28
Cuyahoga Indians	2	1	.667	32
Nova Scotia Monarchs	2	1	.667	33
DC Pirates	2	1	.667	36
St Louis A's	2	1	.667	45
White Bear Lake Bears	1	1	.500	8
Michigan Dodgers	1	1	.500	8
DuPage Red Sox	1	1	.500	17
Long Island Patriots	1	1	.500	19

Chicago Giants	1	1	.500	20
South Dakota Rushmores	1	1	.500	21
Canton Tigers	1	1	.500	22
Tennessee Dirtbags	1	1	.500	24
Minnesota Twins	1	1	.500	30
Bergen Yankees	1	1	.500	32
Dayton Wolves	1	2	.333	20
USVI Hurricanes	1	2	.333	21
St Louis Patriots	1	2	.333	21
Ak Summa Ortho Brewers	1	2	.333	27
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	1	2	.333	28
Tampa Harbour Cats	1	2	.333	32
Florida Sharks	1	2	.333	34
Glory Days	1	2	.333	34
RIMA Foxes	1	2	.333	35
Chicago Pilots	1	2	.333	39
Hellcats	1	2	.333	48
Americans Baseball Club	1	2	.333	48
Baltimore Thunder	0	2	.000	28
Kodak Reds	0	2	.000	35
Carolina Thunder	0	2	.000	36
Albany Capitals	0	2	.000	48
Midwest Pirates	0	3	.000	33
Maine Black Bears	0	3	.000	36
Chicago Jacks	0	3	.000	43
Tidewater Drillers	0	3	.000	44
Philadelphia Generals	0	3	.000	45
Minnesota Cardinals	0	3	.000	46
Okaloosa Slammers	0	3	.000	47
Chesapeake Rays	0	3	.000	47
Huntsville Havoc	0	3	.000	47
Minnesota Bandits	0	3	.000	49
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	3	.000	61





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LEGENDS TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday's Games

10 AM

- Jersey Bananas @ Canton Tigers, JB-S
- Chicago Giants @ South Dakota Rushmores, JB2
- Chicago North Redhawks @ Bergen Yankees, JB3
- Carolina Thunder @ Minnesota Twins, JB4
- Tidewater Drillers @ Florida Sharks, JB5
- Okaloosa Slammers @ Puerto Rico Caballeros, JB6
- Baltimore Thunder @ DuPage Red Sox, LC-S
- Long Island Patriots @ Kodak Reds, LC4
- Michigan Dodgers @ Tennessee Dirtbags, LC6
- A. Summa Ortho Brewers @ DC Pirates, PDC1
- USVI Hurricanes @ Jersey Shore Hellcats, PDC2
- Fort Myers Cubs @ St Louis Patriots, PDC3
- Bellacino's Red Sox @ White Bear Lake Bears, PDC4
- Maine Black Bears @ Orlando Brewers, PDC5
- PSOF Rangers/HY Builders @ Glory Days, TP-S
- Twin Peaks Lumberjacks @ Pittsburgh 53s, TP2
- RIMA Foxes @ Oakville Golden A's, TP3
- Minnesota Cardinals @ Americans Baseball Club, TP4

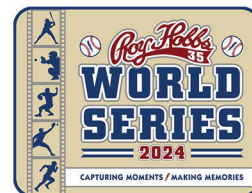
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- Bergen Yankees @ South Dakota Rushmores, JB-S

- Chicago Pilots @ Omaha Indians, JB1
 - Jersey Bananas @ Carolina Thunder, JB2
 - Minnesota Twins @ Chicago Giants, JB3
 - Chicago North Redhawks @ Canton Tigers, JB4
 - Chicago Jacks @ Dayton Angels, JB5
 - Albany Whiz @ Lansing Blue Jays, JB6
 - Dayton Wolves @ HPK Oilers, LC-S
 - Michigan Dodgers @ Crystal Clinic Indians+1:45 AM+LC2
 - Baltimore Thunder @ Kodak Reds, LC3
 - DuPage Red Sox @ Tennessee Dirtbags, LC4
 - Chicago Knights @ Long Island Patriots, LC6
 - Albany Capitals @ Chesapeake Rays, PDC1
 - Tampa Harbour Cats @ Orlando Blazers, PDC2
 - Midwest Pirates @ Minneapolis Millers, PDC3
 - St Louis A's @ Baltimore Krushers, PDC4
 - White Bear Lake Bears @ Westchester Fury, PDC5
 - Minnesota Bandits @ Chicago Woodpeckers, TP-S
 - Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Huntsville Havoc, TP2
 - Cuyahoga Indians @ New Jersey Twins, TP4
- #### 5:30 PM
- Florida Muskrats @ Banana Sharks, JB-S
 - Crystal Clinic Indians @ Chicago Knights, LC-S
 - Philadelphia Generals @ SouthEast Cardinals, TP-S



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NOTEBOOK

4A pairings meeting & Wednesday games

Managers of potential 4A teams should plan to attend the AAAA pairings meeting Tuesday (today) at 5 p.m., or shortly thereafter, at PDC.

We will review records, runs-allowed, competition and W-L record for the week. It is possible for 2-2 teams to advance to the AAAA playoff.

We will also discuss the roster rules for the 4A playoffs so there will be no surprises on Thursday.

4A playoffs will begin Thursday at Lee Health Sports Complex.

Non-4AAAA games will be played Wednesday; teams will flip a coin for home team. **Whenever RH has an odd number of teams, someone gets a bye Thru to the A playoffs. The 1-3 team with the most runs allowed is chosen in most cases but will call to notify the team.**

Teams will be matched by record and there are no rematches; however, quite a few teams need a stadium game Wednesday and that will drive the pairings.

Thursday's 8-team 4A seedings and Wednesday's schedule will be found on the schedule page of Wednesday's Inside Pitch and at royhobbs.com.



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.



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Cuyahoga Indians batter Sam Pitzulo trying to direct his foul ball to go out of play

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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.

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.



photo by Greg Wagner
Chicago Pilots catcher Chris Fuemmeler gave it his all on a foul pop up vs. the White Bear Lake Bears





Monday Players of the Game

Akron Summa Ortho Brewers 8, Chicago Jacks 0: **Brewers** - Mike Medina 2x3, 1 RBI, 2 R
 Albany Whiz 14, Okaloosa Slammers 4: **Whiz** - Jeff Friedman 3x4, 2B, 2 RBI
 Americans Baseball 22, RIMA Foxes 8: **Americans** - Mike Hoadley 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 BB
 Baltimore Krushers 5, USVI Hurricanes 4: **Krushers** - Clark Peterson 1x2, 3B, 4 RBI; **Hurricanes** - Cruz Soto 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R
 Chicago Giants 15, Canton Tigers 7: **Giants** - Bill Harrison 3x3, HR, 4 RBI, Lynn Strohl 7 IP for the win.
 Chicago Woodpeckers 13, Glory Days 7: **Woodpeckers** - Jeff LaPorta 1x4, 3-run HR
 Fort Myers Cubs 8, Dayton Wolves 6: **Cubs** - Tim McCoy 7.2 IP, 2 ER; **Wolves** - Steve Bertles 3x4, Mike Barhorst 3x4, Rich Dimel 3x4, 2 RBI
 HPK Oilers 16, St. Louis Patriots 9: **Oilers** - John Jensen 3x3, 2 RBI, 3 R, Dave Hinkemyer W
 Lansing Blue Jays 23, Tidewater Drillers 7: **Blue Jays** - Randy Moss 3x4, 2 2B, 1 BB
 Long Island Patriots 14, Tennessee Dirtbags 7: Patriots - Howard Gully 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 1 SB
 Michigan Dodgers 11, Long Island Patriots 0: **Dodgers** - Carlito Araujo 4x4, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R; **Patriots** - Felix Ojeda 2x2
 Minneapolis Millers 17, Huntsville Havoc 12: **Millers** - Doug Berfeldt 5x5, 2B, 3B; Doug Ohs 5.2 innings

New Jersey Twins 6, RIMA Foxes 3: **Twins** - Joe Rosado WP 5.2 IP, 2 R, 4 K, Bill Vitolo S 3.1 IP, 1 R; **Foxes** - Rich Pacino 2x4, 1 RBI
 Oakville Golden A's 14, Philadelphia Generals 2: **A's** - John Brannon 2x3, 1 RBI, 1 SB
 Omaha Indians 12, Westchester Fury 8: **Indians** - Dan Marino 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
 Omaha Indians 14, Tampa Harbor Cats 0: **Indians** - Dan Critser 4x4, 2 HR, 5 RBI
 Orlando Blazers 8, White Bear Lake Bears 2: **Blazers** - Joe Hamilla 6 IP, 3 hits, 0 R, 1-1 at the plate
 Orlando Brewers 11, Dayton Wolves 1: **Brewers** - Mike Smith 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI; Charlie King 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
 Orlando Brewers 11, HPK Oilers 1: **Brewers** - Craig Mardsen 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI; Cosgrove 2 shutout innings, 3 Ks, 1 BB
 RIMA Foxes 10, Minnesota Cardinals 8: **Foxes** - Andy Crellin 4x5, 2B, 3 RBI, 1 R
 SouthEast Cardinals 25, Americans Baseball 4: **Cardinals** - C Den Linehan 3x3, 3 RBI, 2B, 2 runners thrown out
 SouthEast Cardinals 8, Oakville Golden A's 5: **Cardinals** - Jack Kaffer 2 wins pitching today.
 Tennessee Dirtbags 15, Baltimore Thunder 10: **Dirtbags** - Craig Rafferty 2 hits, 1 RBI, 4 IP, 3 hits, 2 runs allowed
 TP Lumberjacks 16, Glory Days 6: **Lumberjacks** - Jerry Matarazzo 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Will 2x4, 3 RBI, 1 HR
 Westchester Fury 14, Tampa Harbor Cats 2: **Fury** - Mike Zuccaro 2-hit complete game, 8 Ks.

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



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