## Origins of RHWS team names are eclectic



photo by Greg Wagner

The White Bear Lake Bears team name pays homage to the Minnesota town and its high school

#### BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Minnesota Twins will report to spring training at the Lee Health Sports Complex in February.

The Minnesota Twins played this week at the Lee Health Sports Complex.

Wait! Which is it?

Well, it's both.

The MLB Twins managed by Rocco Baldelli will be at the facility in three months.

The Roy Hobbs World Series Twins managed by Cape Coral resident Eric Nelson are playing this week.

These Twins are like many Roy Hobbs teams. Some names pay homage to big-league teams. Others have creative names. Others sport sponsor names.

Nelson said he's been going to Twins fantasy camps for about 15 years. He prefers the World Series to fantasy camps. "This is more like real baseball," Nelson said.

The Jersey Shore Hellcats are playing this week. A history buff might assume the team is named for a World War II fighter plane, the Grumman F6F Hellcat. A history buff would be wrong.

Hellcats' manager Gregg Balin said the team name is homage to his car.

"I drive a Challenger Hellcat," said Balin, a resident of Ocean City, N.J.

He said he's driven the car as fast as 150 mph. Presumably, that was not in the PDC parking lot.

Bellacino's Red Sox is named for its sponsor, a restaurant chain with a location in Fort Myers on Six Mile Cypress Parkway. A quick Google Maps shows the restaurant is located 5.8 miles from Hammond Stadium and 5.8 miles from Terry Park.

The restaurant's full name is Bellacino's Pizza & Grinders. Pat O'Neal of the Red Sox was asked what he likes at Bellacino's.

"The pizza is good, and I also like the grinders," O'Neal said.

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#### team names

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Well, that makes sense.

As he spoke Tuesday morning at the PDC, O'Neal said his team had yet to win a game.

"We could always do better," O'Neal said. "There's always hope."

Yes, but the Red Sox went on to lose 17-5 Tuesday morning to the White Bear Lake Bears.

The Bears come from a town in Minnesota called White Bear Lake, which manager Troy Timermanis described as a northeast suburb of St. Paul.

The team name pays homage to the town and its high school,

"That's exactly it," Timermanis said.

He was asked if any famous players come from the town.

"No one from White Bear Lake is a famous baseball player," said Timemanis, who owns Bear Pest Control in White Bear Lake.

A Google search for MLB players from the town turned up one born there. That would be 5-foot-6 second baseman Rip Conway, whose "career" consisted of 14 games in 1918 for the Boston Braves.

The main things for the men on the teams are not the teams or the history of players or planes or cars.

"We're still playing a kid's game," Timermanis, 54, said.



Baltimore
Krushers 2nd
baseman Dave
Hughes tags
St. Louis A's
baserunner Ray
Roskos before
throwing to first
to complete the
double play

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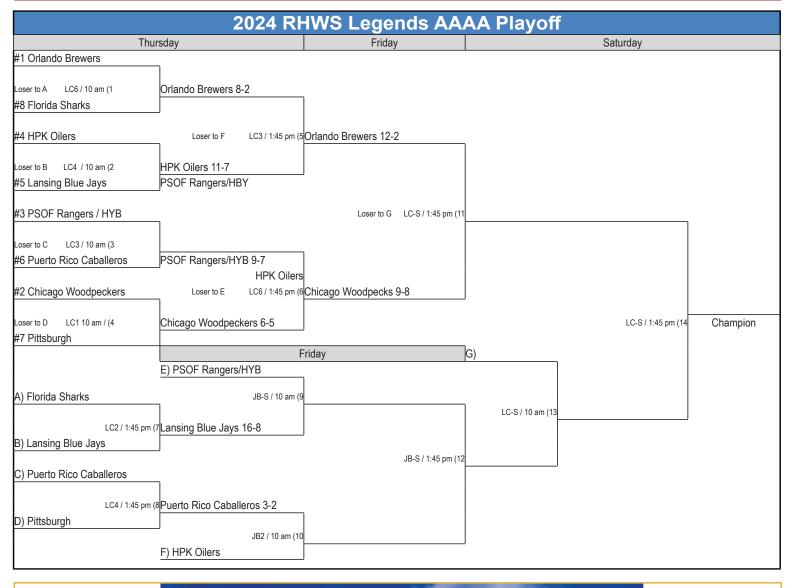




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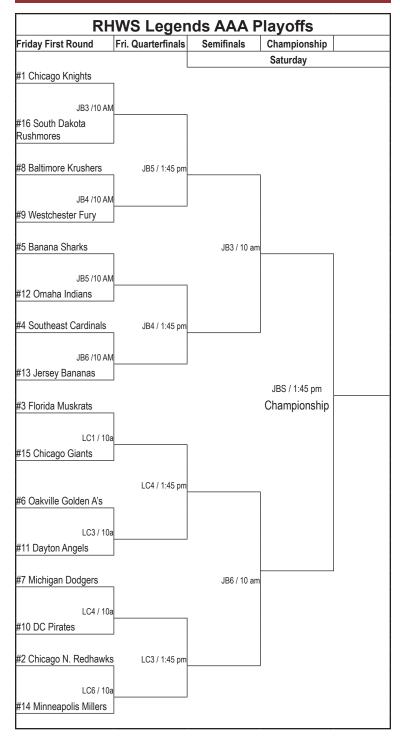


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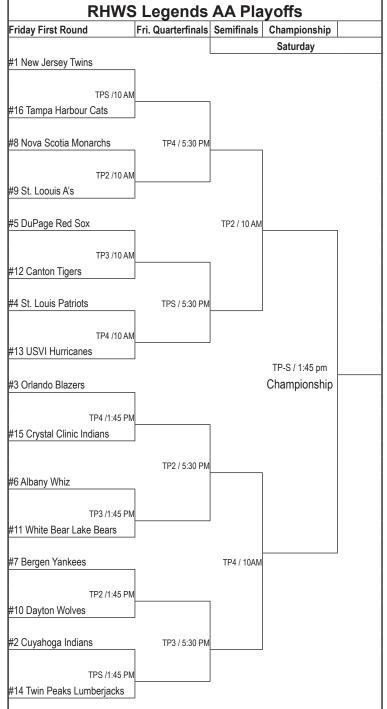


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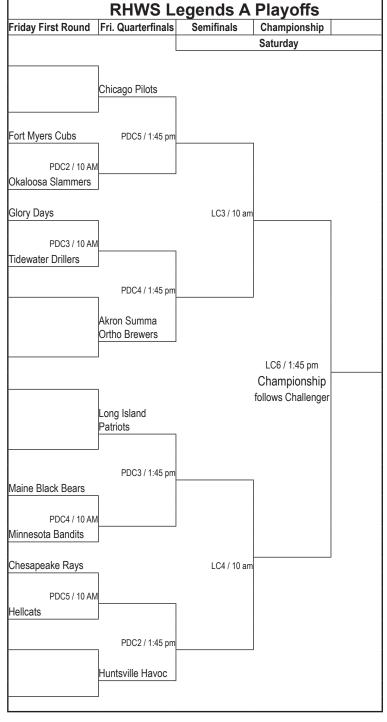






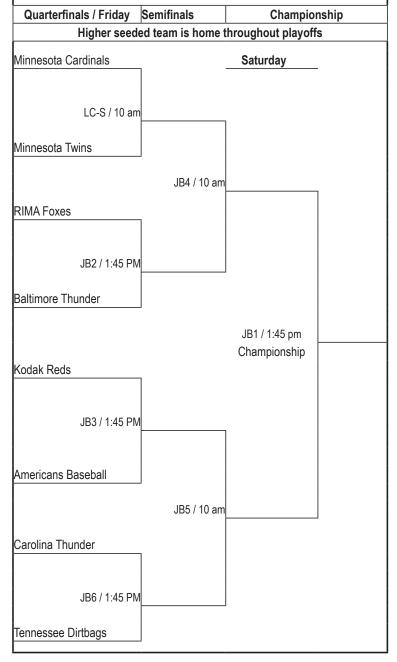


#### **LEGENDS A BRACKET**



#### LEGENDS B BRACKET











### THURSDAY RESULTS

#### **AAAA Playoffs**

Round 1

#1 Orlando Brewers 8, #8 Florida Sharks 2 #4 HPK Oilers 11, #5 Lansing Bue Jays 7

#3 PSOF Rangers/HBY 9, #6 Puerto Rico Caballeros 7

#2 Chicago Woodpeckers 6, #7 Pittsburgh 5

**Second Round winners Bracket** 

#1 Orlando Brewers 12, #3 PSOF Rangers/HYB 2

#2 Chicago Woodpeckers 9, #4 HPK Oilers 8

**Second Round Losers Bracket** 

#5 Lansing Blue Jays 16, #8 Florida Sharks 8 #6 Puerto Rico Caballeros 3, #7 Pittsburgh 2

Thursday's Pool Games

Baltimore Thunder 19, Kodak Reds 11 Bergen Yankees 18, South Dakota Rushmores 5 Chesapeake Rays 18, Albany Capitals 15 Chicago Giants 19, Minnesota Twins 6 Chicago Knights 19, Long Island Patriots 3 Chicago North Redhawks 7, Canton Tigers 6 Dayton Angels 23, Chicago Jacks 7 Florida Muskrats 15, Banana Sharks 3 Michigan Dodgers 19, Crystal Clinic Indians 5 Minneapolis Millers 13, Midwest Pirates 3

Omaha Indians 11, Chicago Pilots 10 Orlando Blazers 7, Tampa Harbour Cats 6

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photo by Greg Wagner Cuyahoga Indians center fielder Jack Gould turns an apparent Americans base hit up the middle into a fielder's choice by forcing a runner at 2nd











## THURSDAY STANDINGS

## **Legends Playoff Standings**

S	53+ AAA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4		
1	Chicago Knights	5	0	1.000	14	9		
2	Chicago North Redhawks	5	0	1.000	16	10		
3	Florida Muskrats	5	0	1.000	17	11		
4	SouthEast Cardinals	5	0	1.000	20	15		
5	Banana Sharks	4	1	.800	19	4		
6	Oakville Golden A's	4	1	.800	15	7		
7	Michigan Dodgers	4	1	.800	16	8		
8	Baltimore Krushers	4	1	.800	28	13		
9	Westchester Fury	4	1	.800	27	15		
10	DC Pirates	4	1	.800	44	20		
11	Dayton Angels	4	1	.800	38	22		
12	Omaha Indians	4	1	.800	52	24		
13	Jersey Bananas	4	1	.800	45	29		
14	Minneapolis Millers	4	1	.800	52	35		
15	Chicago Giants	3	2	.600	40	11		
16	South Dakota Rushmores	2	2	.500	44	25		

**Note:** Rushmores won 2023 AA, move up by rule. Switched 14-15 seeds in bracket to avoid area matchup

S	53+ AA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	New Jersey Twins	3	2	.600	38	12
2	Cuyahoga Indians	3	2	.600	36	13
3	Orlando Blazers	3	2	.600	30	15
4	St Louis Patriots	3	2	.600	34	16
5	DuPage Red Sox	3	2	.600	43	17
6	Albany Whiz	3	2	.600	31	20
7	Bergen Yankees	3	2	.600	47	25
8	Nova Scotia Monarchs	3	2	.600	45	35
9	St Louis A's	3	2	.600	57	40
10	Dayton Wolves	2	3	.400	26	15
11	White Bear Lake Bears	2	3	.400	31	22
12	Canton Tigers	2	3	.400	41	26-14-7
13	USVI Hurricanes	2	3	.400	42	26-14-9
14	Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	2	3	.400	37	26-15-9
15	Crystal Clinic Indians	2	3	.400	45	26-15-11
16	Tampa Harbour Cats	2	3	.400	47	33
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**Note:** Switched 14-15 seeds in bracket to avoid neighborhood matchup.

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	53+ A Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4	
n	Fort Myers Cubs	2	3	.400	52	35	
0	Glory Days	2	3	.400	54	38	
	Huntsville Havoc	2	3	.400	58	40	
S	Chesapeake Rays	2	3	.400	62	41	
е	Hellcats	2	3	.400	68	43	
е	Maine Black Bears	1	4	.200	47	34	
d	Tidewater Drillers	1	4	.200	57	34	
i	Okaloosa Slammers	1	4	.200	61	38	



Long Island
Patriots 2nd
baseman Joe
Caruso covers
2nd vs. The
Bergen Yankees

photo by Greg Wagner

n	Long Island Patriots	1	4	.200	58	39
g	Ak Summa Ortho Brewers	1	4	.200	60	39
	Minnesota Bandits	1	4	.200	62	39
	Chicago Pilots	1	4	.200	64	41-26

**Note:** no seeding A; teams assigned at discrestion of Roy Hobbs.

	53+ B Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4	
n	RIMA Foxes	1	4	.200	63	41-27	
0	Tennessee Dirtbags	1	4	.200	66	43	
	Carolina Thunder	1	4	.200	66	45	
S	Kodak Reds	1	4	.200	67	47	
е	Baltimore Thunder	1	4	.200	64	49	
е	Minnesota Cardinals	1	4	.200	72	51	
d	Minnesota Twins	1	4	.200	90	66	
S	Americans Baseball Club	1	3	.250	65	65	

**Note:** no seeding A; teams assigned at discrestion of Roy Hobbs.

53+ Non-Playoff Division	w	L	РСТ	RA	RA4
Midwest Pirates	0	5	.000	61	41
Chicago Jacks	0	5	.000	78	58
Philadelphia Generals	0	5	.000	78	60
Albany Capitals	0	5	.000	79	61
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	5	.000	95	72

Friday Matchups	
Flip a coin for home team	
Albany Capitals vs. Philadelphia Generals, 10 a.m., PDC1	
Chicago Jacks vs. Midwest Pirates, 1:45 p.m., LC2	
Captials-Generals loser vs. Bellicino's Red Sox, 1:45 p PDC1	.m.,







#### Tuesday-Thursday Players of the Game

- Americans Baseball 22, RIMA Foxes 8: **Americans** Mike Hoadley 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 BB
- Baltimore Krushers 6, St. Louis A's 5: **Krushers -** Clark Peterson bases loaded 2B, John Kutcher 2x3, 2 RBI
- Baltimore Thunder 19, Kodak Reds 11: **Thunder** Adrian Harris 3x3, 2 2B, 1 single, 4 RBI, 8 innings caught
- Banana Sharks 12, Dayton Angels 1: Sharks Eddie Morevac 7 IP, 1 R. 6 K
- Carolina Thunder 15, Minnesota Twins 0: **Thunder** Brian Timmes 5 IP, 0 R, 7 K, 1 BB
- Chicago Giants 4, South Dakota Rushmores 3: Giants Rich Alvarez 7 IP for the win, Bill Harrison 2x3
- Chicago Knights 8, Baltimore Krushers 1: **Krushers -** Erik Mueller to Dave Hughes to Ken Keller cut down a runner at the plate.
- Chicago North Redhawks 7, Bergen Yankees 1: **Yankees** Jason Leyner 2x3, BB, R
- Dayton Angels 24, Chicago Jacks 7: **Angels -** Jeff Block 2x4, 1 RBI, 1
- DC Pirates 10, New Jersey Twins 6: **Pirates** Bill Fauci 3x4, 3B, 2 RBI; Pete Scalers 2x3, 2 R.
- DuPage Red Sox 14, Baltimore Thunder 7: **Red Sox -** Freddie Falkowski 4x4, flawless at shortstop; **Thunder -** Hayami Arakawa 3x4, 1 3B, 1 2B, 1 RBI
- Florida Sharks 10, Tidewater Drillers 9: **Sharks -** Robert Wazmund 3x3, walk-off winning hit.
- Glory Days 12, Akron Summa Ortho Brewers 5: **Glory Days -** Joe DeSantis 8 IP, 5 H, 3 ER, 10 K, 1 BB
- Hellcats 16, USVI Hurricanes 4: **Hellcats -** Dave Carter 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 SB
- HPK Oilers 11, Lansing Blue Jays 7: **Oilers -** Kyle Messner 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R
- HPK Oilers 16, St. Louis Patriots 8: **Oilers -** Rick Mundy 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R
- HPK Oilers 5, Dayton Wolves 4: **Oilers -** Richie Bordius 2 hits, winning pitcher
- Kodak Reds 3, Long Island Patriots 2: **Reds** Doug Latham 2x3, 1 RBI, game-winning hit in the 8th inning; **Patriots -** Dickens Malave 0 ER, suicide squeeze RBI
- Lansing Blue Jays 16, Okaloosa Slammers 0: **Blue Jays -** Mike Franco 4 shutout innings, 0 hits
- Lansing Blue Jays 17, Florida Sharks 2: **Blue Jays -** Chris Galloway 4 IP, 2 H, 0 ER, 5 K
- Michigan Dodgers 14, Tennessee Dirtbags 2: **Dodgers -** Pedro Valero 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
- Michigan Dodgers 19, Crystal Clinic Indians 5: **Dodgers -** Carlos Polanco 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI
- Michigan Dodgers 5, Orlando Blazers 1: **Dodgers -** Pedro Baez 2x4, 1 RBI, 7 K
- Minneapolis Millers 13, Midwest Pirates 3: **Millers -** Doug Berfeldt 4x4, HR, 6 RBI, 1 BB
- Minnesota Bandits Red 12, Chicago Jacks 7: **Jacks -** Steve Arel 2x4, 1 RBI, 2 SB
- Minnesota Cardinals 17, Americans Baseball 12: **Cardinals -** Curt Tucker 2x4, 4 IP, Time Ballesteros 3x5, 3 RBI
- New Jersey Twins 6, RIMA Foxes 3: **Foxes -** Rich Pacino 2x4, 1 RBI Oakville Golden A's 9, RIMA Foxes 6: **Foxes -** Duncan Stowell 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R
- Okaloosa Slammers 11, Baltimore Thunder 6: Slammers Matt Bissen 0 passed balls, gunned down first steal; **Thunder -**Hayami Arakawa 3x4, 3 RBI
- Omaha Indians 23, Bellicino's Red Sox 16: **Indians -** Duke Calvert 4x5, 3 HR, 7 RBI

- Orlando Brewers 12, HPK Oilers 2: **Brewers -** Matt Matusack 2x3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Melvin Abreau 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
- Orlando Brewers 8, Florida Sharks 2: **Brewers -** Lucious Landing 4x4, 2 RBI, 3 R; **Sharks -** Dave Krock 2x3, 1 RBI
- PSOF Rangers/HYB 15, Glory Days 2: **Rangers -** Rick Scarfia 2x3, 1 RBI, 1 R
- Puerto Rico Caballeros 23, Okaloosa Slammers 8: **Slammers -** Scott Miner 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R
- RIMA Foxes 10, Minnesota Cardinals 8: **Foxes -** Andy Crellin 4x5, 2B, 3 RBI, 1 R
- St. Louis A's 10, Midwest Pirates 7: **A's** Dan McQueery 6 IP, 2 ER, 4 K, 1 BB in his first RHWS.
- St. Louis A's 12, Fort Myers Cubs 6: **A's -** Steve Edmonds 4 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 2 BB, 9 K in relief.
- St. Louis Patriots 17, Fort Myers Cubs 7: **Patriots -** Scott Knepper 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 3 R
- St. Louis Patriots 8, Maine Black Bears 1: **Patriots -** Mike Pasqualone 4x4, 2 HR, 5 RBI
- Tennessee Dirtbags 15, Baltimore Thunder 10: **Dirtbags -** Andre Pitts 3x5, 2B, 5 RBI, bases-clearing double in extra innings
- Tidewater Drillers 13, Albany Capitals 3: **Drillers -** Don Ball 2x4, 1 RBI
- USVI Hurricanes 14, RIMA Foxes 4: **Hurricanes** Al McLeod 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Amado Gutierrez 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
- Westchester Fury 2, Cuyahoga Indians 1: **Fury** John Brogan 2x3, 1 RBI
- Westchester Fury 9, White Bear Lake Bears 1: **Fury** Tim Terrault 4x4, 2 RBI, 3 R
- **Note:** Managers submit Player of the Game on the score App after each game.



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