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Adam Johnson's Journey from MLB to Roy Hobbs

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

Adam Johnson's journey from No. 2 overall pick of the Minnesota Twins in the 2000 MLB Draft to the New Jersey Mets in the Roy Hobbs World Series is a long one.

Not just in terms of time that has passed since the Minnesota Twins selected him out of Cal State Fullerton.

The right-handed pitcher hasn't played professional baseball since 2009, when he wrapped up his career with the Orange County Flyers of the independent Golden League. His big-league career was brief, 9 games split between 2001 and 2003 for the Twins. He was 1-3 with a 10.25 ERA.

Johnson is now a firefighter who works for the Lee County Airport Authority, splitting time between Southwest Florida International and Page Field.

But his love of the game remains the same as it was when he starred at Torrey Pines (Calif.) High School in the 1990s.

Although he wasn't in the big leagues long, he made it. He was in The Show. Out of the millions who play Little League and high school, few reach that level.

Johnson, 46, was one of the few. He recalls the sensation more than 20 years later.

"You're playing against your idols," Johnson said.

Johnson has been a firefighter for about 13 years. He sees similarities between the dugout of baseball and the world of fire houses.

"It's that camaraderie you get from sports," Johnson said.

With the Mets he still has sports camaraderie. He also gets to do things pitchers rarely do in pro baseball - play other positions and hit.



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Adam Johnson of the New Jersey Mets

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ADAM JOHNSON

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NJ Mets Manager Ken Fried said Johnson does it without any hint of a pro baseball resume.

"He doesn't big-time anybody," Fried said, Johnson is just one of the guys, just another New Jersey Met.

"No way does he look for accolades, that he thinks he's more special than any other teammate," Fried said. "He is one of the most spirited supporters of the team. Great asset, even if he wasn't a great player."

Johnson's spirit and baseball IQ were apparent in the first inning of Sunday's game against the Minnesota WebGems. He worked a long at-bat to 3-2, fouling off several pitches before walking on a pitch just above the strike zone.

His teammates appreciated the at-bat.

"That a-way, Adam," a teammate shouted. "Great at-bat!"

Sitting in the bleachers of Sunday's game was Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer Rob Fester.

Johnson played with Fester on the Pittsburgh Hitmen. Fester can tell without seeing them that Johnson's fastball is different.

"His pitches make a different sound," Fester said,

He also liked having Johnson's humble nature.

"He was a fantastic teammate," Fester said.

That's probably true as well around the fire house.



Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs runner Kevin McGovern loses both his helmet and his cap as he scores vs. the South Bend Cardinals

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VETERANS MONDAY RESULTS

RHWS Veterans Results Monday

Baltimore Chop 5, Vukgripz Akron A's 3
Chicago Giants 14, Baltimore Chop 12
Cincinnati Colt .45s 10, Cobra Kai 9
Cobra Kai 12, Akron Cardinals 6
Glass City Black Sox 12, Tampa Mets 11
Glass City Black Sox 18, JR Bats 5
Lakeville Lobos 11, ATX Saltdogs 1
Minnesota WebGems 11, Tidewater Drillers 8
Minnesota WebGems 15, Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 5
New Jersey Mets 10, Minnesota Blenders 8
Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 7, New Jersey Mets 6
South Bend Cardinals 5, Minnesota Blenders 4
South Florida Eagles 13, Tennessee White Lightnin' 3
Stars of Herrera 13, Chicago Giants 0
Tennessee White Lightnin' 13, Chicago Knights 12
The Oilers 10, Venice Gaze 1
The Oilers 2, Stars of Herrera 1
Tidewater Drillers 17, South Bend Cardinals 1
TTown Jackos 11, Lakeville Lobos 1
Venice Gaze 13, Vukgripz Akron A's 0

Wednesday schedule posted approximately 7 pm
Tuesday for non-AAAA playoff teams.



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Glass City Black Sox baserunner Ryan Vaughn goes airborne as he heads for 3rd
vs the Cincinnati Colt .45's



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VETERANS MONDAY STANDINGS

Veterans Division

Standings Thru Monday's Games

| Team | W | L | Pct. | RA |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| The Oilers | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 5 |
| South Florida Eagles | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 15 |
| Glass City Black Sox | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 16 |
| Minnesota Web Gems | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 18 |
| Stars of Herrera | 2 | 1 | .667 | 5 |
| Venice Gaze | 2 | 1 | .667 | 11 |
| TTown Jack-Os | 2 | 1 | .667 | 20 |
| Cobra Kai | 2 | 1 | .667 | 23 |
| South Bend Cardinals | 2 | 1 | .667 | 31 |
| Akron Cardinals | 1 | 1 | .500 | 15 |
| Tampa Mets | 1 | 1 | .500 | 17 |
| ATX Saltdogs | 1 | 1 | .500 | 21 |
| Tidewater Drillers | 1 | 2 | .333 | 15 |
| Minnesota Blenders | 1 | 2 | .333 | 17 |
| New Jersey Mets | 1 | 2 | .333 | 22 |
| Lakeville Lobos | 1 | 2 | .333 | 24 |
| Baltimore Chop | 1 | 2 | .333 | 27 |
| Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs | 1 | 2 | .333 | 32 |

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|---------------------------|---|---|------|----|
| Tennessee White Lightnin' | 1 | 2 | .333 | 35 |
| Cincinnati Colt 45's | 1 | 2 | .333 | 37 |
| Chicago Giants | 1 | 2 | .333 | 42 |
| Chicago Knights | 0 | 2 | .000 | 15 |
| JR Bats | 0 | 3 | .000 | 35 |
| Vukgripz Akron A's | 0 | 3 | .000 | 39 |

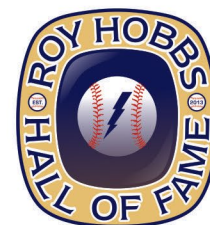


That one DID leave a mark! Baseball seams clearly visible on Lakeville Lobos catcher Tom Cook after a hit-by-pitch

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VETERANS TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Veterans RHWS Schedule

Tuesday

10 am

New Jersey Mets @ Tidewater Drillers, JB-S
Vukgripz Akron A's @ Stars of Herrera, LH-S
Tampa Mets @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, LH6
JR Bats @ Akron Cardinals, PDC2
South Bend Cardinals @ Minnesota WebGems, PDC3
Chicago Giants @ The Oilers, PDC4
South Florida Eagles @ ATX Saltdogs, PDC5

1:45 pm

Cobra Kai @ Tampa Mets, LH-S
Minnesota Blenders @ Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs, JB-S
TTown Jackos @ Chicago Knights, JB3
ATX Saltdogs @ Tennessee White Lightnin', PDC2
Akron Cardinals @ Glass City Black Sox, PDC3
Baltimore Chop @ Venice Gaze, PDC5

5:30 pm

Chicago Knights @ Lakeville Lobos, JB-S

Wednesday

AAAA Playoff teams are off; all others play Pool Game

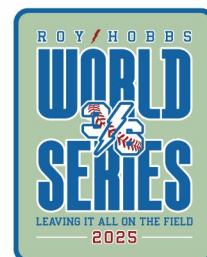
5. Wednesday schedule posted approximately 7 pm
Tuesday.



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Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs manager Dennis Higgins tosses a bat to #11
Dave Draggone



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NOTEBOOK

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 Tom at the Tournament Headquarters with corrections to scores: tg@royhobbs.com.

That's the best way to make sure that playoff seedings and pairings are as accurate as we can make them.



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 in Houston, 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.



No alcohol at sites

Roy Hobbs Baseball prohibits alcohol at all playing sites ... dugouts, inside fences and in the parking lots. Violators are subject to dismissal from the World Series, period.



Parking

Please abide by parking guidelines, avoid no parking signs, fire lanes and



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curbs, and handicap spaces without a permit. Lee County Rangers are patrolling sites and will issue tickets to violators. They are not cheap.



Water, Water Water

The heat in SW Florida can be debilitating, and overheating issues will sneak up on players. Get water every inning in the dugout!



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).

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Tennessee White Lightning's starting pitcher James Naron vs. the T-Town Jacks

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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.



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
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Colton Jackson of the Tennessee White Lightnin' races to first base vs. the T'Town Jackos

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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.



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.



Players of the Game

Sunday's games

Akron Cardinals 9, Cincinnati Colt 45's 3: **Cardinals** - Tom DeLullo 2x4, HR, 2 RBI, Jaime Ramirez Lugo 2x3, R, 3 RBI; **Colt .45s** - Justin Kraus 2x4, HR, 2 RBI

ATX Saltdogs 11, T'Town Jackos 10: **Saltdogs** - Jordan Johnson 4x5, 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R, GW RBI

Estrellas de Herrera 10, Baltimore Chop 3: **Estrellas** - Jorge Núñez 4x2, 3 RBI; **Chop** - Blake Kendrick 5 IP, 1 ER.

Minnesota Blenders 3, Tidewater Drillers 2: **Blenders** - Joe Hallock 3x4, 1 SB, 1 R; Aaron Johnson 5 IP, 0 R

Minnesota Web Gems 7, NJ Mets 5: **Web Gems** - Bryan Schlangen 3x4, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; **Mets** - Mike Duvall 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R

Oilers 21, Vukgripz Akron A's 3: **Oilers** - Nestor Jimenez 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 2 R

South Bend Cardinals 11, Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 10: **Cardinals** - Warman walk-off hit, 4x5, 2 RBI; Anthony Kelly 1x1, BB, HBP, Sac Fly, 2 RBI, Run; **Dirt Dawgs** - Anthony Kelly 1x1, BB, HBP, Sac Fly, 2 RBI, Run

South Florida Eagles 12, Lakeville Lobos 11: **Eagles** - Mayker Sandoval 3x3, 1 HR, 2 R, 2 RBI, 2 BB; **Lobos** - Austin Mitchell 4x4, 2B

South Florida Eagles 2, Chicago Knights 1: **Knights** - Luis Negron 9 IP CG, 9 K, 1x3

Tampa Mets 10, JR Bats 5: **Mets** - Mario Marre 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI

Venice Gaze 17, Chicago Giants 1: **Gaze** - Sammy Carter 2 HR, 1 2B, 4 RBI

Monday's games

Baltimore Chop 5, Vukgripz Akron A's 3: **Chop** - Matt Kohel 6 IP, 0 ER, quality start

Estrellas de Herrera 13, Chicago Giants 0: **Estrellas** - Miguel Pérez 3x4, HR, 2B, 5 RBI

Lakeville Lobos 11, ATX Saltdogs 1: **Lobos** - Austin Mitchell 3x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 1 BB

Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 7, NJ Mets 6: **Dirt Dawgs** - Matt Edmondson 9 IP CG, 3 ER, 3 K

South Bend Cardinals 11, Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 10: **Dirt Dawgs** - Anthony Kelly 1x1, BB, HBP, SF, 2 RBI, R

South Bend Cardinals 5, MN Blenders 4: **Blenders** - Jeremy Salden 2x4, 3 RBI

Tennessee White Lightnin' 13, Chicago Knights 12: **White Lightnin'** - Josh Bradford (P) CG, 13 Ks; **Knights** - Juan Ortiz 3x4, 2B, 4 RBI, 3 SB

Venice Gaze 17, Chicago Giants 1: **Gaze** - Sammy Carter 2 HR, 1 2B, 4 RBI

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