



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH

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Thunder embraces baseball brotherhood

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Baltimore Thunder has been making noise at the Roy Hobbs World Series for more than 20 years.

Thunder manager Scott Smith said the team's first year here was 2002. They were then known as the Baltimore Angels.

"We had no clue what we were doing and got to the championship," Smith, 56, said Sunday morning at the PDC. "We had a great time."

And they were hooked.

By whatever name, the men on the team love the World Series and baseball.

Smith said when he was young, he worked at a company that had a softball team. So, like many Roy Hobbs players he played softball for a while.

Then. ...

"I found out there was a 30 and older league and we just started playing ball," Smith said.

He meant real ball. Baseball. The real game.

Smith is a retired Frito-Lay supervisor who ran a warehouse for the company in Aberdeen, Maryland.

His duties included telling drivers where to make deliveries. Now he runs the Thunder and helps instill a sense of camaraderie on the team. It must be working. The team roster is stable.

"We all get along and yet we haven't seen each other in a year," the Thunder's Adrian Harris said. "It's like playing with your brothers."

That's a theme echoed by teammate Les Edwards.

"It's like we don't miss a beat," Edwards said.

Then there's the competition.

"You're playing against the best of the best," Harris said.

It's not just teams from Maryland.

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Leadoff hitter Les Edwards (top left), Adrian Harris watching the action (bottom left) and manager and 3rd base coach Scott Smith (right)

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THUNDER

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"You meet people from all over the world," Edwards said, "And they're here to do the same thing."

The Thunder were at the PDC Sunday playing at the old Boston Red Sox spring training complex. It's a facility where Hall of Famers such as Pedro Martinez and David Ortiz prepared for seasons. Harris knows the history of all the Roy Hobbs World Series venues, places where other Hall of Famers have played over a century.

"These are spring training facilities and it's just an honor," Harris said.

Most Thunder players are from the Baltimore area but there are also six from Miami such as Pete Rivero, who signed on with the Thunder as a free agent in 2018.

He enjoys playing with the Thunder. Why else would he remain with the team?

"We're just blessed to be out here," Rivero, 56, said.

A part of the team is Smith's wife, Melanie. She is a scorekeeper, statistician and scout all rolled into one. Well, she has another job.

Her husband has dubbed her the Thunder's Vice President of Baseball Operations

The team's bats must have thundered Sunday morning. The Thunder beat Bellacino's Red Sox, 18-6.



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Official scorekeeper Melanie Smith

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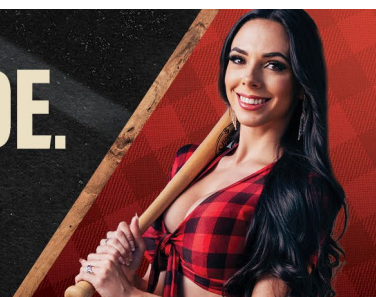
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MASTERS MONDAY RESULTS

Masters RHWS Results

Monday

Cangrejeros RD 12, Orlando Brewers 6
Chicago Knights 19, Limeport Milkmen 5
Chicago Woodpeckers 14, Lansing A's 10
Dundalk Nationals 16, New Jersey Rangers 0
DuPage Indians 14, Midwest Lookouts 10
East Coast Cardinals 13, Chicago Knights 1
East Coast Cardinals 13, Lake Erie Blue Jays 5
Flint Tigers 23, Bellacino's Red Sox 3
Lake Erie Blue Jays 24, Limeport Milkmen 15
Lansing A's 19, Yamasa Beisbol 5
Minnesota Bandits 17, Nova Scotia Privateers 16
Minnesota Diamonds 13, Chicago Woodpeckers 12
Minnesota Diamonds 6, Yamasa Beisbol 5
Minnesota WebGems 11, St. Louis Honey Badgers 10
NEO Angels 16, Minnesota Catfish 6
Orlando Brewers 10, Minnesota WebGems 3
River City Rippers 11, Florida Lumberjacks 1
South Bend Cardinals 19, Baltimore Thunder 2
South Shore Giants 11, Team Michigan 10
South Shore Giants 14, Mid-Penn Phillies 2
Staten Island Bombers 17, Mid-Penn Phillies 2
Team Michigan 5, Staten Island Bombers 2
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 18, Atlanta Bombers 10
Virginia Vikings 15, Chicago Colts 14



photo by Greg Wagner

Chris Smith of Team Michigan is greeted by his manager Sean Moran as he rounds 3rd after a home run against the Staten Island Bombers

5:30 PM

St. Louis Honey Badgers @ Cangrejeros RD, Suspended in 4th, rain

Vukgripz A's @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, suspended in 4th rain

Tidewater Drillers @ TTown Jackos, suspended in 4th, rain



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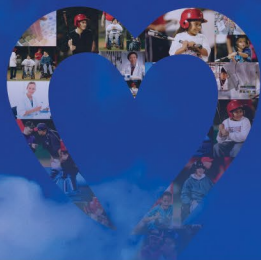
MASTERS MONDAY STANDINGS

Masters Division

Standings Thru Monday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Dundalk Nationals	3	0	1.000	13
South Shore Giants	3	0	1.000	20
Minnesota Diamonds	3	0	1.000	24
DuPage Indians	2	0	1.000	11
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	2	0	1.000	16
NEO Angels	2	0	1.000	18
Staten Island Bombers	2	1	.667	7
Lansing A's	2	1	.667	15
Team Michigan	2	1	.667	16
South Bend Cardinals	2	1	.667	16
Flint Tigers	2	1	.667	17
East Coast Cardinals	2	1	.667	18
New Jersey Rangers	2	1	.667	29
Baltimore Thunder	2	1	.667	30
Chicago Woodpeckers	2	1	.667	33
Minnesota Bandits	2	1	.667	49
Cangrejeros RD	1	1	.500	9

River City Rippers	1	1	.500	12
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	1	.500	15
Tidewater Drillers	1	1	.500	15
St. Louis Honey Badgers	1	1	.500	16
Midwest Lookouts	1	1	.500	20
Vukgripz A's	1	1	.500	33
Virginia Vikings	1	1	.500	34
Orlando Brewers	1	2	.333	20
Yamasa Beisbol Club	1	2	.333	27
Chicago Knights	1	2	.333	28
Nova Scotia Privateers	1	2	.333	29
Minnesota Web Gems	1	2	.333	30
Lake Erie Blue Jays	1	2	.333	36
TTown Jackos 45	0	1	.000	15
Minnesota Catfish	0	2	.000	32
Chicago Colts	0	2	.000	32
Atlanta Bombers	0	2	.000	34
Florida Lumberjacks	0	3	.000	40
Mid Penn Phillies	0	2	.000	47
Limeport Milkmen	0	3	.000	54
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	3	.000	64



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MASTERS RHWS SCHEDULE

Tuesday

10 AM

Florida Lumberjacks @ Dundalk Nationals, JB-S
Nova Scotia Privateers @ Bellacino's Red Sox, LH-S
River City Rippers @ Tidewater Drillers, LH1
Virginia Vikings @ Minnesota Catfish, LH3
New Jersey Rangers @ TTown Jackos, LH4
Atlanta Bombers @ DuPage Indians, LH6
Chicago Knights @ Lake Erie Blue Jays, PDC1
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks @ NEO Angels, PDC2
Team Michigan @ Mid-Penn Phillies, PDC3
Chicago Woodpeckers @ Yamasa Beisbol, PDC4
Chicago Colts @ Midwest Lookouts, PDC5
Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Minnesota Bandits, TP-S

10:30 AM

St. Louis Honey Badgers @ Cangrejeros, TP2, resume suspended game from Monday night

1:45 PM

Staten Island Bombers @ Orlando Brewers, JB-S
Flint Tigers @ Baltimore Thunder, LH-S
Minnesota Catfish @ Atlanta Bombers, LH2
St. Louis Honey Badgers @ South Shore Giants, LH3
DuPage Indians @ Virginia Vikings, LH4
TTown Jackos @ River City Rippers, LH6
South Bend Cardinals @ Vukgripz A's, PDC1
Minnesota Diamonds @ Limeport Milkmen, PDC2
Midwest Lookouts @ Twin Peaks Lumberjacks, PDC3
NEO Angels @ Chicago Colts, PDC4
East Coast Cardinals @ Lansing A's, PDC5
Minnesota WebGems @ Cangrejeros RD, TP-S



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*Midwest Lookouts manager, 3rd base coach and #2 hitter
Keith Barker sporting a new look*

5:30 PM

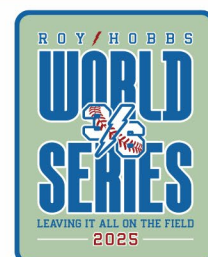
Vukgripz A's at Cincinnati Colt .45s, LH-s, resume suspended game from Monday night

Wednesday

AAAA Playoff teams are off; all others play Pool Game 5. Wednesday schedule posted approximately 7 pm Tuesday.



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NOTEBOOK

AAA Pairings Party Thursday night

Sidelines Sports Grill will host Roy Hobbs Masters Division AAA 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 7 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 p.m.

Roy Hobbs will be presenting a raffle along with a Thursday night 50/50 raffle.

Come and be prepared to enjoy yourself.

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



photo by Greg Wagner

DuPage Indians starting pitcher Mike Czarneck vs the Midwest Lookouts

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.



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NOTEBOOK



2nd baseman Jerry Ravotti tries to force a DuPage Indians runner at 2nd with a throw from the prone position

photo by Greg Wagner

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Parking

Please abide by parking guidelines, avoid no parking signs, fire lanes and curbs, and handicap spaces without a permit. Lee County Rangers are patrolling sites and will issue tickets to violators. They are not cheap.



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

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Team Michigan speedster Dytarious Edwards steals 2nd vs the Staten Island Bombers and 2nd baseman Carlos Torrez

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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.



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.



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.



Players of the Game

Sunday's games

Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 16, Chicago Colts 6: **Lumberjacks** - Randy Banner 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI
Chicago Woodpeckers 11, Limeport Milkmen 10: **Woodpeckers** - Juice Munoz 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 R; **Limeport** - John Dittmer 3 scoreless IP
Dundalk Nationals 14, Tidewater Drillers 45's 11: **Nationals** - Kennie Hernandez 8 IP, 7 Ks, 3-4, 2 HR, 3 RBI
Midwest Lookouts 16, Atlanta Bombers 9: **Bombers** - Reggie Easley 3x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
NEO Angels 20, Virginia Vikings 12: **Angels** - Rodney Zoyhofski 3x3, BB, 4 R, 1 RBI
NJ Rangers 11, River City Rippers 4: **Rangers** - Bobby Khalil WP, Rob Buonanno 3 RBI
VukGripz A's 45s 27, Minnesota Bandits 45s 17: **VukGripz A's** - Larry McCain 4x6, 2 HR, 8 RBI, 2 SB
Yamasa Beisbol Team 11, East Coast Cardinals 2: **Yamasa** - Henry Agramonte 3x5, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 2 R

Monday's games

Chicago Woodpeckers 14, Lansing A's 10: **Woodpeckers** - Paul Jimenez 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI; **A's** - Mickey Kimsel 3x5, 2 R, 2 RBI; Leonard Charette 2x4, HR, 3 RBI
Dundalk Nationals 16, NJ Rangers 0: **Nationals** - Edwin Figueroa 3x4, HR, 3 RBI, 3 R; **Rangers** - Emerick Torres 2-hit game, stellar defense at 3B
DuPage Indians 14, Midwest Lookouts 10: **Indians** - Joe Palluck 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI
East Coast Cardinals 13, Lake Erie Blue Jays 5: **Blue Jays** - Ulpi Puente 3x4, 3B, RBI, R
Lake Erie Blue Jays 24, Limeport Milkmen 15: **Blue Jays** - Travis Solano 2x4, grand slam, 4 RBI, 1 R
Lansing A's 19, Yamasa Beisbol Team 5: **A's** - Leonard Charlotte 4x4, 2 2B, 7 RBI
Minnesota Bandits 45s 17, Nova Scotia Privateers 16: **Bandits** - Randy Lott 4x6, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 R; **Privateers** - Yves Parent 3x5, HR, 4 RBI, 1 R, 1 BB
Minnesota Web Gems 11, St. Louis Honey Badgers 10: **Web Gems** - Nick Corbin W, 5 IP in relief, 1 H, 0 R, 2 Ks
NEO Angels 16, Minnesota Catfish 6: **Angels** - Luis Montañez 1-for-1, 2 SB, 2 R, 1 RBI; 2 IP, 0 R, SV
Orlando Brewers 10, Minnesota Web Gems 3: **Brewers** - Roger Luque 3x5, 2 HR, 4 RBI
River City Rippers 11, Florida Lumberjacks 1: **Rippers** - Jim Shearer CG, 1 R allowed
South Bend Cardinals 19, Baltimore Thunder 2: **Cardinals** - P. J. Dobbins 5.0 IP, 0 R, 0 ER
Team Michigan 5, Staten Island Bombers 2: **Michigan** - Chris Smith 2x4, HR, 3 RBI; Mike Dawson 6 IP, 2 R, 7 K; **Bombers** - Carlos Torres 4 IP
Virginia Vikings 15, Chicago Colts 14: **Colts** - Tom Reynolds 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 R
Note: Managers submit Player of the Game on the score App after each game.