



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH

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Minnesota Catfish hooked on nickname



Left to right: Shortstop Zach Wells, Manager Dan Hennen, and Catcher Jim Klugherl of the Minnesota Catfish

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Minnesota Catfish arrived at that distinctive name through an exercise in democracy.

Manager Dan Hennen said the team conducted a survey of members about 3 years ago.

Other names were bandied about such as Camels, Snappers and Liger, which is a mix of Lion and Tiger.

Catfish won out every time through 3 rounds of on-line voting.

"Everybody just seemed to like it,"

Hennen said Tuesday morning at the Lee Health Sports Complex before a game against the Virginia Vikings at Field 3. "I didn't want to pick arbitrarily. I wanted input from the players."

The vote apparently wasn't unanimous.

As Hennen explained all this in the bleachers by the third base dugout, a player playfully shouted, "We should have been the Snappers! Just saying."

Shortstop Zach Wells likes the name but when he posted on Facebook that he was on the Catfish team a friend jok-

ingly suggested something else.

"Are you sure you're not being catfished?"

Catfishing is a way to deceive people on-line with a false identity to lure them into something inappropriate.

The Minnesota Catfish are what they claim to be - a Roy Hobbs World Series baseball team.

Wells certainly knows that for certain. This is the third year on the team for the Canadian poet, essayist and published author as well as labor repre-

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sentative at Saint Mary's University in Halifax.

As an educated man he knows the ichthyological and not baseball form of catfish.

"We're a baseball team and we won't touch on the fact that the catfish is a bottom feeder," Wells said.

Baseball history has a couple players named Catfish.

The most famous is Hall of Fame pitcher Catfish Hunter.

"We are all big fans," Hennen said.

But there is another Catfish in baseball history. That is Catfish Metkovich, who played with five teams in the majors from 1943 to 1954. He wasn't a star, hitting .261 with 47 homers in his career.

But he was a big-league Catfish.

"I don't even know him," Hennen said. "Oh, really."

Really.

"That's news to me," said Wells. "I'm a pretty big history nut. When I was a kid, I had this big statistical Bible going back to the Dead Ball era."

Maybe it took a trip from Nova Scotia to Fort Myers to play with the Minnesota Catfish to learn about Catfish Metkovich.

The Catfish name is noticed by other teams, according to Hennen.

"People get a chuckle out of it," Hennen said.

Hopefully, nobody points out the catfish is a bottom feeder.



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Catfish logo sign outside the dugout



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MASTERS TUESDAY RESULTS

Tuesday

Atlanta Bombers 11, DuPage Indians 6
 Atlanta Bombers 22, Minnesota Catfish 6
 Cangrejeros 18, St. Louis Honey Badgers 13
 Cangrejeros RD 10, Minnesota WebGems 3
 Chicago Colts 18, NEO Angels 14
 Chicago Woodpeckers 4, Yamasa Beisbol 3
 Cincinnati Colt .45s 18, Minnesota Bandits 11
 Dundalk Nationals 20, Florida Lumberjacks 9
 Flint Tigers 22, Baltimore Thunder 5
 Lake Erie Blue Jays 14, Chicago Knights 8
 Lansing A's 26, East Coast Cardinals 16
 Mid-Penn Phillies 14, Team Michigan 4
 Midwest Lookouts 14, Chicago Colts 9
 Minnesota Diamonds 16, Limeport Milkmen 11
 Nova Scotia Privateers 11, Bellacino's Red Sox 3
 Orlando Brewers 14, Staten Island Bombers 6
 South Bend Cardinals 26, Vukgripz A's 6
 St. Louis Honey Badgers 15, South Shore Giants 7
 Tidewater Drillers 16, River City Rippers 6
 TTown Jackos 17, River City Rippers 4
 TTown Jackos 9, New Jersey Rangers 8
 Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 14, Midwest Lookouts 4



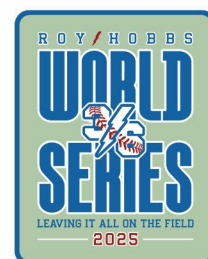
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Cincinnati Colt .45s shortstop Joe Nunan forces Minnesota Bandits baserunner Shaun Miley at 2nd base

Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 21, NEO Angels 8
 Virginia Vikings 16, Minnesota Catfish 5
 Virginia Vikings 19, DuPage Indians 4
 Vukgripz A's 29, Cincinnati Colt .45s 18

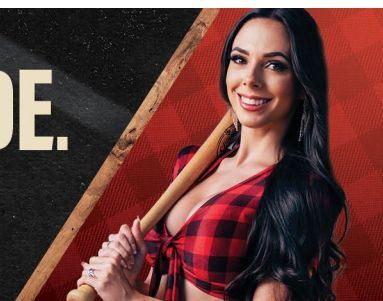


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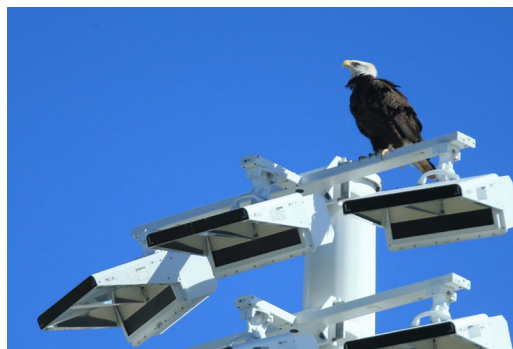
Masters Division

Playoff Standings

S	AAAA Division	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA3
1	Minnesota Diamonds	4	0	1.000	35	23
2	Cangrejeros RD	3	1	.750	25	12
3	Lansing A's	3	1	.750	31	15
4	South Shore Giants	3	1	.750	35	20
5	Chicago Woodpeckers	3	1	.750	36	23
6	Team Michigan	2	2	.500	30	16
7	Orlando Brewers	2	2	.500	26	14
8	Staten Island Bombers	2	2	.500	21	7

Standings Thru Tuesday's Games

AAA-AA Division	W	L	Pct.	RA
Dundalk Nationals	4	0	1.000	23
Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	4	0	1.000	28
South Bend Cardinals	3	1	.750	22
Flint Tigers	3	1	.750	22
Virginia Vikings	3	1	.750	43
Tidewater Drillers	2	1	.667	21
TTown Jackos 45	2	1	.667	27
Nova Scotia Privateers	2	2	.500	32
New Jersey Rangers	2	2	.500	33
DuPage Indians	2	2	.500	41
St. Louis Honey Badgers	2	2	.500	41
Midwest Lookouts	2	2	.500	43



*Best seat in the house.
American bald eagle
on top of a light
standard at jetBlue
Park during the S.I.
Bombers/Orlando
Brewers game*

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

East Coast Cardinals	2	2	.500	44
Lake Erie Blue Jays	2	2	.500	44
Atlanta Bombers	2	2	.500	46
NEO Angels	2	2	.500	51
Baltimore Thunder	2	2	.500	52
Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	2	.500	55
Minnesota Bandits	2	2	.500	67
Vukgripz A's	2	2	.500	78
Yamasa Beisbol Club	1	3	.250	31
Minnesota Web Gems	1	3	.250	40
Chicago Knights	1	3	.250	42
River City Rippers	1	3	.250	45
Chicago Colts	1	3	.250	50
Mid Penn Phillies	1	3	.250	51
Florida Lumberjacks	0	4	.000	60
Minnesota Catfish	0	4	.000	70
Limeport Milkmen	0	4	.000	70
Bellacino's Red Sox	0	4	.000	75



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MASTERS WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

RHWS Masters Division Wednesday's Schedule

Flip a coin for home team in all game 5s
10AM

JB3 – Cincinnati Colt .45s vs. Tidewater Drillers
JB4 – Bellacino's Red Sox vs. Limeport Milkmen
JB5 – East Coast Cardinals vs. Twin Peaks
Lumberjacks

JB6 – Nova Scotia Privateers vs. TTown Jackos
PDC2 – Atlanta Bombers vs. Baltimore Thunder
PDC3 – Minnesota WebGems vs. New Jersey
Rangers

PDC4 – NEO Angels vs. Yamasa Baseball
PDC5 – Chicago Knights vs. Minnesota Bandits

1:45 PM

JB-S – Tidewater Drillers @ TTown Jackos, Game
suspended Monday night in 4th inning,
resumption

JB3 – Flint Tigers vs. Lake Erie Blue Jays
JB4 – DuPage Indians vs. Mid-Penn Phillies
JB5 – Midwest Lookouts vs. Vukgripz A's
JB6 – Chicago Colts vs. River City Rippers
PDC2 – South Bend Cardinals vs. Virginia Vikings
PDC3 – Florida Lumberjacks vs. Minnesota
Catfish
PDC4 – Dundalk Nationals vs. St. Louis Honey
Badgers



*Long-time
RHWS veteran
and Staten Island
Bombers cleanup
hitter Angel
Roman drills a
double to the gap
vs. the Orlando
Brewers at jetBlue
Stadium*

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

Thursday's Games

AAAA Playoffs

Round 1 / 10 AM

#8 Staten Island Bombers @ #1 Minnesota
Diamonds, LH3

#5 Chicago Woodpeckers @ #4 South Shore
Giants, LH-S

#6 Team Michigan @ #3 Lansing A's, LH4

#7 Orlando Brewers @ #2 Cangrejeros RD, LH6

Second Round, winners Bracket, 1:45 PM

#8-#1 winner vs. #5-#4 winner, LH6

#7-#2 winner vs. #6-#3 winner, LH3

Second Round, Losers Bracket, 1:45 PM

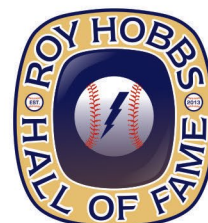
#8-#1 loser vs. #5-#4 loser, LH4

#7-#2 loser vs. #6-#3 loser, LH2

AAAA Bracket to be posted Wednesday Afternoon



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Retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant Kenny Day down and dirty at 3rd base vs. the Minnesota Bandits

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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 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.

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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 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.

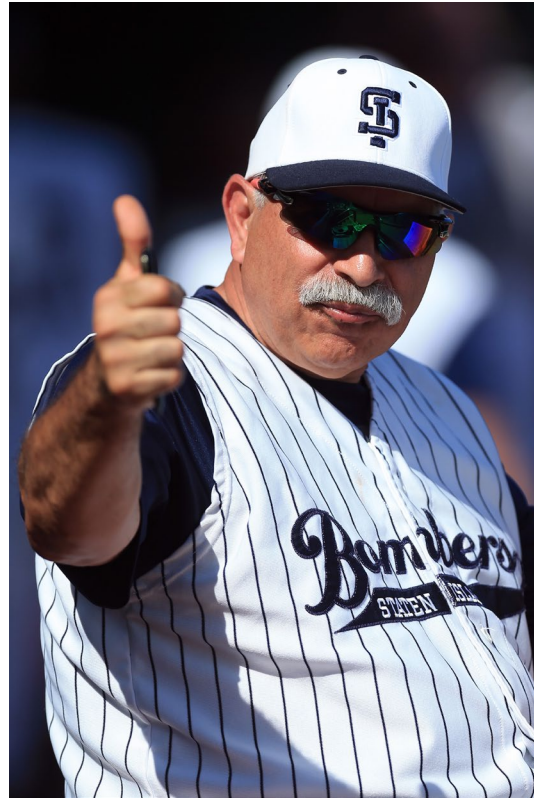
Admission is \$2 per game or \$8 for a tournament pass. The player ID card grants players access to all games in which they are not playing. Spectators will pay \$2 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day at all complexes.

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.

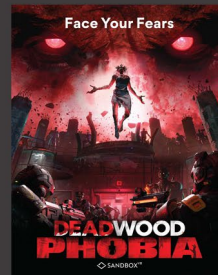


Official score keeper (and backbone of the Staten Island Bombers) Juan Gabo

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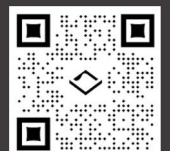


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Minnesota Bandits manager and Roy Hobbs Hall-of-Famer Tim Doboszewski walks of the field after bringing in Jeff Swanson to pitch vs. the Cincinnati Colt .45s.



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Tidewater Drillers right fielder makes a nice sliding catch vs. the T-Town Jackos on Monday night at Terry Park Stadium

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Players of the Game

Tuesday's games

Dundalk Nationals 20, Florida Lumberjacks 9: **Nationals**

- Alex Rimoli 4x4, 3B, 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R

Nova Scotia Privateers 11, Bellacino Red Sox 3:

Bellacino's - Matt Vrooman 2x4, 2 RBI, 1 2B

Chicago Woodpeckers 4, Yamasa Beisbol 3:

Woodpeckers - Jose Sanchez 2x4, 1 2B, 2 RBI, including go-ahead RBI.

Lake Erie Blue Jays 14, Chicago Knights 8: **Blue Jays** -

Ulpi Puente 2-2, 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R

Cincinnati Colts 18, Minnesota Bandits 11: **Bandits** - Jeff Swanson 4x4, SAC

T-Town Jackos 9, NJ Rangers 8: **Jackos** - Bill Jaworski 3x4, 2B, 3 RBI, including go-ahead RBI in 9th

Tidewater Drillers 16, River City Rippers 6: **Drillers** - Gabe Braddy 3x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI

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