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Montella's 9/11 guilt: 'A huge hole in me'

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Anthony Montella couldn't publicly talk about 9/11 for nearly a quarter of a century.

Now, the 60-year-old member of the Twin Peaks Lumberjacks is ready.

He carries memories, scars and loss on a scale not many know. On 9/11 he was a New York City firefighter. He was starting vacation that morning and was out on Long Island preparing to go fishing, roughly 100 miles from the Twin Towers.

Then the call came. Turn on the TV. What channel? Any channel.

Montella did not go fishing. He turned around and raced to the city to help. That's what firefighters do.

By time he got there the Twin Towers were down. Many of his friends and colleagues were dead. He's worn that grief and survivor's guilt ever since.

That's until Sept. 11, 2025. The Vero Beach resident spoke about 9/11 at a Patriots Day event at the Indian River County Fairgrounds Expo Center on Florida's east coast.

His wife, Erin, was in the front row. Hundreds of strangers filled the venue. It was time. He was welcomed by the audience.

"I felt complete love from strangers," Montella said.

He also spoke beneath the Hammond Stadium stands on Monday.

The survivor's guilt and the friends lost remain immense burdens. He needed something. He drank. He drank before games. He even drank during games.

Before his speech he had a dream. He felt his departed firefighters during the speech. He could feel the presence of angels telling him to "to let the guilt go."

Montella is a spiritual man who

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Anthony Montella has rediscovered the fun of playing baseball

photo by Greg Wagner

MONTELLA

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wears a gold cross around his neck. The cross was fashioned from his father's wedding band.

Something happened that day in Indian River County.

"I saw two rainbows in the direction I was heading," Montella said.

The rainbows remained for about 20 minutes.

"I walked in there confident that I wasn't alone," Montella said.

Erin was there for him as he worked through 50 drafts of the speech. She said the speech was a "game-changer" for him.

"He was having trouble sleeping at night and trying to think about all the elements of the story," Erin said.

She was concerned if he could get through the speech without breaking down.

"He was incredibly strong," Erin said.

For 24 years he's employed another coping mechanism.

"I've coped with it by being a good man," Montella said.

On that day, 343 New York City firefighters died. Many were his friends. Many others were colleagues.

"I feel like I have a hole, a huge hole in me," Montella said Monday.

He helped fill that hole with drinking. Montella is a bourbon connoisseur who often had double bourbons, sometimes three or four a night.



*New York City
firefighter, Anthony
Montella*

*photo courtesy of
Anthony Montella*

"Yesterday was the first time, I think, I played baseball in years where I didn't have a drink before," Montella said. "Or two drinks. Or three drinks."

He's moving past survivor's guilt.

"I don't have that guilt washing over me anymore," Montella said. "It's not going away over night, but it is. I'm healing. ... I'm having a blast. ... I didn't give up drinking. I gave up using it as a crutch to get through emotional moments."

There have been countless emotional moments for Anthony Montella since 9/11.

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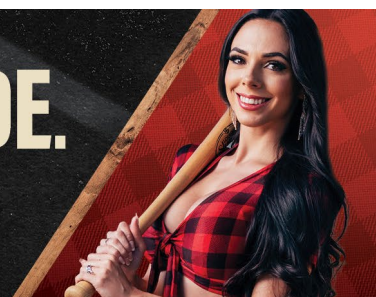
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CLASSICS / TIMELESS SUNDAY RESULTS

Classics RHWS Results

Sunday

Albany Cubs 13, Tidewater Drillers 8
Americans Baseball 8, Boston Goodfellas 3
Atlanta Baseball 13, Maine Black Bears 7
Atlanta Baseball 28, Minnesota Bandits 14
Banana Sharks 21, Alabama Bandits
Bergen Yankees 20, Keystone Hawks 6
Bergen Yankees 22, Long Island Reds 2
Border City Brewers 18, Chicago Giants 13
Carolina Thunder 15, New Jersey Pilots 5
Centex Express 16, Minnesota TC Bats 2
Centex Express 22, Minnesota Twins 0
ChicagoBay Warriors 15, Orlando Royals 9
DuPage Wildcats 23, Long Island Reds 10
Fort Myers Cubs 11, Baltimore Orioles 7
Fort Orange Mohawks 17, Kent Mudhens 16
Keystone Hawks 20, DuPage Wildcats 6
Lansing Blue Jays 11, Chicago Blues 8
Livingston Dodgers 15, New Hamp Hammerheads 6
Maine Black Bears 19, Washington Monuments 2
Minnesota Bandits 16, Washington Monuments 4
Minnesota Bees 30, Midwest Angels 9
Minnesota Twins 9, Wright Field Reds 4
Nova Scotia Monarchs 17, Washington Titans 8
Oakville Golden A's 16, St. Louis Dodgers 6
Pensacola Salt Bandits 18, Chicago Pilots 0
Philadelphia Cutters 18, Summa Akron Brewers 11
Philadelphia Cutters 21, Chicago Pilots 8
South Dakota Rushmores 20, Pittsburgh South Hills 6
Summa Akron Brewers 27, Pensacola Salt Bandits 8
Toledo White Sox 27, Kodak Reds 3
Wright Field Reds 25, Minnesota TC Bats 11



*South Dakota
Rushmores
baserunner Dave
Sendelbach
gets tagged
by Pittsburgh
South Hills 2nd
baseman Carmen
Nocera for the first
out of a double
play*

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

Timeless RHWS Results

Sunday

Chicago Fire 15, Minnesota Goats 7
DuPage Indians 10, Atlanta A's 6
Florida Storm 17, Chi-Town Cardinals 2
Florida Yankees 11, Asheville Sox 4
Greenville Cropdusters 22, Baltimore Baseball 2
Huntsville Havoc 19, St. Louis Legends 8
Kenmore Eastern Brewers 16, New Jersey Dodgers 12
Lake Erie Pirates 10, Midwest Nine 4
Maine Woods Baseball 3, White Foxes 2
Minnesota Bees 19, Cincinnati Colt .45s 2
Minnesota Crosstown Traffic 13, National Spirits 12
Ott's Tavern 13, DC Mets 9
Rhode Island Rockies 12, Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals 1
South Jersey Spikes 7, Long Island Express 6
St. Louis Patriots 17, San Antonio Texans 10
Tallahassee Bombers 9, Lehigh Baseball 7
Washington Titans 13, Nova Scotia Monarchs 8
Wilmington Thunder 11, Kent Mudhens 8



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS SUNDAY STANDINGS

Classics Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Centex Express	2	0	1.000	2
Bergen Yankees	2	0	1.000	8
Philadelphia Cutters	2	0	1.000	19
Atlanta Baseball	2	0	1.000	21
Albany Cubs	1	0	1.000	3
Americans Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	3
Toledo White Sox	1	0	1.000	3
Carolina Thunder	1	0	1.000	5
South Dakota Rushmores	1	0	1.000	6
Livingston Dodgers	1	0	1.000	6
Oakville Golden A's	1	0	1.000	6
Fort Myers Cubs	1	0	1.000	7
Lansing Blue Jays	1	0	1.000	8
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	0	1.000	8
ChicagoBay Warriors	1	0	1.000	9
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	9
Banana Sharks	1	0	1.000	13
Border City Brewers	1	0	1.000	13
Fort Orange Mohawks	1	0	1.000	16
Maine Black Bears	1	1	.500	15
Wright Field Reds	1	1	.500	20
Keystone Hawks	1	1	.500	26
Minnesota Twins	1	1	.500	26
Summa Akron Brewers	1	1	.500	26
Pensacola Salt Bandits	1	1	.500	27
DuPage Wildcats	1	1	.500	30
Minnesota Bandits	1	1	.500	32
Boston GoodFellas	0	1	.000	8
Baltimore Orioles	0	1	.000	11
Chicago Blues	0	1	.000	11
Tidewater Drillers	0	1	.000	13
New Jersey Pilots	0	1	.000	15
Orlando Royals	0	1	.000	15
New Hamp Hammer Heads	0	1	.000	15
St. Louis Dodgers	0	1	.000	16
Kent Mudhens	0	1	.000	17
Washington Titans	0	1	.000	17
Chicago Giants	0	1	.000	18
Pittsburgh South Hills	0	1	.000	20
Alabama Bandits	0	1	.000	21
Kodak Reds	0	1	.000	27

Midwest Angels	0	1	.000	30
Washington Monuments	0	2	.000	35
Chicago Pilots	0	2	.000	39
Minnesota TC Bats	0	2	.000	41
Long Island Reds	0	2	.000	45

Timeless Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Rhode Island Rockies	1	0	1.000	1
Florida Storm	1	0	1.000	2
Greenville Cropdusters	1	0	1.000	2
Maine Woods Baseball	1	0	1.000	2
Minnesota Bees	1	0	1.000	2
Florida Yankees	1	0	1.000	4
Lake Erie Pirates	1	0	1.000	4
DuPage Indians	1	0	1.000	6
South Jersey Spikes	1	0	1.000	6
Chicago Fire	1	0	1.000	7
Tallahassee Bombers	1	0	1.000	7
Huntsville Havoc	1	0	1.000	8
Washington Titans	1	0	1.000	8
Wilmington NC Thunder	1	0	1.000	8
Ott's Tavern	1	0	1.000	9
St. Louis Patriots	1	0	1.000	10
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	1	0	1.000	12
Minnesota Crosstown Traffic	1	0	1.000	12
White Foxes	0	1	.000	3
Long Island Express	0	1	.000	7
Lehigh Baseball	0	1	.000	9
Atlanta As	0	1	.000	10
Midwest Nine	0	1	.000	10
Asheville Sox	0	1	.000	11
Kent Mudhens	0	1	.000	11
Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals	0	1	.000	12
DC Mets	0	1	.000	13
National Spirit	0	1	.000	13
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	.000	13
Minnesota Goats	0	1	.000	15
New Jersey Dodgers	0	1	.000	16
Chi-Town Cardinals	0	1	.000	17
San Antonio Texans	0	1	.000	17
Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	1	.000	19
St. Louis Legends	0	1	.000	19
Baltimore Baseball Club	0	1	.000	22



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS MONDAY SCHEDULE

Classics RHWS Schedule

Monday 10 AM

Minnesota TC Bats @ Pensacola Salt Bandits, JB-S
Alabama Bandits @ Tidewater Drillers, JB2
ChicagoBay Warriors @ Washington Titans, JB4
Fort Orange Mohawks @ Lansing Blue Jays, JB5
Keystone Hawks @ Maine Black Bears, JB6
Carolina Thunder @ Americans Baseball, LH-S
Border City Brewers @ Minnesota Bees, LH3
St. Louis Dodgers @ Livingston Dodgers, LH4
Baltimore Orioles @ South Dakota Rushmores, LH6
Chicago Giants @ Midwest Angels, PDC1
Banana Sharks @ Albany Cubs, PDC2
Fort Myers Cubs @ Pittsburgh South Hills, PDC3
Orlando Royals @ Nova Scotia Monarchs, PDC4
Bergen Yankees @ Atlanta Baseball, PDC5

1:45 PM

Minnesota Bandits @ Long Island Reds, JB-S
Wright Field Reds @ Summa Akron Brewers, JB2
Tidewater Drillers @ ChicagoBay Warriors, JB3
Washington Titans @ Alabama Bandits, JB5
Boston Goodfellas @ Kent Mudhens, LH-S
South Dakota Rushmores @ Border City Brewers, LH2
Toledo White Sox @ Oakville Golden A's, LH3
Minnesota Bees @ Baltimore Orioles, LH4
New Hamp Hammerheads @ Kodak Reds, LH6
Chicago Blues @ New Jersey Pilots, PDC1
Midwest Angels @ Fort Myers Cubs, PDC2
Albany Cubs @ Orlando Royals, PDC3
Pittsburgh South Hills @ Chicago Giants, PDC4
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Banana Sharks, PDC5

5:30 PM

Washington Monuments @ DuPage Wildcats, JB-S
Philadelphia Cutters @ Minnesota Twins, LH-S
Chicago Pilots @ Centex Express, TP-S

Timeless RHWS Schedule

Monday 9 AM

Minnesota Bees @ Ott's Tavern, TP-S
Wilmington Thunder @ St. Louis Patriots, TP2
Chicago Fire @ Long Island Express, TP3
Lake Erie Pirates @ Minnesota Goats, TP4

10 AM

Atlanta A's @ Rhode Island Rockies, JB3
Florida Storm @ Washington Titans, LH1

11:45 AM

San Antonio Texans @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, TP-S
Lehigh Baseball @ Kenmore Eastern Brewers, TP2
Baltimore Baseball @ National Spirits, TP3
Minnesota Crosstown Traffic @ Midwest Nine, TP4

1:45 PM

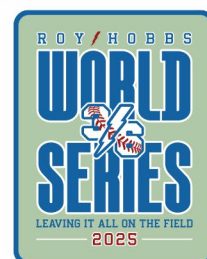
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Tallahassee Bombers, JB1
Asheville Sox @ DuPage Indians, JB4
Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals @ Kent Mudhens, JB6
Maine Woods Baseball @ Chi-Town Cardinals, LH1

2:45 PM

St. Louis Legends @ Florida Yankees, TP-S
South Jersey Spikes @ Greenville Cropdusters, TP2
New Jersey Dodgers @ White Foxes, TP3
DC Mets @ Huntsville Havoc, TP4



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NOTEBOOK

Veterans Day Tuesday

Veterans Day is Tuesday.

Roy Hobbs tradition is to honor our veterans before EVERY game with players lining up on the baselines.

Umpires act as Masters of Ceremonies ... ask all veterans to step forward for recognition and then take a moment of silence to remember any and all veterans each player knows.

Anyone wishing to make a statement is encouraged to do so.

**Score Reporting System Primer**

The system – Mighty Forms – we were using in the past went belly up 10 days ago after a massive internet meltdown.

So here's how we are getting scores: There is a QR code posted in every dugout. 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.

1. Click on royhobbs.com. Some phones will show the royhobbs with a white outline. Then, you will see Game Schedule at the top of the page.
2. In the box that says search teams enter your team name.
3. Tournament is Roy Hobbs World Series beyond the 3 dots, it says 2025.
4. There is a Division dropdown. This week Legends 53+.
5. Then you see today's date.
6. Then your game(s) show up, and you click on Report Score.
7. You enter scores. When your opponent enters the score and they match then the score is confirmed.
8. Then, as an option, you can enter player of the game (first and last names) and, if you wish, rate umpires.
9. Submit, and thank you.



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photo by Greg Wagner

Left-handed pitcher Alex Patton of the Americans Baseball Club vs the Goodfellas





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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.



Pairings Party Thursday night

Sidelines Sports Grill will host Roy Hobbs World Series Division 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.



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Umpire Ed Niec confirming 2 outs to his partner in the Goodfellas/Americans game

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Kent Mudhens 60's pitcher Eric Walsky rocks and fires in the game vs. the Fort Orange Mohawks



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Goodfellas catcher Joe Marini and pitcher Don Hardy making sure they're on the same page vs the Americans Baseball Club



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Players of the Game

Sunday's games

Classics Division

Chicago Bay Warriors 15, Orlando Royals 9: **Royals** - Dave Thomas 3x5, HR, 2 RBI

Keystone Hawks 20, DuPage Wildcats 6: **Hawks** - Keith Derk 4x6, 2 HR, 6 RBI; John DeMonte 3x5, 4 R, 3 RBI

Minnesota Twins 9, Wright Field Reds 4: **Reds** - Jim Roehl 2x4, HR, 2 RBI

Philadelphia Cutters 21, Chicago Pilots 8: **Cutters** - Pete Jones 5x6, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 2B

Timeless Division

Maine Woods Baseball 3, White Foxes 2: **Maine** - Dave Williams 2x4, 2B, game-winning RBI

Washington Titans 13, Nova Scotia Monarchs 8: **Monarchs** - Paul Contreras 3x5, 2B, 3 RBI

Note: Managers submit first and last names of their Player of the Game on the score App after each game.