



Traumatic injury no match for love of game

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

The line drive that smashed into pitcher Al Mignone's face on a summer day in 1999 in Eagan, Minnesota was heard by teammates and opponents.

Mignone, 71, of Minnesota Crosstown Traffic, said he was told what it sounded like.

"Like a pumpkin thrown from a building," Mignone said,

Although he lost the sight in his right eye but not the eye itself, Mignone still plays. He can't quit. Not ever. Not even a quarter century since that screamer off an aluminum bat broke bones in his face. It was in a Minnesota Federal League game,. The league then passed a rule banning aluminum bats.

What keeps him going?

"Just love of the game," Mignone said. "You can't keep a guy down, I guess."

Even on July 9, 1999 in the moments after the ball crashed into his face, the athlete in Mignone prevailed. He wasn't knocked out.

"I was reaching for the ball to throw him out," Mignone said.

Even at that moment.

"The blood was warm and running down my face," Mignone said.

He spent the next four days in a hospital.

Mignone spoke in the first base dugout at Terry Park 3 on Sunday morning. He sat on a bench but as soon as he heard the first few notes of the national anthem he sprung to his feet.

By the way, his last name is pronounced like filet mignon.

He wasn't supposed to pitch that 1999 summer day, a Friday. The original plan called for him to pitch two days later.

He obviously didn't pitch that Sunday. But now, 26 years later, he still pitches but he wears protective goggles for his right eye.

The man who hit the ball never apologized. It clearly was not intentional, but an apology might have been nice.

"I don't have any regrets," Mignone said. "I'm not afraid to go back out there."

Even with 272 little titanium screws in his face. The screws don't set off airport security alarms but are noticed when he visits a dentist office for x-rays.

"Everybody in the office wants to see it because they've never seen anything like it," Mignone said.

He still hopes sight can be restored in his right eye. The damaged optic nerve is the reason. If medical science fixes the damaged optic nerve?

"I would get my eyesight back," Mignone said. "My eye would come back to life because the only thing that got damaged was the optic nerve."

That line drive may have damaged the optic nerve in Al Mignone's right eye but not his love of the game.



photo by Glenn Miller
Jeff Ames of Pittsburgh South Hills leads off the 2nd inning with a base hit to right center vs the South Dakota Rushmores

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.

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Kent Mudhens
60 pitcher Sam
Santabarbara
faces the Boston
Goodfellas

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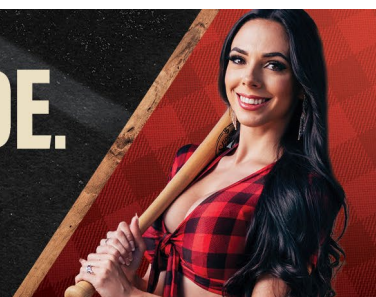
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CLASSICS / TIMELESS MONDAY RESULTS

Classics RHWS Results

Monday

Alabama Bandits 13, Washington Titans 8
 Atlanta Baseball 20, Bergen Yankees 10
 Banana Sharks 17, Albany Cubs 10
 Border City Brewers 10, South Dakota Rushmores 3
 Border City Brewers 15, Minnesota Bees 2
 Boston Goodfellas 16, Kent Mudhens 6
 Carolina Thunder 13, Americans Baseball 8
 Centex Express 26, Chicago Pilots 8
 Chicago Blues 10, New Jersey Pilots 7
 ChicagoBay Warriors 14, Washington Titans 6
 ChicagoBay Warriors 19, Tidewater Drillers 13
 DuPage Wildcats 22, Washington Monuments 12
 Fort Myers Cubs 9, Pittsburgh South Hills 8
 Fort Orange Mohawks 17, Lansing Blue Jays 7
 Maine Black Bears 14, Keystone Hawks 3
 Midwest Angels 15, Chicago Giants 3
 Midwest Angels 32, Fort Myers Cubs 4
 Minnesota Bandits 14, Long Island Reds 4
 Minnesota Bees 17, Baltimore Orioles 7
 Minnesota TC Bats 10, Pensacola Salt Bandits 9
 New Hamp Hammerheads 23, Kodak Reds 5
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 19, Banana Sharks 7
 Oakville Golden A's 9, Toledo White Sox 6
 Orlando Royals 14, Nova Scotia Monarchs 11 (10)
 Orlando Royals 5, Albany Cubs 4
 Philadelphia Cutters 14, Minnesota Twins 2
 Pittsburgh South Hills 13, Chicago Giants 10
 South Dakota Rushmores 8, Baltimore Orioles 7
 St. Louis Dodgers 20, Livingston Dodgers 10
 Tidewater Drillers 11, Alabama Bandits 6
 Wright Field Reds 21, Summa Akron Brewers 5



Kent Mudhens 70's catcher Ron Poto covering home vs Jersey Curzie's Cardinals

photo by Greg Wagner

Timeless RHWS Results

Monday

Chicago Fire 6, Long Island Express 4
 DuPage Indians 6, Asheville Sox 4
 Florida Yankees 12, St. Louis Legends 11
 Huntsville Havoc 14, DC Mets 13
 Kent Mudhens 13, Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals 4
 Lehigh Baseball 14, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 9
 Maine Woods Baseball 9, Chi-Town Cardinals 4
 Minnesota Bees 21, Ott's Tavern 5
 Minnesota Crosstown Traffic 9, Midwest Nine 5
 Minnesota Goats 4, Lake Erie Pirates 3
 National Spirits 11, Baltimore Baseball 5
 Nova Scotia Monarchs 21, Tallahassee Bombers 4
 Rhode Island Rockies 9, Atlanta A's 4
 San Antonio Texans 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 8
 South Jersey Spikes 12, Greenville Cropdusters 8
 St. Louis Patriots 14, Wilmington Thunder 3
 Washington Titans 13, Florida Storm 9
 White Foxes 9, New Jersey Dodgers 6



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS MONDAY STANDINGS

Classics Division

Standings Thru Monday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Centex Express	3	0	1.000	10
Border City Brewers	3	0	1.000	18
ChicagoBay Warriors	3	0	1.000	28
Atlanta Baseball	3	0	1.000	31
Oakville Golden A's	2	0	1.000	12
Carolina Thunder	2	0	1.000	13
Philadelphia Cutters	2	0	1.000	19
Fort Orange Mohawks	2	0	1.000	23
Maine Black Bears	2	1	.667	18
South Dakota Rushmores	2	1	.667	23
Wright Field Reds	2	1	.667	25
Bergen Yankees	2	1	.667	28
Nova Scotia Monarchs	2	1	.667	30
Orlando Royals	2	1	.667	30
Minnesota Bees	2	1	.667	31
Minnesota Bandits	2	1	.667	36
Midwest Angels	2	1	.667	37
Banana Sharks	2	1	.667	42
DuPage Wildcats	2	1	.667	42
Fort Myers Cubs	2	1	.667	47
Toledo White Sox	1	1	.500	12
Boston GoodFellas	1	1	.500	14
Americans Baseball Club	1	1	.500	16
Chicago Blues	1	1	.500	18
New Hamp Hammer Heads	1	1	.500	20
Lansing Blue Jays	1	1	.500	25
Livingston Dodgers	1	1	.500	26
Minnesota Twins	1	1	.500	26
St. Louis Dodgers	1	1	.500	26
Albany Cubs	1	2	.333	23
Pittsburgh South Hills	1	2	.333	31
Pensacola Salt Bandits	1	2	.333	37
Tidewater Drillers	1	2	.333	38
Keystone Hawks	1	2	.333	40
Alabama Bandits	1	2	.333	40
Summa Akron Brewers	1	2	.333	47
Minnesota TC Bats	1	2	.333	50
New Jersey Pilots	0	2	.000	25
Kent Mudhens	0	2	.000	33
Baltimore Orioles	0	3	.000	36

Washington Titans	0	3	.000	44
Chicago Giants	0	3	.000	46
Kodak Reds	0	2	.000	50
Washington Monuments	0	3	.000	57
Long Island Reds	0	3	.000	59
Chicago Pilots	0	3	.000	65

Timeless Division

Standings Thru Monday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Rhode Island Rockies	2	0	1.000	5
Maine Woods Baseball	2	0	1.000	6
DuPage Indians	2	0	1.000	10
Chicago Fire	2	0	1.000	11
Minnesota Bees	2	0	1.000	13
St. Louis Patriots	2	0	1.000	13
South Jersey Spikes	2	0	1.000	14
Florida Yankees	2	0	1.000	15
Minnesota Crosstown Traffic	2	0	1.000	16
Washington Titans	2	0	1.000	17
Huntsville Havoc	2	0	1.000	21
Lake Erie Pirates	1	1	.500	8
White Foxes	1	1	.500	9
Greenville Cropdusters	1	1	.500	14
Florida Storm	1	1	.500	15
Kent Mudhens	1	1	.500	15
Lehigh Baseball	1	1	.500	18
National Spirits	1	1	.500	18
Minnesota Goats	1	1	.500	18
Wilmington NC Thunder	1	1	.500	22
San Antonio Texans	1	1	.500	25
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	1	1	.500	26
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	1	.500	27
Tallahassee Bombers	1	1	.500	28
Ott's Tavern	1	1	.500	30
Long Island Express	0	2	.000	13
Midwest Nine	0	2	.000	17
Asheville Sox	0	2	.000	17
Atlanta As	0	2	.000	19
Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals	0	2	.000	25
New Jersey Dodgers	0	2	.000	25
Chi-Town Cardinals	0	2	.000	26
DC Mets	0	2	.000	27
Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	2	.000	29
St. Louis Legends	0	2	.000	31
Baltimore Baseball Club	0	2	.000	33



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS TUESDAY SCHEDULE

Classics RHWS Schedule

Tuesday

10 AM

Nova Scotia Monarchs @ ChicagoBay Warriors, JB-S
Toledo White Sox @ St. Louis Dodgers, JB2
Chicago Giants @ Minnesota Bees, JB3
New Hamp Hammerheads @ Oakville Golden A's, JB4
South Dakota Rushmores @ Fort Myers Cubs, JB5
Kodak Reds @ Livingston Dodgers, JB6
Orlando Royals @ Banana Sharks, LH-S
Summa Akron Brewers @ Minnesota TC Bats, LH6
New Jersey Pilots @ Lansing Blue Jays, TP-S
Fort Orange Mohawks @ Americans Baseball, TP2
Carolina Thunder @ Boston Goodfellas, TP3
Kent Mudhens @ Chicago Blues, TP4

1:45 PM

Tidewater Drillers @ Washington Titans, JB-S
Baltimore Orioles @ Border City Brewers, JB2
St. Louis Dodgers @ New Hamp Hammerheads, JB3
Livingston Dodgers @ Toledo White Sox, JB4
Oakville Golden A's @ Kodak Reds, JB5
Midwest Angels @ Pittsburgh South Hills, JB6
Alabama Bandits @ Albany Cubs, LH-S
Pensacola Salt Bandits @ Philadelphia Cutters, LH6
Chicago Blues @ Fort Orange Mohawks, TP-S
Lansing Blue Jays @ Carolina Thunder, TP2
Americans Baseball @ Kent Mudhens, TP3
Boston Goodfellas @ New Jersey Pilots, TP4

5:30 PM

Atlanta Baseball @ Keystone Hawks, LH-S
Centex Express @ Wright Field Reds, JB-S
Maine Black Bears @ Minnesota Bandits, TP-S

Minnesota Twins @ Chicago Pilots, TP2

Long Island Reds @ Washington Monuments, TP3

DuPage Wildcats @ Bergen Yankees, TP4

Wednesday: AAAA Playoff teams are off; all others play Pool Game 5. Wednesday schedule posted approximately 7:30 pm.

Timeless RHWS Schedule

Tuesday

10 AM

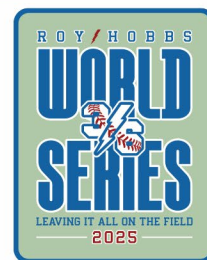
Lake Erie Pirates @ Minnesota Crosstown Traffic, LH1
Atlanta A's @ Asheville Sox, LH3
Rhode Island Rockies @ Florida Yankees, LH4
New Jersey Dodgers @ Lehigh Baseball, PDC1
National Spirits @ Midwest Nine, PDC2
Baltimore Baseball @ South Jersey Spikes, PDC3
Chicago Fire @ Greenville Cropdusters, PDC4
Minnesota Goats @ Long Island Express, PDC5

1:45 PM

Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals @ Wilmington Thunder, LH1
Kent Mudhens @ DuPage Indians, LH2
Ott's Tavern @ St. Louis Patriots, LH3
Huntsville Havoc @ Cincinnati Colt .45s, LH4
DC Mets @ St. Louis Legends, JB1
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Florida Storm, PDC1
Maine Woods Baseball @ Washington Titans, PDC2
White Foxes @ Chi-Town Cardinals, PDC3
Tallahassee Bombers @ Kenmore Eastern Brewers, PDC4
Minnesota Bees @ San Antonio Texans, PDC5



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NOTEBOOK

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.



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+.



Americans Baseball center fielder Jim Godley makes a great running catch of a Goodfellas fly ball

photo by Greg Wagner

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.



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.

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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.



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).

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.



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.



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!



Caught in a rundown, Kent Mudhens 70's baserunner Ron Tucker was eventually tagged out by Lou Hernandez of Jersey Curzie's Cardinals

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NOTEBOOK

Submarine pitcher
Wayne Nickelsen
vs. the Washington
Titans 70's



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Greg Wagner



Carolina
Thunder's
leadoff hitter
Ronnie Russo
gets back to
first ahead of
the throw to
Scott Gering of
the Americans
Baseball Club

photo by
Greg Wagner

Players of the Game

Monday's games

Classics Division

Banana Sharks 17, Albany Cubs 10: **Cubs** - Tony D'Aulerio 3x5, 2 2B, 4 RBI

Border City Brewers 10, South Dakota Rushmores 3:

Brewers - Doug Springford 3x4, HR, 2 RBI

Fort Orange Mohawks 17, Lansing Blue Jays 7: **Blue Jays** - Jim Bradley 3x5, HR, 2 RBI

Huntsville Havoc 14, DC Mets 13: **Havoc** - Glen Butler multi-hit game with go-ahead RBI

Maine Black Bears 14, Keystone Hawks 3: **Maine** - John DeMonte 3x4, 1B, 2B, 3B, 1 RBI

Minnesota Bandits 14, Long Island Reds 4: **Bandits** - Terry Knop 9 IP, 1 ER, CG

Philadelphia Cutters 21, Chicago Pilots 8: **Cutters** - Pete Jones 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 3 R

South Dakota Rushmores 8, Baltimore Orioles 7:

Rushmores - Randy Bierle 3x5, HR, 2 RBI

Washington Titans 13, Nova Scotia Monarchs 8:

Monarchs - Paul Contreras 3x5, 2B, 3 RBI

Timeless Division

DuPage Indians 6, Asheville Sox 4: **Indians** - Phil Sher 2-4, 2B, 2 RBI, delivered go-ahead RBI in 8th

Florida Yankees 12, St. Louis Legends 11: **Yankees** -

Stewart Sallo 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 R, including go-ahead 2-R HR in 9th

Maine Woods Baseball 9, Chi-Town Cardinals 4:

Cardinals - Gary Dover 3x4, HR, 2 RBI

National Spirits 11, Baltimore Baseball 5: **Spirits** - Carlos Aquinos 7 IP, 2 ER, 8 K, 1 BB

San Antonio Texans 10, Cincinnati Colt 45's 8: **Colt 45's** - Steve Warnock 3x4, 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R

Washington Titans 13, Florida Storm 9: **Titans** - Lonnie Bloom 2x3, 1 RBI; Danny Pawelek 1x3, 2B

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

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