



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH

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Umpire Eriksson is every shade of 'blue'

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Umpire Erik Eriksson is quite likely the only Roy Hobbs World Series participant in its 36 years who is a blues musician born in Iceland and has served two terms as a city councilman in a Canadian community.

Oh, and his Blues name is Ice Blue. That's certainly fitting for this 79-year-old man in blue who comes from Iceland.

His family left Iceland when he was 5 and moved to Canada. Eriksson lives in Courtenay on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. That's on the west coast of Canada.

So, his commitment to Roy Hobbs umpiring as well as the Blues is clear. He's so far away he's north of the Great Northwest of the U.S.

It takes two flights from British Columbia to reach the Roy Hobbs World Series. The first flight is from Vancouver east to Toronto and then south to Fort Myers.

While in Florida the keyboardist and singer who was inspired by early Blues and rock and roll legends often jams at the Buckingham Blues Bar. That's about a 10-mile drive from the PDC.

As a younger man Eriksson worked as a sawmill electrician and representative for a union.

He comes from a musical family and as a boy started out on the violin. Then he discovered the piano.

"It was coming out of the '50s Blues and rock and roll," Eriksson said.

Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire" was an early inspiration. So were the jumping magic of Fats Domino and Little Richard's "My Girl Josephine" was and is a favorite.

Back home Eriksson often plays parties. He also umpires in local leagues.

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photos by Greg Wagner
Umpire and Musician Erik Eriksson travels roughly 3,350 miles to be at the RHWS. When he's not on the field he likes to play keys at the Buckingham Blues Bar.

ERIKSSON

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He's a man of few words who lets his calls on the field and keyboard artistry and singing do his talking.

Are there any MLB ump's he particularly admires?

"No," Eriksson said.

Could he name one MLB umpire?

"No," Eriksson said.

What keeps Eriksson making the roughly 3,350-mile journey to Fort Myers? He likes the friendly World Series atmosphere and he likes umpiring.

How often has he umpired here?

"I have no idea," Eriksson said.

Eriksson spoke between two games Sunday at the Lee Health Sports Complex. The first game he worked the plate and the second it was the bases.

He sat at a table at one of the backfields and chatted while scarfing down a hamburger and drinking a Pepsi.

The man who may be the only Icelandic participant ever in the Roy Hobbs World Series will return to his home island soon to attend a nephew's wedding.



Erik Eriksson working the bases

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CLASSICS / TIMELESS TUESDAY RESULTS

Classics Tuesday RHWS Results

Albany Cubs 12, Alabama Bandits 5
Americans Baseball 11, Kent Mudhens 3
Americans Baseball 12, Fort Orange Mohawks 5
Atlanta Baseball 18, Keystone Hawks 6
Banana Sharks 12, Orlando Royals 11
Bergen Yankees 14, DuPage Wildcats 6
Border City Brewers 17, Baltimore Orioles 3
Boston Goodfellas 19, New Jersey Pilots 10
Carolina Thunder 18, Lansing Blue Jays 9
Carolina Thunder 19, Boston Goodfellas 1
Centex Express 11, Wright Field Reds 4
Chicago Blues 17, Kent Mudhens 6
ChicagoBay Warriors 9, Nova Scotia Monarchs 8
Fort Orange Mohawks 15, Chicago Blues 7
Kodak Reds 19, Livingston Dodgers 16
Lansing Blue Jays 21, New Jersey Pilots 1
Long Island Reds 19, Washington Monuments 7
Maine Black Bears 23, Minnesota Bandits 11
Midwest Angels 19, Pittsburgh South Hills 0
Minnesota Bees 11, Chicago Giants 5
Minnesota Twins 19, Chicago Pilots 4
Oakville Golden A's 14, Kodak Reds 3
Oakville Golden A's 16, New Hamp Hammerheads 1
Philadelphia Cutters 28, Pensacola Salt Bandits 13
South Dakota Rushmores 14, Fort Myers Cubs 7
St. Louis Dodgers 18, New Hamp Hammerheads 9
Summa Akron Brewers 18, Minnesota TC Bats 4
Toledo White Sox 11, Livingston Dodgers 5
Toledo White Sox 18, St. Louis Dodgers 5
Washington Titans 12, Tidewater Drillers 5

Timeless Tuesday RHWS Results

Atlanta A's 16, Asheville Sox 6
DC Mets 13, St. Louis Legends 8



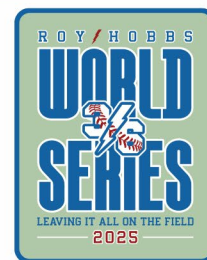
Al Mignone lost the sight in one eye from a line drive 25 years ago, but love of the game keeps him on the diamond.

*photo by
Glenn Miller*

DuPage Indians 12, Kent Mudhens 10
Florida Storm 20, Nova Scotia Monarchs 2
Florida Yankees 11, Rhode Island Rockies 3
Greenville Cropdusters 15, Chicago Fire 0
Huntsville Havoc 10, Cincinnati Colt .45s 5
Lehigh Baseball 13, New Jersey Dodgers 12
Long Island Express 11, Minnesota Goats 1
Minnesota Crosstown Traffic 13, Lake Erie Pirates 4
National Spirits 12, Midwest Nine 4
San Antonio Texans 8, Minnesota Bees 6
South Jersey Spikes 13, Baltimore Baseball 4
St. Louis Patriots 12, Ott's Tavern 2
Tallahassee Bombers 15, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 4
Washington Titans 8, Maine Woods Baseball 6
White Foxes 9, Chi-Town Cardinals 4
Wilmington Thunder 17, Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals 5



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS TUESDAY STANDINGS

Classics Division

Standings Thru Tuesday's Games

| AAAA Division | W | L | Pct. | RA 3 |
|------------------------|---|---|-------|------|
| Border City Brewers | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 8 |
| Midwest Angels | 3 | 1 | .750 | 7 |
| South Dakota Rushmores | 3 | 1 | .750 | 20 |
| Minnesota Bees | 3 | 1 | .750 | 21 |
| Nova Scotia Monarchs | 3 | 1 | .750 | 23 |
| ChicagoBay Warriors | 3 | 1 | .750 | 24 |
| Banana Sharks | 3 | 1 | .750 | 34 |
| Albany Cubs | 2 | 2 | .500 | 11 |

| 53+ Game 5 | W | L | Pct. | RA |
|-------------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| Centex Express | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 14 |
| Oakville Golden A's | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 16 |
| Carolina Thunder | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 21 |
| Philadelphia Cutters | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 34 |
| Atlanta Baseball | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 37 |
| Toledo White Sox | 3 | 1 | .750 | 22 |
| Americans Baseball Club | 3 | 1 | .750 | 24 |
| Maine Black Bears | 3 | 1 | .750 | 29 |
| Bergen Yankees | 3 | 1 | .750 | 34 |
| Fort Orange Mohawks | 3 | 1 | .750 | 42 |
| DuPage Wildcats | 2 | 2 | .500 | 56 |
| Wright Field Reds | 2 | 2 | .500 | 36 |
| Chicago Blues | 2 | 2 | .500 | 38 |
| Lansing Blue Jays | 2 | 2 | .500 | 39 |
| Orlando Royals | 2 | 2 | .500 | 42 |
| Boston GoodFellas | 2 | 2 | .500 | 43 |
| Minnesota Twins | 2 | 2 | .500 | 44 |
| Summa Akron Brewers | 2 | 2 | .500 | 51 |
| St. Louis Dodgers | 2 | 2 | .500 | 53 |
| Minnesota Bandits | 2 | 2 | .500 | 59 |
| Fort Myers Cubs | 2 | 2 | .500 | 61 |
| Washington Titans | 1 | 3 | .250 | 49 |
| Pittsburgh South Hills | 1 | 3 | .250 | 50 |
| Tidewater Drillers | 1 | 3 | .250 | 50 |
| Alabama Bandits | 1 | 3 | .250 | 52 |
| New Hamp Hammer Heads | 1 | 3 | .250 | 52 |
| Livingston Dodgers | 1 | 3 | .250 | 56 |
| Keystone Hawks | 1 | 3 | .250 | 58 |
| Pensacola Salt Bandits | 1 | 3 | .250 | 65 |
| Long Island Reds | 1 | 3 | .250 | 66 |
| Minnesota TC Bats | 1 | 3 | .250 | 68 |
| Kodak Reds | 1 | 3 | .250 | 80 |

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|----------------------|---|---|------|----|
| Baltimore Orioles | 0 | 4 | .000 | 53 |
| Chicago Giants | 0 | 4 | .000 | 57 |
| Kent Mudhens | 0 | 4 | .000 | 61 |
| New Jersey Pilots | 0 | 4 | .000 | 65 |
| Washington Monuments | 0 | 4 | .000 | 76 |
| Chicago Pilots | 0 | 4 | .000 | 84 |

Timeless Division

Standings Thru Tuesday's Games

| Team | W | L | Pct. | RA |
|-----------------------------|---|---|-------|----|
| St. Louis Patriots | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 15 |
| South Jersey Spikes | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 18 |
| Florida Yankees | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 18 |
| DuPage Indians | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 20 |
| Minnesota Crosstown Traffic | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 20 |
| Washington Titans | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 23 |
| Huntsville Havoc | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 26 |
| White Foxes | 2 | 1 | .667 | 13 |
| Maine Woods Baseball | 2 | 1 | .667 | 14 |
| Greenville Cropdusters | 2 | 1 | .667 | 14 |
| Rhode Island Rockies | 2 | 1 | .667 | 16 |
| Florida Storm | 2 | 1 | .667 | 17 |
| Minnesota Bees | 2 | 1 | .667 | 21 |
| National Spirits | 2 | 1 | .667 | 22 |
| Chicago Fire | 2 | 1 | .667 | 26 |
| Wilmington NC Thunder | 2 | 1 | .667 | 27 |
| Lehigh Baseball | 2 | 1 | .667 | 30 |
| San Antonio Texans | 2 | 1 | .667 | 31 |
| Tallahassee Bombers | 2 | 1 | .667 | 32 |
| Long Island Express | 1 | 2 | .333 | 14 |
| Lake Erie Pirates | 1 | 2 | .333 | 21 |
| Atlanta As | 1 | 2 | .333 | 25 |
| Kent Mudhens | 1 | 2 | .333 | 27 |
| Minnesota Goats | 1 | 2 | .333 | 29 |
| DC Mets | 1 | 2 | .333 | 35 |
| Kenmore Eastern Brewers | 1 | 2 | .333 | 41 |
| Ott's Tavern | 1 | 2 | .333 | 42 |
| Nova Scotia Monarchs | 1 | 2 | .333 | 47 |
| Midwest Nine | 0 | 3 | .000 | 30 |
| Asheville Sox | 0 | 3 | .000 | 33 |
| Chi-Town Cardinals | 0 | 3 | .000 | 35 |
| New Jersey Dodgers | 0 | 3 | .000 | 38 |
| Cincinnati Colt .45s | 0 | 3 | .000 | 39 |
| Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals | 0 | 3 | .000 | 42 |
| St. Louis Legends | 0 | 3 | .000 | 44 |
| Baltimore Baseball Club | 0 | 3 | .000 | 46 |



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CLASSICS / TIMELESS WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

RHWS Classics Division Wednesday's Pool Game 5 Schedule

NOTES: Please check standings to make sure W-L record & Runs Allowed are correct.

Matchups set before Tuesday night games completed & Tuesday results corrections made.

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

PDC3 – Minnesota Twins vs. Washington Titans
PDC4 – Chicago Giants vs. Kent Mudhens
PDC5 – Philadelphia Cutters vs. Toledo White Sox
TP2 – Boston Goodfellas vs. Chicago Blues
TP3 – Lansing Blue Jays vs. Orlando Royals
TP4 – Livingston Dodgers vs. Pensacola Salt Bandits

1:45 PM

JB3 – Fort Myers Cubs vs. Wright Field Reds
JB4 – Alabama Bandits vs. Long Island Reds
JB5 – Washington Monuments vs. New Jersey Pilots
LH2 – Bergen Yankees vs. Fort Orange Mohawks
LH3 – New Hampshire Hammerheads vs. Tidewater Drillers
LH4 – Minnesota TC Bats vs. Pittsburgh South Hills
LH6 – Atlanta Baseball vs. Oakville Golden A's
PDC2 – Carolina Thunder vs. Centex Express
PDC3 – American Baseball vs. Maine Black Bears
PDC4 – Minnesota Bandits vs. St. Louis Dodgers
PDC5 – Baltimore Orioles vs. Chicago Pilots
TP2 – Keystone Hawks vs. Kodak Reds

3:00 PM

LH-S – DuPage Wildcats vs. Summa Akron Brewers

Thursday's Games

AAAA Playoffs

Round 1 / 10 AM

#8 Albany Cubs @ #1 Border City Brewers, JB3
#5 Nova Scotia Monarchs @ #4 Minnesota Bees, JB4
#6 ChicagoBay Warriors @ #3 South Dakota Rushmores, JB5
#7 Banana Sharks @ #2 Midwest Angels, JB6

Second Round, winners Bracket, 1:45 PM

#8-#1 winner vs. #5-#4 winner, JB5
#7-#2 winner vs. #6-#3 winner, JB3



The Nova Scotia Monarchs, umpires, and ChicagoBay Warriors honoring veterans prior to the game at jetBlue Park

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

Second Round, Losers Bracket, 1:45 PM

#8-#1 loser vs. #5-#4 loser, JB6
#7-#2 loser vs. #6-#3 loser, JB4

AAAA Bracket to be posted Wednesday Afternoon

Timeless Wednesday Schedule

9:30 AM

Florida Yankees @ Atlanta A's, JB-S
South Jersey Spikes @ Chicago Fire, JB2
St. Louis Legends @ Ott's Tavern, JB3
Minnesota Crosstown Traffic @ Baltimore Baseball, JB4
Long Island Express @ Lake Erie Pirates, JB5
Midwest Nine @ Minnesota Goats, JB6
Lehigh Baseball @ Nova Scotia Monarchs, LH-S
Florida Storm @ Maine Woods Baseball, TP-S

10 AM

St. Louis Patriots @ Minnesota Bees, LH3
San Antonio Texans @ Huntsville Havoc, LH4
Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ White Foxes, LH6
Greenville Cropdusters @ National Spirits, PDC1
Cincinnati Colt .45s @ DC Mets, PDC2

12:30 PM

Asheville Sox @ Kent Mudhens, JB-S
Washington Titans @ Tallahassee Bombers, TP-S

1 PM

Chi-Town Cardinals @ New Jersey Dodgers, LH-S

3:30 PM

DuPage Indians @ Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals, JB-S
Wilmington Thunder @ Rhode Island Rockies, TP-S

NOTEBOOK



Chicago Blues pitcher Doug Krones on the mound vs the Kent Mudhens 60's

photo by Greg Wagner

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 for the pairings between 7:30 & 8 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.

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.

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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

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Veterans Day at jetBlue Stadium. Retired after 21 years of service with the United States Air Force, E7 Master Sergeant Eric Thomas salutes Old Glory during the Star Spangled Banner

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Greg Wagner*

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NOTEBOOK



Retired Illinois National Guard E6 Staff Sergeant Rob Flammini addresses the ChicagoBay Warriors and the Nova Scotia Monarchs on Veterans Day at jetBlue Park

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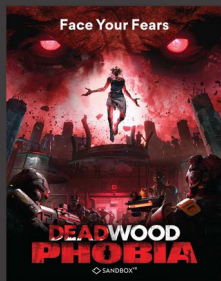
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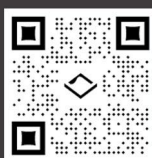


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Players of the Game

Tuesday's games

Classics Division

Carolina Thunder 18, Lansing Blue Jays 9: **Thunder** - Chuck Todd 3 H

Carolina Thunder 19, Boston Goodfellas 1: **Boston** - Wayne Santome CG, 9 IP complete game

Centex Express 26, Chicago Pilots 8: **Express** - Bruce Burns 5x6, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 3 R

Chicago Blues 17, Kent Mudhens 6: **Blues** - Jim Novak 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI

Long Island Express 10, Minnesota Goats 1: **Express** - Tony Ferrao 3x4, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 1 BB

Oakville Golden A's 14, Kodak Reds 3: **Reds** - Gord Ziegel 2x4, HR, 2 RBI

Oakville Golden A's 16, New Hamp Hammerheads 1: **Golden A's** - Dave Green 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI

Philadelphia Cutters 14, Minnesota Twins 2: **Twins** - Barney Owens 2x4, 2B, 1 RBI

Philadelphia Cutters 28, Pensacola Salt Bandits 13: **Cutters** - Frank Cappella 6x7, 2 2B, 5 RBI, 2 SB

Timeless Division

Huntsville Havoc 10, Cincinnati Colt 45's 5: **Colt 45's** - Everyone chipped in, combined 9 H, 5 RBI, 2 HR

San Antonio Texans 8, Minnesota Bees 6: **Texans** - Bill Holland 3x5, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 2 R

Washington Titans 8, Maine Woods Baseball 6: **Titans** - Paul Contreras 2x4, 2 RBI; Ken Jungsten 2x4, HR, 2 RBI

Wilmington Thunder 20, Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals 5: **Thunder** - David Hunsberger 5x6, 2 HR, 7 RBI, 3 R

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