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Still Swinging: HOF celebrates 2025 class



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Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame Class of 2025 inducted Saturday night; from left: Tom Vartanian, Phil Clements, Michael Carter, Brian Wolcott, Steve D'Ercole and Ambassador Richard Walega. Ross Vukovich was unable to attend.

BY GLENN MILLER Roy Hobbs Baseball

Election to the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame is always a profound honor. The six men honored Saturday night at Sidelines Sports Grill in the 2025 induction ceremony know that.

It doesn't matter what one achieves away from the diamond.

Tom Vartanian is a Washington lawyer who knows the ins and outs of the national's capital.

"A Washington lawyer should know everything going on," Vartanian said during the ceremony.

But he didn't know about this before

it became official. He was astonished when Roy Hobbs president Tom Giffen called with the news this summer. Election to this Hall of Fame requires more than compiling statistics. It requires testaments to a candidate's character.

"People saying great things behind your back," Vartanian said.

Great things needed to be said behind the back of all the 2025 inductees. Also elected this year were Michael Carter, Phil Clements, Steve D'Ercole, Ross Vukovich and Brian Wolcott. Vukovich was not able to attend the ceremony.

The first Hall of Famer recognized at

the event was 87-year-old Phil Clements. When he was 35 he was told he was too old to play baseball. Now, more than half a century later, he's still playing baseball.

"People couldn't believe I was playing at 35," Clements said.

What would those people say now?

The next honoree recognized was Michael Carter, who is "only" 67.

People who know Carter talk about something called the "The Carter Difference."

"I try to play hard and play the right way," Carter said.

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Steve D'Ercole's baseball journey to the Hall of Fame included playing in the College World Series with Mississippi State in 1981. He also played pro ball in Italy. D'Ercole is still in contact with his college teammates.

"We text constantly," D'Ercole said.

Would any of those 1981 Bulldogs someday join him at the Roy Hobbs World Series?

"No takers," D'Ercole said.

The last honoree of the evening was Wolcott, who was accompanied by his wife, Dorothy. The evening held special meaning for both that transcends baseball.

Saturday was the 50th anniversary of their first date.

Wolcott, 67, played at Michigan State where one of his teammates was Kirk Gibson. Wolcott also played with John Elway on the 1981 USA National Team. Elway's nickname as a young man was "The Arm: because of the how could sling baseballs as well as footballs.

"He would bet he could throw the ball out of any stadium," Wolcott said.

Terry Park public address announcer Richard Walega was introduced as the 2025 Brian Mullen Ambassador of the Year.

The evening concluded, as is Roy Hobbs tradition, with a singing of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," led by the honorees.



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Kent Mudhens 65's 2nd baseman Joe Briton takes the late throw as Jeff "Oz" Austin steals the bag for the Americans

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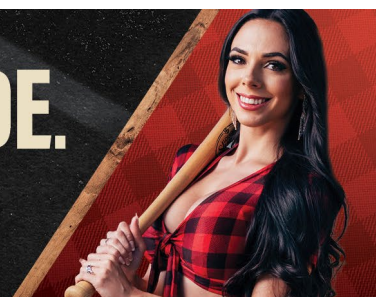
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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG / ANTIQUES SUNDAY RESULTS

Vintage 65+ RESULTS SUNDAY

Americans Baseball 25, Kent Mudhens 0
Aurora Islanders 18, Puerto Rico Orioles 7
Blue Ridge Rangers 19, Cleveland Tribe 9
Border City Brewers 11, Bergen Yankees 1
Carolina Rockies 20, Rhode Island Rockies 2
Huntsville Havoc 18, Bronx Cardinals 1
JD's Jaguars 17, Cleveland Tribe 0
Kenmore Eastern Brewers 23, Chicago Northstars 8
Livingston Dodgers 21, Windy City White Sox 9
Long Island Express 19, St. Louis Dodgers 4
Midwest Nine 12, Minnesota Goats 2
Minnesota Bandits 21, Team Albany 5
New Jersey Dodgers 20, Bonedogs 4
Philadelphia Cutters 13, Tampa Stars 4
Philadelphia Iron Pigs 22, Nova Scotia Giants 4
Raynham Baseball 11, Tidewater Drillers 2
Richmond Riverdogs 14, St. Louis Jets 10
S. Maryland Blue Crabs 20, Bonedogs 2
Spokane DC Rapids 11, NorCal Giants 5
St. Louis Patriots 18, Fort Myers Cubs 10
USA Volkers Group 18, Lansing Blue Jays 1
Washington Titans 14, Banana Sharks 13
Washington Titans 9, Spokane DC Rapids 0



*St. Louis Jets
baserunner
Mark deBold
steals 2nd
against the
Richmond
Riverdogs and
2nd baseman
Mike Maxwell*

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

FOREVER YOUNG 75+ RESULTS SUNDAY

DuPage Lugnuts 7, NorCal Antiques 6
Midwest Nine 22, St. Louis Legends 3
Mudville 9 4, Maiden Titans 3
Potomac Senators 22, Kent Mudhens 7
Team Cambria 16, Maine Woods Baseball 0
Toledo Tigers 10, Philadelphia Mustangs 6
Tri-Cities 7, Team America 4
White Foxes 6, New Jersey Wonderboys 5

ANTIQUES 80 + DIVISION

Avengers 14, South Dakota Rushmores 3



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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG / ANTIQUES SUNDAY STANDINGS

Vintage Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Washington Titans	2	0	1.000	13
Americans Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	0
JD's Jaguars	1	0	1.000	0
Border City Brewers	1	0	1.000	1
USA Volkers Group	1	0	1.000	1
Huntsville Havoc	1	0	1.000	1
Carolina Rockies	1	0	1.000	2
Midwest Nine	1	0	1.000	2
Raynham Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	2
Southern Maryland Blue Crabs	1	0	1.000	2
Long Island Express	1	0	1.000	4
NJ Dodgers	1	0	1.000	4
Philadelphia Cutters	1	0	1.000	4
Philadelphia Iron Pigs	1	0	1.000	4
Minnesota Bandits	1	0	1.000	5
Aurora Islanders	1	0	1.000	7
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	1	0	1.000	8
Blue Ridge Rangers	1	0	1.000	9
Livingston Dodgers	1	0	1.000	9
Richmond Riverdogs	1	0	1.000	10
St. Louis Patriots	1	0	1.000	10
Spokane DC Rapids	1	1	.500	9
Bergen Yankees	0	1	.000	11
NorCal Giants	0	1	.000	11
Tidewater Drillers	0	1	.000	11
Minnesota Goats	0	1	.000	12
Tampa Stars	0	1	.000	13
Banana Sharks	0	1	.000	14
St. Louis Jets	0	1	.000	14
Bronx Cardinals	0	1	.000	18
Fort Myers Cubs	0	1	.000	18
Lansing Blue Jays	0	1	.000	18
Puerto Rico Orioles	0	1	.000	18
St. Louis Dodgers	0	1	.000	19

Bonedogs	0	1	.000	20
Rhode Island Rockies	0	1	.000	20
Windy City White Sox	0	1	.000	21
Team Albany	0	1	.000	21
Nova Scotia Giants	0	1	.000	22
Chicago Northstars	0	1	.000	23
Kent Mudhens	0	1	.000	25
Cleveland Tribe	0	2	.000	36

Forever Young Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Team Cambria	1	0	1.000	0
Midwest Nine	1	0	1.000	3
Mudville 9	1	0	1.000	3
Tri-Cities	1	0	1.000	4
White Foxes	1	0	1.000	5
Dupage Lugnuts	1	0	1.000	6
Toledo Tigers	1	0	1.000	6
Potomac Senators	1	0	1.000	7
Maiden Titans	0	1	.000	4
New Jersey Wonderboys	0	1	.000	6
Norcal Aniques	0	1	.000	7
Team America 75s	0	1	.000	7
Philadelphia Mustangs	0	1	.000	10
Maine Woods Baseball	0	1	.000	16
Kent Mudhens	0	1	.000	22
St Louis Legends	0	1	.000	22

Antiques Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Avengers	1	0	1.000	3
New England Red Sox	0	0	.000	0
Rushmores	0	1	.000	14



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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG / ANTIQUES MONDAY SCHEDULE

VINTAGE 65+ DIVISION SCHEDULE

MONDAY

10 AM

Banana Sharks @ Kenmore Eastern Brewers, JB-S
Carolina Rockies @ St. Louis Dodgers, JB3
USA Volkers Group @ Philadelphia Cutters, JB5
Blue Ridge Rangers @ Long Island Express, LH-S
Puerto Rico Orioles @ Bergen Yankees, PDC2
Aurora Islanders @ St. Louis Patriots, PDC3
Fort Myers Cubs @ Team Albany, PDC4
Bonedogs @ Minnesota Goats, PDC5
Tidewater Drillers @ Chicago Northstars, TP-S

1:45 PM

Spokane DC Rapids @ Raynham Baseball, JB-S
St. Louis Dodgers @ S. Maryland Blue Crabs, JB3
Cleveland Tribe @ Nova Scotia Giants, LH-S
Tampa Stars @ Windy City White Sox, LH3
Livingston Dodgers @ Bronx Cardinals, LH4
Lansing Blue Jays @ Huntsville Havoc, LH6
Bergen Yankees @ Fort Myers Cubs, PDC3
Border City Brewers @ Puerto Rico Orioles, PDC4
St. Louis Patriots @ Minnesota Bandits, PDC5
Americans Baseball @ Richmond Riverdogs, TP-S
Rhode Island Rockies @ Midwest Nine, TP2
New Jersey Dodgers @ St. Louis Jets, TP3

5:30 PM

Washington Titans @ NorCal Giants, JB-S
Kent Mudhens @ Philadelphia Iron Pigs, LH-S
Richmond Riverdogs @ JD's Jaguars, TP-S



photo by Greg Wagner

Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame pitcher Mark Reinert faces the Raynham Baseball Club on Sunday morning on PDC 1

FOREVER YOUNG 75+ DIVISION

Monday

10 AM

Team America @ Mudville 9, JB4
Tri-Cities @ New Jersey Wonderboys, JB6
Philadelphia Mustangs @ Midwest Nine, TP2
St. Louis Legends @ NorCal Antiques, TP3
Kent Mudhens @ DuPage Lugnuts, TP4
Potomac Senators @ Toledo Tigers, LH3
White Foxes @ Team Cambria, LH4
Maine Woods Baseball @ Maiden Titans, LH6

ANTIQUES 80 + DIVISION

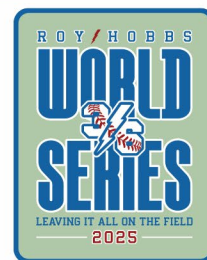
Monday

10 AM

Avengers @ New England Red Sox, PDC1



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Score Reporting System Primer

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. There are two methods to provide your game scores.
2. **First method** you can enter into your browser royhobbs.com/scores and then enter. You will see **Game Schedule at the top**. OR
3. **Second method** open the camera on your phone. Hold over the QR code located in all dugouts and you will see www.royhobbs.com outlined either in white or yellow. Click on the www.royhobbs.com. This method will also take you to the **Game Schedule** Browse games and report scores.
4. Find Your Team- Select team from the dropdown and then click on your team.
5. Tournament is Roy Hobbs World Series beyond the 3 dots, it says 2025 **(Do not change)**.
6. There is a Division dropdown. This week it is Vintage-65+, ForeverYoung 75+, Antiques 80+. Click on your Division.
7. Then you see today's date and below this Status. **(Do not change status leave as All Statuses)**
8. Then your game(s) show up, and you click on Report Score.
9. You enter scores. When your opponent enters the score and they match then the score is confirmed.
10. Then, as an option, you can enter the player of the game (first and last names) and, if you wish, rate umpires. If you choose to rate the Umpires please complete all ratings.
11. Submit, and thank you.

If you encounter problems, please contact Ellen Giffen at PDC or



photo by Greg Wagner

Ouch! Americans Baseball Club's batter Steve Brothers gets hit by a Kent Mudhens 65's pitch

330.352.2176, and she will assist 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. 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

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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.

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 between 7:30 & 8 p.m. Tom Giffen will be available to explain how pairings were set up. **Please note that if you**

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photo by Greg Wagner
Tidewater Drillers 65's runner Jimmy Toth slides while 2nd baseman Mark Oliari turns the double play for the Raynham Baseball Club

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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.



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!



Run-rule games

Run rule is 10 runs at 7 complete innings or if home team is ahead in a scheduled 9-inning game. Scheduled 7-inning games are 15 at 5 innings.

NOTE, in the 70s & 75s divisions, if the score difference is 15 at 5 innings, umpires have been instructed to call both managers together and to offer the team on the short end of the score if they want 6 outs to bat.



photo by Greg Wagner

Richmond Riverdogs 2nd baseman and St. Louis Jets runner John Fitzsimmons after a play in which both players found themselves down and dirty

As far as RH is concerned the team ahead has won, but any runs scored will count in RA, so that is an incentive to not just put anyone out there to pitch.

Both teams must agree if the game is not continued.

If you believe a game has been ended prematurely, don't leave and ask for a field manager; he will get in touch with headquarters for adjudication.



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Players of the Game

Sunday's games

Vintage Division

Americans Baseball 25, Kent Mudhens 0: **Americans** -

Gary Gazak 5x6, 3 HR, 8 RBI, 2 SB

Carolina Rockies 20, Rhode Island Rockies 2: **Carolina** -

Randy Foster 5x6 (5-for-6)

Minnesota Bandits 21, Team Albany 5: **Albany** - Doug

Berfeldt 3x4, HR, 3 RBI

Raynham Baseball 11, Tidewater Drillers 2: **Drillers** -

Barry Foster 2x4, HR, 2 RBI

Richmond Riverdogs 14, St. Louis Jets 10: **Riverdogs** - Al

Wall 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 R

S. Maryland Blue Crabs 20, Bonedogs 2: **Bonedogs** -

Leroy McClain 2x4, HR, 2 RBI

Washington Titans 9, Spokane DC Rapids 0: **Titans** -

Norm Churchill CG SHO, 9 IP, 2 H, 10 K, 0 BB

Forever Young Division

Mudville 9 4, Maiden Titans 3: **Mudville 9** - Lea Riell 2x4, HR, 2 RBI

Team Cambria 16, Maine Woods Baseball 0: **Maine**

Woods - John Arnold 2x4, 2B

Tri-Cities 7, Team America 4: **Tri-Cities** - Kirby 7 IP, 2 ER, 8 K, W

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