



Orioles, Ayala entrenched in RHWS history

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Anybody asking how the Puerto Rico Orioles became the Orioles might be surprised to learn that the name has nothing to do with being a fan of the Baltimore Orioles.

Or being a fan of legendary Orioles such as Brooks Robinson, Frank Robinson, Jim Palmer, Cal Ripken or Eddie Murray.

Nope. it was a fashion choice. Really.

Manager Alfred Ayala explained it Tuesday morning sitting in the bleachers at JetBlue Field 5 before a game. At their league back home in Puerto Rico, teams must dress in MLB uniforms with MLB names.

So, what team and what uniform?

"The most beautiful that we found was the Baltimore Orioles," said Ayala, who is a physician.

Ayala is as much a Roy Hobbs World Series fixture as nearly any other player or manager in the event's long history.

He's been bringing teams to Fort Myers since 1994. Ayala is a charter member of the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame. He was inducted with the inaugural class in 2013.

Another factor luring Ayala back year after year is strict adherence to rules and protocol.

"You're trying to do things the right way," Ayala, 67, said. He admits to being a stickler for the rules.

"I like that," Ayala said of adherence to rules.

Eugene Hemphill of the Orioles has known Ayala since before the birth of Roy Hobbs Baseball. As Hemphill recalls,



Alfred Ayala, manager of the Puerto Rico Orioles and member of the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame

photo by Glenn Miller

managing a team you're dealing with a lot of different characters."

Ayala isn't as busy now in his career as he was in the 1990s. He now works three days a week.

"I'm not doing any more medicine," Ayala said. "I'm only doing acupuncture right now. To do acupuncture in Puerto Rico you have to be a doctor of medicine."

One probably does not need to be a Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer to practice acupuncture in Puerto Rico.

their paths first crossed in amateur baseball in 1981 or 1982 when Ayala was doing his residency. Hemphill knows that the same intelligence and organization that allowed Ayala to graduate medical school and become a doctor is found on baseball fields and in dugouts.

"He's always been an organized person," Hemphill said. "He always goes by the rules. Doesn't try to cut corners."

What keeps Ayala and the Orioles making that journey from San Juan to Fort Myers every fall?

"The tournament itself because it's the most organized tournament," Ayala said.

Ayala, who is also an acupuncturist, said he is committed to his players.

"When you're managing you don't have four at-bats," Ayala said. "You have 35 at-bats. Every time a player does something you're thinking and trying to help everybody do their best. I like that."

"I like trying to communicate strategies. And

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Kenmore Eastern
Brewers 3rd baseman
Tom Chaboudy was
hit in the mouth with
a hard hit ball vs.
Raynham Baseball
Club and had to
leave the game in the
top of the first inning

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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG / ANTIQUES TUESDAY RESULTS

Vintage 65+ Division Results

Tuesday

Americans Baseball 12, Long Island Express 0
 Americans Baseball 18, Philadelphia Iron Pigs 3
 Border City Brewers 17, Aurora Islanders 2
 Huntsville Havoc 9, Tampa Stars 6
 JD's Jaguars 16, Blue Ridge Rangers 1
 Lansing Blue Jays 15, Bronx Cardinals 14
 Livingston Dodgers 14, USA Volkers Group 12
 Midwest Nine 20, Bonedogs 2
 Minnesota Bandits 18, Bergen Yankees 11
 NorCal Giants 23, Banana Sharks 18
 Nova Scotia Giants 23, Kent Mudhens 13
 Philadelphia Cutters 24, Windy City White Sox 9
 Puerto Rico Orioles 12, Fort Myers Cubs 3
 Raynham Baseball 9, Kenmore Eastern Brewers 3
 Rhode Island Rockies 17, Minnesota Goats 15
 Richmond Riverdogs 18, Cleveland Tribe 3
 S. Maryland Blue Crabs 17, New Jersey Dodgers 2
 St. Louis Dodgers 14, Rhode Island Rockies 9
 St. Louis Jets 20, Carolina Rockies 5
 St. Louis Patriots 5, Team Albany 1
 Tidewater Drillers 4, Spokane DC Rapids 2
 Washington Titans 6, Chicago Northstars 4



Matt Haig of the Kenmore Eastern Brewers at bat vs. Raynham Baseball on Tuesday afternoon

photo by Greg Wagner

FOREVER YOUNG 75+ RESULTS

Tuesday

DuPage Lugnuts 16, Philadelphia Mustangs 16
 Kent Mudhens 15, Toledo Tigers 0
 Mudville-9 7, White Foxes 1
 New Jersey Wonderboys 10, Team America 9
 NorCal Antiques 5, Midwest Nine 4
 Potomac Senators 12, St. Louis Legends 7
 Team Cambria 15, Maiden Titans 2
 Tri-Cities 11, Maine Woods Baseball 9

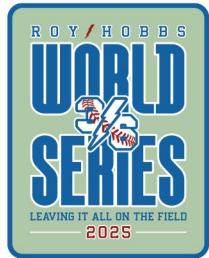
ANTIQUES 80 + RESULTS

Tuesday

South Dakota Rushmores 12, New England Red Sox 9



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Standings Thru Tuesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Americans Baseball Club	4	0	1.000	10
Washington Titans	4	0	1.000	17
Southern Maryland Blue Crabs	3	0	1.000	7
Midwest Nine	3	0	1.000	8
Raynham Baseball Club	3	0	1.000	9
Border City Brewers	3	0	1.000	10
Huntsville Havoc	3	0	1.000	14
Philadelphia Cutters	3	0	1.000	16
JD's Jaguars	3	0	1.000	16
Minnesota Bandits	3	0	1.000	19
Livingston Dodgers	3	0	1.000	30
St. Louis Patriots	3	1	.750	31
Long Island Express	2	1	.667	20
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	2	1	.667	20
St. Louis Jets	2	1	.667	21
Nova Scotia Giants	2	1	.667	36
Richmond Riverdogs	2	2	.500	39
Fort Myers Cubs	2	2	.500	41
Puerto Rico Orioles	2	2	.500	45
St. Louis Dodgers	2	2	.500	61
Tidewater Drillers	1	2	.333	18
USA Volkers Group	1	2	.333	21
Minnesota Goats	1	2	.333	31
Chicago Northstars	1	2	.333	33
NJ Dodgers	1	2	.333	34
Carolina Rockies	1	2	.333	36
Aurora Islanders	1	2	.333	36
Blue Ridge Rangers	1	2	.333	36
Tampa Stars	1	2	.333	37
Philadelphia Iron Pigs	1	2	.333	38
NorCal Giants	1	2	.333	45
Lansing Blue Jays	1	2	.333	51
Kent Mudhens	1	2	.333	55
Spokane DC Rapids	1	3	.250	31

Rhode Island Rockies

1	3	.250	66
0	3	.000	43
0	3	.000	52
0	3	.000	56
0	3	.000	64
0	4	.000	52
0	4	.000	69
0	4	.000	77

Forever Young Division

Standings Thru Tuesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Team Cambria	3	0	1.000	6
Mudville 9	3	0	1.000	7
Tri-Cities	3	0	1.000	19
Potomac Senators	3	0	1.000	23
Dupage Lugnuts	2.5	0.5	.833	24
Midwest Nine	2	1	.667	10
Norcal Aniques	2	1	.667	13
White Foxes	1	2	.333	19
Maiden Titans	1	2	.333	21
Toledo Tigers	1	2	.333	32
New Jersey Wonderboys	1	2	.333	32
Kent Mudhens	1	2	.333	33
Philadelphia Mustangs	0.5	2.5	.167	45
Team America 75s	0	3	.000	27
Maine Woods Baseball	0	3	.000	31
St. Louis Legends	0	3	.000	52

Antiques Division

Standings Thru Monday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Avengers	2	0	1.000	7
Rushmores	1	1	.500	23
New England Red Sox	0	2	.000	29

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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG / ANTIQUES WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

VINTAGE 65+ SCHEDULE

Wednesday**10 AM**

Border City Brewers @ Minnesota Bandits, JB3
 NorCal Giants @ Raynham Baseball, JB4
 Kenmore Eastern Brewers @ Tidewater Drillers, JB5
 Livingston Dodgers @ Philadelphia Cutters, JB6
 Team Albany @ Aurora Islanders, PDC3
 Chicago Northstars @ Banana Sharks, PDC4
 Long Island Express @ Kent Mudhens, TP2
 Philadelphia Iron Pigs @ JD's Jaguars, TP3
 Blue Ridge Rangers @ Nova Scotia Giants, TP4

1:45 PM

Minnesota Goats @ New Jersey Dodgers, JB2
 Windy City White Sox @ Huntsville Havoc, JB3
 Tampa Stars @ Lansing Blue Jays, JB4
 Bronx Cardinals @ USA Volkers Group, JB5
 Midwest Nine @ Carolina Rockies, TP2
 S. Maryland Blue Crabs @ St. Louis Jets, TP3

FOREVER YOUNG 75+ SCHEDULE

Wednesday**10 AM**

Mudville 9 @ Team Cambria, JB-S
 St. Louis Legends @ Toledo Tigers, LH-S
 NorCal Antiques @ Potomac Senators, PDC2
 Maine Woods Baseball @ New Jersey Wonderboys, PDC5
 DuPage Lugnuts @ Midwest Nine, TP-S



Hall of Famer and Kent Mudhens 75's manager Don Booth at the plate vs. the Toledo Tigers

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

1:45 PM

Maiden Titans @ Tri-Cities, JB-S
 Philadelphia Mustangs @ Kent Mudhens, LH-S
 White Foxes @ Team America, TP-S

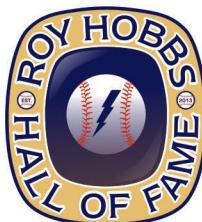
ANTIQUES 80+ SCHEDULE

Wednesday**10 AM**

South Dakota Rushmores @ Avengers, JB2



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NOTEBOOK



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A Toledo Tigers batter is thrown out at first base by Kent Mudhens 75's steady shortstop John Berger

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 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.



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.



Playoff pitching guidelines

Roy Hobbs requirement is that all

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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.



Kenmore Eastern Brewers batter Jeff Lonchor, Raynham Baseball first baseman Mark Jaehnig, and a close play at first

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The first pitch of the Raynham Baseball/ Kenmore Eastern Brewers game was ripped down the left field line and called fair by umpire Robert Tejeda



*photo by
Greg Wagner*



Richmond Riverdogs left fielder Jim Chaney battled the sun to catch an Americans Baseball fly ball

*photo by
Greg Wagner*

Players of the Game

Tuesday's games

Vintage Division

Kent Mudhens 15, Philadelphia Iron Pigs 7: **Iron Pigs** - Ron Tucker 3x5, 2B, 3 RBI

Livingston Dodgers 14, USA Volkers Group 12: **Dodgers** - Jerry Weaver 4x5, 2 2B, 5 RBI, 2 R

Nova Scotia Giants 23, Kent Mudhens 13: **Giants** - Barry Myra 4x5, 2 2B, 5 RBI, 2 R; **Mudhens** - David Fiebig 4x5, 2 2B, 5 RBI

S. Maryland Blue Crabs 16, New Jersey Dodgers 2: **Blue Crabs** - Ken Sanders 4x5, 2 2B, 6 RBI

Tampa Stars 19, Windy City White Sox 15: **White Sox** - Todd Rehanek 3x5, 2 2B, 5 RBI; Daryll Collins 4x6, 2B, 3 RBI

Tampa Stars 9, Huntsville Havoc 6: **Stars** - Doug 3x4, HR, 3 RBI, 2 R

Tidewater Drillers 4, Spokane DC Rapids 2: **DC Rapids** - Pete Powles 2x4, 1 RBI, 1 R

Washington Titans 16, NorCal Giants 0: **NorCal** - Joe Whitmer 2x4, 2B, 1 BB

Washington Titans 6, Chicago Northstars 4: **Titans** - Dave Miinchow 2x4, HR, 2 RBI, 1 R

Forever Young Division

Kent Mudhens 15, Toledo Tigers 0: **Mudhens** - Mike Roote 4x5, 2 2B, 6 RBI, 1 BB

New Jersey Wonderboys 10, Team America 9: **Team America** - Lefty Zich 3x4, 2B, 2 RBI

Team Cambria 15, Maiden Titans 2: **Titans** - Howard Elson 3x4, 2B, 2 RBI

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



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