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Baseball odyssey: Holtz enjoying the ride



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Eric Holtz, pitcher for the Westchester Fury and head coach of the Israeli baseball team in the 2020 Olympics.

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

Eric Holtz of the Westchester Fury has enjoyed a singular baseball odyssey, one that has taken him far from the Roy Hobbs World Series.

He was the head coach of the Israeli team in the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. Only six teams qualified for the Olympics.

"We were looked upon as the Jamaican bobsled team of baseball," said Holtz.

Israel was 1-4 in Tokyo, but the team was there.

He's coached the nation's teams in European championships for years. He played for the Bet Shemesh Blue Sox in the Israel Baseball League in 2007 at the age of 41.

Although he hit only .097 in 26 games, he did hit a homer and stole three bases without being caught. At 41! As a player-coach.

Wherever he travels, he is aware of anti-Semitism. When Israel played in

the European championships in Amsterdam in September, the squad was protected 24 hours a day.

Holtz, who will turn 60 on Dec. 5, was the bench coach.

Following a game Wednesday at the Lee Health Sports Complex he talked about his arrival in Amsterdam. He took a taxi directly from the airport to the field.

"And my taxi driver is Arab, and he asked me who I was coaching," Holtz said.

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The driver initially thought the coach in his cab was with the American team. That's understandable. Holtz is an American born in the Bronx.

"I said I shouldn't tell you - Israel," Holtz said

"And I said to him, listen, man if you want to hate me for the blood that runs through my veins, go ahead," Holtz said, "But we got 30 minutes to the field, why don't you get to know me and make a decision when we get there? And we got to the field. He got out of the cab. I wasn't sure what he was doing. If he was helping me with my luggage or whatever.

"This guy embraced me and gave me the biggest hug and wished me nothing but the best and told me to be careful and I did the same."

That was another stop in the Holtz Baseball Odyssey. Same with the Olympics.

"The biggest highlight of my life," Holtz said.

Even bigger than coaching in tournaments in several European countries. Other countries competing in Tokyo included baseball powers such as the U.S and Dominican Republic.

"Just to get there was an incredibly feat," Holtz said.

George Garcia of the Fury has known Holtz for 30 years as an opponent and teammate.

"You can't get a better teammate," Garcia said

That Arab cab driver in Amsterdam might agree.



Eric Holtz on the mound

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LEGENDS AAAA BRACKET

RHWS Legends AAAA Division

Thursday / R1	Thursday / R2	Friday / R3	Saturday
#1 Orlando Brewers 3 G1 JB4, 10 am	Orlando Brewers G4		In Round 2, no Round 1 repeat matchups Higher seeded team is home thru game 11 Winners bracket winner is home in championship
#6 Michigan Dodgers 2	JB5, 1:45 pm	Orlando Brewers 12-2	
#3 Lansing Blue Jays 4 G2 JB5, 10 am	Florida Sharks	G7 LH-S, 1:45 pm	
#4 Pittsburgh 6	Chicago Woodpeckers G5		
#2 Chi Woodpeckers 19 G3 JB6, 10am	JB3, 1:45 pm	Chicago Woodpeckers 9-3	G12
#5 Florida Sharks 8	Pittsburgh		LH-S, 1:30 p.m. Championship
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Champion
Lansing Blue Jays G6 JB4, 1:45 pm	Mich. Dodgers 8-1 G9	Loser G7 G11 LH-S, 10 am	
Michigan Dodgers	Bye	G10 JB-S, 1:45 PM	
	Pittsburgh G8	Pittsburgh	
	Bye		



Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship
		Saturday	
Fort Myers Cubs		FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM	
TP-S /10 AM			
White Bear Lake Bears			
	TP2 / 1:45 PM		
Hellcats			
TP3 /10 AM			
Minneapolis Millers			
Glory Days		TP2 / 10 AM	
TP2 /10 AM			
Tampa Bay Hurricanes			
	TPS / 1:45 PM		
Banana Sharks			
TP4 /10 AM			
Cleveland Steve's Sports			
			TP-S / 1:45 pm
Tidewater Drillers			Championship
PDC2 /10 AM			
Westchester Fury			
	PDC4 / 1:45 PM		
Tennessee Dirtbags			
PDC3 /10 AM			
Carolina Thunder			
Southeast Cardinals		TP4 / 10AM	
PDC4 /10 AM			
Florida Muskrats			
Dayton Angels	PDC3 / 1:45 PM		
PDC5 /10 AM			
HPK Oilers			



EVERY SWING. EVERY SLIDE.
ALL SEASON LONG.



LEGENDS A and B BRACKETS

RHWS Legends A Bracket

Quarterfinals / Friday	Semifinals	Championship
FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM		
Saturday		
Chicago Pilots		
PDC2 / 1:45 PM		
Minnesota Bandits		
	JB4 / 10 am	
Chesapeake Rays		
PDC5		
Okaloosa Slammers		
	JB1 / 1:30 pm	
Kodak Reds		
JB3 / 1:45 PM		
Canton Tigers		
	JB5 / 10 am	
DC Pirates		
JB6 / 1:45 PM		
Omaha Indians		

RHWS Legends B Playoffs

Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship	
Saturday				
FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM				
	Crystal Clinic Indians			
Jersey Bananas	PDC1 / 1:45 pm			
PDC1 / 10 AM				
Baltimore Thunder				
Bellacino's Red Sox		LH3 / 10 am		
LH1 / 10 AM				
Albany Whiz				
	LH6 / 1:45 pm			
	Ohio Brew Jays			
			LH6 / 1:45 pm	
			Championship	
	Cuyahoga Indians			
	JB1 / 1:45 pm			
RIMA Foxes				
JB-S / 10 AM				
New Jersey Twins				
Huntsville Havoc		LH4 / 10 am		
JB2 / 10 AM				
Chicago Jacks				
	JB2 / 1:45 pm			
	Nova Scotia Monarchs			

LEGENDS STANDINGS

Legends Division

S	AAA Division	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1	Maine Black Bears	5	0	1.000	26	16
2	Americans Baseball Club	4	1	.800	24	13
3	Long Island Patriots	4	1	.800	33	14
4	St. Louis A's	4	1	.800	23	15
5	Chicago North Redhawks	4	1	.800	35	22
6	Oakville Golden A's	4	1	.800	34	23
7	Wolfdogs	4	1	.800	39	24-11
8	Baltimore Krushers	4	1	.800	39	24-9
9	DuPage Red Sox	4	1	.800	42	26
10	Twin Peaks Lumberjacks	4	1	.800	43	28
11	Bergen Yankees	4	1	.800	53	37
12	US Virgin Islands Hurricanes	3	2	.600	38	22
13	Chicago Knights	3	2	.600	46	26
14	Chicago Giants	3	2	.600	39	27
15	St. Louis Patriots	3	2	.600	44	29
16	Motor City Firebirds	1	4	.200	55	38

	AA Division	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
F	Fort Myers Cubs	3	2	.600	49	29
L	Carolina Thunder	3	2	.600	48	31
I	Tidewater Drillers	3	2	.600	49	31
P	Tampa Bay Hurricanes	3	2	.600	58	35
	Glory Days	3	2	.600	53	36
C	Tennessee Dirtbags	3	2	.600	58	36
O	SouthEast Cardinals	3	2	.600	55	41
I	Hellcats	3	2	.600	62	44
N	Minneapolis Millers	2	3	.400	42	31
	Florida Muskrats	2	3	.400	44	32
for	Dayton Angels	2	3	.400	50	33
	Cleveland Steve's Sports	2	3	.400	51	35
H	White Bear Lake Bears	2	3	.400	57	37
O	Westchester Fury	2	3	.400	55	39
M	Banana Sharks	2	3	.400	58	39
E	HPK Oilers	2	3	.400	57	42



St. Louis A's runner Mark Robert is about to be tagged out by 2nd baseman Bobby Suydam of the Cuyahoga Indians

photo by Greg Wagner

	A Division	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
N	Kodak Reds	3	2	.600	62	43
O	Chesapeake Rays	2	3	.400	52	32
	Canton Tigers	2	3	.400	50	34
S	Minnesota Bandits	2	3	.400	59	37
E	Chicago Pilots	2	3	.400	73	51
E	Okaloosa Slammers	2	3	.400	81	51
D	DC Pirates	1	4	.200	54	34
S	Omaha Indians	1	4	.200	62	41

	B Division	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
F	Ohio Brew Jays	1	4	.200	46	30
L	Cuyahoga Indians	1	4	.200	64	40
I	Crystal Clinic Indians	1	4	.200	62	47
P	RIMA Foxes	1	4	.200	68	47
	Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	4	.200	71	48
C	Bellacino's Red Sox	1	4	.200	73	51
O	New Jersey Twins	1	4	.200	74	51
I	Albany Whiz	1	4	.200	73	56
N	Huntsville Havoc	1	4	.200	84	61
	Chicago Jacks	1	4	.200	88	67
	Jersey Bananas	0	5	.000	59	43
	Baltimore Thunder	0	5	.000	96	70





NOTEBOOK

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.



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!



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

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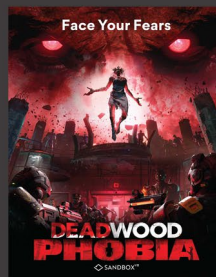


*Hall of Famer
Tim McCoy on
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Millers for the Fort
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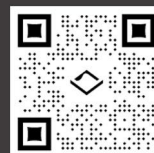


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Catcher Dave Demers of the Oakville Golden A's makes the catch of a USVI Hurricanes pop foul

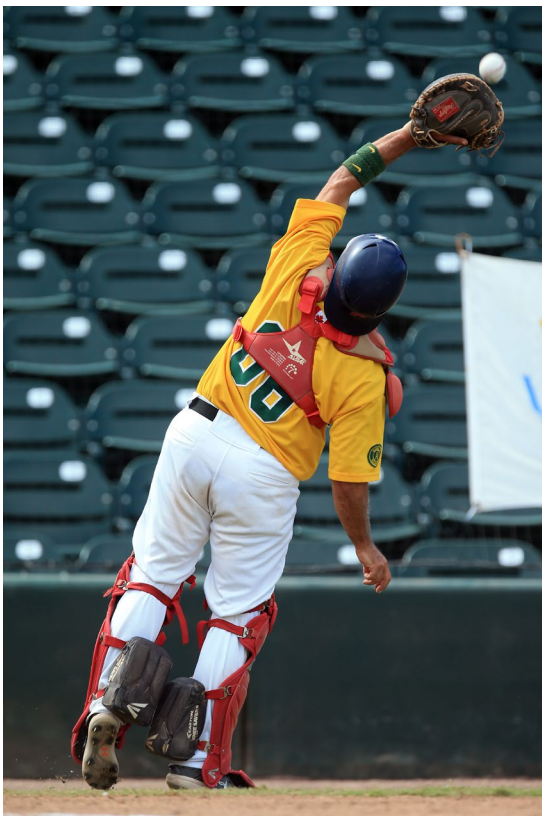


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today (Monday) to return on Thursday MUST turn in their player ID Card and re-register upon their return. They must return before the quarterfinals of the playoffs, regardless of division.



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.

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.

Players of the Game

Wednesday's games

Baltimore Krushers 53's 16, Hellcats 9: **Krushers** - Bill Benson 4x5, HR, 2B, 5 RBI

Carolina Thunder 13, Westchester Fury 8: **Thunder** - Steve Wiegel 3x4, Mike Burke 3x4; Greg Ferri 3-run HR (3 RBI)

Chicago Jacks 26, Baltimore Thunder 15: **Thunder** - Rickey Bobby Simmons 3x5, HR, 3 RBI

Chicago Knights 9, Canton Tigers 5: **Tigers** - Mike Angel 2x4, HR, 3 RBI

Chicago Pilots 14, Crystal Clinic Indians 4: **Pilots** - Butch Mogavero 4x5, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 1 BB

Fort Myers Cubs 10, Minneapolis Millers 6: Cubs - Tim McCoy 3x5, 2 HR, 4 RBI

HPK Oilers 23, New Jersey Twins 7: **Oilers** - Mike Marquart 3x5, 5 RBI

St. Louis Patriots 10, Kodak Reds 8: **Reds** - John Smith 4x5, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 2 R, 1 BB

Oakville Golden A's 4, USVI Hurricanes 1: **Golden A's** - Collin King 2x4, HR, 2 RBI, 1 R

Saint Louis A's 9, Tidewater Drillers 8: **Saint Louis A's** - Dean Penberthy 3x4, 2 RBI, 2B

Twin Peaks Lumberjacks 19, Long Island Patriots 15: **Patriots** - Rob Murphy 3x5, 2B, 2 RBI; Mike Meehan 2x4, HR, 3 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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