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Privateers welcome World Series warmth

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Nova Scotia Privateers Chris Mckee and Mike Johnston get warmed up before first game of 2026 RHWS.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

"Privateer: An armed private ship licensed to attack enemy shipping. Also: A sailor on such a ship." ~ Merriam-Webster

The Nova Scotia Privateers certainly don't seem like the sort of fellows to attack enemy shipping. Or anybody.

They're baseball players. Especially this week. They're baseball players, first and foremost.

The rest of the year they have other lives. Jobs and families and spouses.

Not as of Sunday morning when they played the Chicago Colts at PDC 2.

Most of the Privateers are Roy Hobbs World Series veterans.

Not Rob Comar, who is a rookie. But he's not a rookie like some callow kid in the majors. He's a rookie with a grey beard which makes him look older than his actual age.

"I got a 60-year-old beard but I'm only 46," Comar said.

Yes, a rookie at 46.

This was his first glimpse of the World Series.

"I'm blown away," Comar said. "Everything is just well-run, taken care of and prepared. I feel like I'm a kid again."

A 46-year-old kid with the beard of a 60-year-old man but still a rookie.

"I think that's the point of it," Colmar said. "You go out and play the game. You don't want to grow up."

No Privateer has to grow up this week.

Back home, Comar is a grown-up all the time. He is a physical education teacher at Prospect Road Elementary School.

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His Privateer teammates are Roy Hobbs World Series veterans.

Teammate Aaron Wright, 52, is here in the warm sunshine of Fort Myers for his third trip as a Privateer.

It's not warm in Halifax in the second half of October.

"There's possibilities of snow flurries this weekend," Wright said.

Not at the PDC. Or JetBlue. Or Terry Park.

Hardly.

Wright knows the routine. The Privateers week of baseball includes renting a house in Cape Coral.

"Come play one or two games of ball and go and eat together," Wright said. "It's the camaraderie of the experience and you're playing ball on world class fields. Playing with and against people who just love the game."

Privateer Alex Sabean first played in the World Series in 2019. Nova Scotia baseball leagues have recently wrapped up play. This is the end of the baseball year in Nova Scotia.

Now, they get a bonus week of baseball.

"You play your games and go back to the house," Sabean said. "We got a hot tub and a cold beer and watch the (playoff) games. It's total immersion. What's the word I'm looking for? Escape from reality for a whole week.

This week the reality is baseball.

Oh, and cold beer.

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Privateer Mike Johnson playing 'hide 'n seek' with team's official flag.

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VETERANS/MASTERS SUNDAY RESULTS

Veterans Division Results

Sunday

Baltimore Chop 7, ATX Saltdogs 3
Chicago Knights 11, Akron Cardinals 0
Cincinnati Colt .45s 19, Akron Cardinals 9
Columbus Panthers 15, Tennessee White Lightnin' 1
JR Bats 13, Tampa Cobra Kai 12
Minnesota Brewers 4, Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 2
Minnesota WebGems 22, Chicago Giants 5
New Jersey Mets 7, The Oilers 4
Tidewater Drillers 16, South Bend Cardinals 12
TTown Jack-Os 6, Cincinnati Colt .45s 1
Vukgripz Akron A's 8, Virginia Bullies 6

Masters Division Results

Sunday

Baltimore Thunder 7, UTEK USA 4
Chicago Knights 8, Honey Badgers 6
Chicago Woodpeckers 9, Dundalk Nationals 3
Flint Tigers 16, Minnesota Bandits 0
Lake Erie Blue Jays 12, Tidewater Drillers 3
Lansing A's 10, Jacksonville Hops 2
Lansing A's 5, Cangrejeros Stars 1
Lehigh Valley Railriders 16, New Jersey Rangers 1
Lehigh Valley Railriders 31, Glass City Black Sox 5
Minnesota Diamonds 13, Yamasa Beisbol Club 9
New Jersey Rangers 18, Minnesota Catfish 0
Nova Scotia Privateers 20, Chicago Colts 6
Nova Scotia Privateers 23, River City Rippers 8
Omaha Indians 13, DuPage Indians 1
Pensacola Vikings 11, Midwest Lookouts 4

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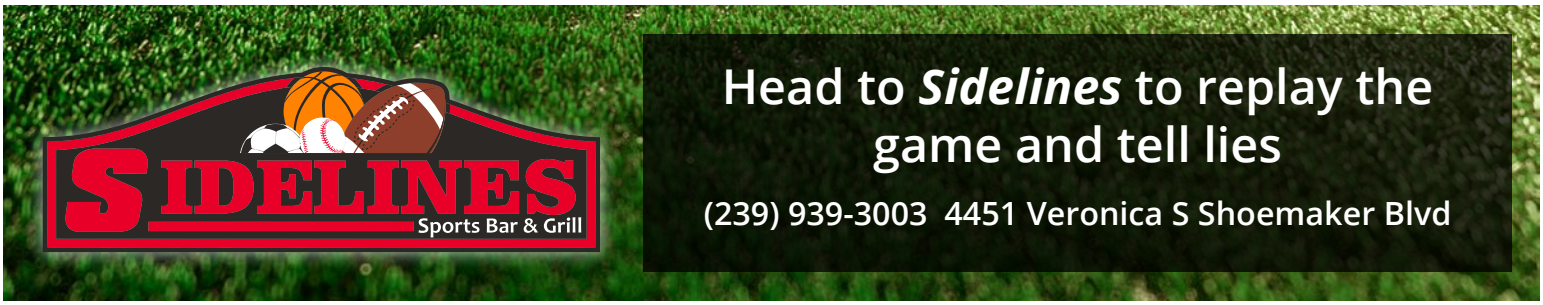
South Bend Cardinals 2, Minnesota Bandits 1 (10)
South Shore Giants 32, Cincinnati Colt .45s 11
South Shore Giants 9, NEO Angels 7
Staten Island Bombers 11, Cangrejeros Stars 7
Staten Island Bombers 12, Jacksonville Hops 0
Team Michigan 12, Fort Myers Seadogs 1
Victoria HarbourCats 13, NEO Angels 5
Vukgripz Akron A's 21, South Bend Cardinals 0
Vukgripz Akron A's 31, Flint Tigers 1



VETERANS/MASTERS SUNDAY STANDINGS

Veterans Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Chicago Knights	1	0	1.000	0
Columbus Panthers	1	0	1.000	1
TTown Jack-Os	1	0	1.000	1
Minnesota Brewers	1	0	1.000	2
Baltimore Chop	1	0	1.000	3
New Jersey Mets	1	0	1.000	4
Minnesota WebGems	1	0	1.000	5
Vukgripz Akron A's	1	0	1.000	6
Tidewater Drillers	1	0	1.000	12
JR Bats	1	0	1.000	12
Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs	0	1	.000	4
Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	1	.000	6
ATX Saltdogs	0	1	.000	7
The Oilers	0	1	.000	7
Virginia Bullies	0	1	.000	8
Akron Cardinals	0	1	.000	11
Tampa Cobra Kai	0	1	.000	13
Tennessee White Lightnin'	0	1	.000	15
South Bend Cardinals	0	1	.000	16
Chicago Giants	0	1	.000	22

Masters Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Vukgripz A's	2	0	1.000	1
Lansing A's	2	0	1.000	3
Lehigh Valley Railriders	2	0	1.000	6
Staten Island Bombers	2	0	1.000	7
Nova Scotia Privateers	2	0	1.000	14
South Shore Giants	2	0	1.000	18
Omaha Indians	1	0	1.000	1
Team Michigan	1	0	1.000	1
Chicago Woodpeckers	1	0	1.000	3
Lake Erie Blue Jays	1	0	1.000	3
Baltimore Thunder	1	0	1.000	4
Pensacola Vikings	1	0	1.000	4
Victoria HarbourCats	1	0	1.000	5
Chicago Knights	1	0	1.000	6
Minnesota Diamonds	1	0	1.000	9
New Jersey Rangers	1	1	.500	16
South Bend Cardinals	1	1	.500	22
Flint Tigers	1	1	.500	31
UTEK USA	0	1	.000	7
Honey Badgers	0	1	.000	8
Dundalk Nationals	0	1	.000	9
Midwest Lookouts	0	1	.000	11
Fort Myers Seadogs	0	1	.000	12
Tidewater Drillers	0	1	.000	12
DuPage Indians	0	1	.000	13
Yamasa Beisbol Club	0	1	.000	15
Minnesota Catfish	0	1	.000	18
Chicago Colts	0	1	.000	20
River City Rippers	0	1	.000	23
Glass City Black Sox	0	1	.000	31
Cincinnati Colt .45s	0	1	.000	32
Cangrejeros Stars	0	2	.000	12
Minnesota Bandits	0	2	.000	18
Jacksonville Hops	0	2	.000	22
NEO Angels	0	2	.000	22

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VETERANS/MASTERS MONDAY SCHEDULE

Veterans Division Schedule

Monday

10 AM

The Oilers @ Virginia Bullies, JB2
ATX Saltdogs @ Vukgripz Akron A's, JB3
Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs @ Chicago Giants, JB4
New Jersey Mets @ Baltimore Chop, JB5
South Bend Cardinals @ Minnesota Brewers, JB6
TTown Jack-Os @ Columbus Panthers, PDC2

1:45 PM

Vukgripz Akron A's @ New Jersey Mets, JB-S
Minnesota Brewers @ Tidewater Drillers, JB2
Minnesota WebGems @ Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs, JB3
Baltimore Chop @ The Oilers, JB4
Chicago Giants @ South Bend Cardinals, JB5
Virginia Bullies @ ATX Saltdogs, JB6
Cincinnati Colt .45s @ Chicago Knights, LH-S
TTown Jack-Os @ JR Bats, PDC3
Tampa Cobra Kai @ Columbus Panthers, PDC5
Tennessee White Lightnin' @ Akron Cardinals, TP2

5:30 PM

Tidewater Drillers @ Minnesota WebGems, JB-S

Masters Division Schedule

Monday

10 AM

Chicago Knights @ UTEK USA, JB-S
Tidewater Drillers @ Chicago Woodpeckers, LH-S
Fort Myers Seadogs @ Lake Erie Blue Jays, LH3
Minnesota Diamonds @ Team Michigan, LH4
Chicago Colts @ New Jersey Rangers, PDC1
Midwest Lookouts @ Baltimore Thunder, PDC3
South Shore Giants @ Victoria HarbourCats, PDC4
Honey Badgers @ Pensacola Vikings, PDC5
Flint Tigers @ Jacksonville Hops, TP-S
River City Rippers @ Lehigh Valley Railriders, TP2
Staten Island Bombers @ Minnesota Bandits, TP4

1:45 PM

Yamasa Beisbol Club @ Fort Myers Seadogs, LH2
Chicago Woodpeckers @ Minnesota Diamonds, LH3
Lake Erie Blue Jays @ Dundalk Nationals, LH4
Team Michigan @ Tidewater Drillers, LH6
Cangrejeros Stars @ South Bend Cardinals, PDC2
NEO Angels @ Omaha Indians, PDC4
Glass City Black Sox @ Nova Scotia Privateers, TP-S
Minnesota Catfish @ River City Rippers, TP4

5:30 PM

Dundalk Nationals @ Yamasa Beisbol Club, LH-S
Cincinnati Colt .45s @ DuPage Indians, TP-S
Vukgripz Akron A's @ Lansing A's, TP4

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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 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.

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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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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.

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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.

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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!

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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.

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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.

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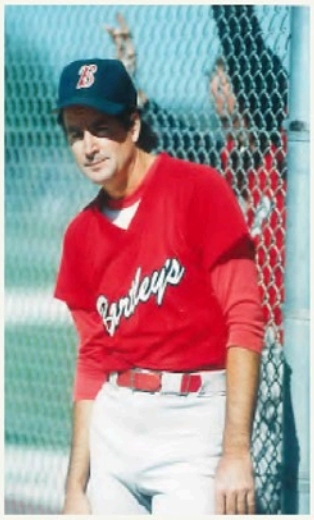
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Both teams must agree if the game is not continued.

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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Please help with dugouts

Roy Hobbs Baseball and the grounds crews need your help in the dugouts.

When your games are over and you are leaving the dugout, please police it for trash and cups, etc. Your assistance in cleaning up the dugouts each day will be greatly appreciated.

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First Aid

Two key First Aid items: Drink plenty of fluids while playing; don't just wait until the game is over. Water will be available at the fields.

Second, be sure to stretch and loosen up before playing, or even re-entering a game.

In case of an emergency, contact the field manager at your site. He has the First Aid supplies and will contact 911 services as needed.

Ice is available for injuries ... check with the field manager on duty or go to the nearest concession stand to have the appropriate personnel paged. Roy Hobbs requests that managers plan for pitchers needing ice for their arms and to supply it.

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Admission, $2 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is $2 per game or $8 for a tournament pass. The player ID card grants players access to all games in which they are not playing. Spectators will pay $2 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day at all complexes.

The $8 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters or from the Site Concierges at each security table; there is no family pass. The tournament pass is a plastic card that guarantees admission for that person for the duration of the RHWS. A loop comes with the tournament pass card for easy attachment to purses, beltloops, etc.

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NOTEBOOK

Sunday Players of the Game

Veterans Division

Baltimore Chop 7, ATX Saltdogs 3 – Chop: Rob Warwick
Cincinnati Colt .45s 19, Akron Cardinals 9 – Colt 45s: Anthony Turner, HR; Cardinals: Tom DeLullo 2-4, 2B, 3B, 3 R, 3 RBI
Columbus Panthers 15, Tennessee White Lightnin' 1 – Tennessee: Josh Bradford
Minnesota Brewers 4, Philadelphia DirtDawgs 2 – Brewers: Andrew Schafer; DirtDawgs: Eric Kamp 5IP, 5K, 1 Run
Minnesota WebGems 22, Chicago Giants 5 – WebGems: David Jonas.
New Jersey Mets 7, The Oilers 4 – Mets: Luis Mendoza
TTown Jacko's 6, Cincinnati Colt .45s 1 – Colt 45s: Jose Cueto
Vukgripz Akron A's 8, Virginia Bullies 6 – A's: Brandon Morton; Bullies: Joe Henderson

Masters Division

Baltimore Thunder 7, UTEK USA 4 – Thunder: Tim Terreault, CG W.
Chicago Knights 8, Honey Badgers 6 – Knights: Scott Budds.
Chicago Woodpeckers 9, Dundalk Nationals 3 – Woodpeckers: Hugo Munoz
Flint Tigers 16, Minnesota Bandits 0 – Tigers: Jeff Cunningham
Lake Erie Blue Jays 12, Tidewater Drillers 3 – Blue Jays: Ethan West 3-5, 2B, GS HR, 4 RBIs, 2 runs; Randy Munshower 7 IP, 2 ER for W; Drillers: Marky Mergarejo.
Lansing A's 10, Jacksonville Hops 2 – A's: Matt Poole
Lansing A's 5, Cangrejeros Stars 1 – A's: Mike Shadoan 5 SO IP for W; Chad Pleiness, save & 2 RBI.
Lehigh Valley Railriders 16, New Jersey Rangers 1 – Railriders: Craig Holman, 5 scoreless innings; Rangers: Eddie Thomas
Lehigh Valley Railriders 31, Glass City Black Sox 5 – Railriders: Craig Holman, 7 strong innings for win.
Minnesota Diamonds 15, Yamasa Beisbol 9 – Diamonds: Brian Graupmann
New Jersey Rangers 18, Minnesota Catfish 0 – Rangers: Rob Buonanno
Nova Scotia Privateers 20, Chicago Colts 6 – Privateers: Chris McKee
Nova Scotia Privateers 23, River City Rippers 7 – Privateers: Dave Cameron
South Shore Giants 32, Cincinnati Colt .45s 11 – Giants: Carlos Escano
South Shore Giants 9, NEO Angels 7 – Giants: Kevin McGinnis; Angels: Jaime Ramirez
Staten Island Bombers 11, Cangrejeros Stars 7 – Bombers: John Tointigh
Staten Island Bombers 12, Jacksonville Hops 0 – Bombers: Dennis McGuiness
Team Michigan 12, Fort Myers Seadogs 1 – Michigan: Mike Dawson

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Vukgripz Akron A's 21, South Bend Cardinals 0 -- A's: Steve Norris
Vukgripz Akron A's 31, Flint Tigers 1 – Tigers: Jeff Cunningham; A's: Ty Moorhead