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Seadogs' trip to Iowa cornfield? 'Magical'

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Seadogs with Field of Dreams memories: (L-R) Erik Reese, Lee Cosentino, Rick Woodcock, Rudy Cesario, Ron Obermeier, JK McGreens, George Kerst.

BY GLENN MILLER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Fort Myers Seadogs recently spent a week in heaven.

To be clear: That's not the heaven of theology but the heaven of baseball cinematic magic - Iowa.

The Sea Dogs participated last month in the Moonlight Graham Classic on the site where the beloved 1989 "Field of Dreams" was filmed.

They walked out of the corn field like Shoeless Joe Jackson. They played on the field where Ray Liotta as Shoeless Joe slapped liners back at Kevin Costner.

The trip was particularly meaningful for J.K. McGreens, who got to play catch with his 81-year-old father, Rick. It's the third time they've played catch on the field.

They re-enacted one of the iconic scenes in film history.

"It's awesome, I tell you," McGreens said.

Except it wasn't make-believe. It was real.

Walking out the corn field was particularly special.

"It's a goosebumps kind of feeling," said Seadog Ron Obermeieir who just made his first Iowa trip.

In the movie, actors playing members of the 1919 Chicago Black Sox named Buck Weaver, Eddie Cicotte, Swede

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Risberg and Chick Gandil walked out of the corn to play ball.

The Seadogs walked out of the corn in September to play ball.

"They got music playing," Obermeier said. "They announce your name."

Seadogs Manager Lee Cosentino has taken the team to Iowa three times now.

"It's a bucket list item," Cosentino said.

He said he also has played in Cooperstown but prefers Iowa.

"I recommend Iowa over Cooperstown all day long," Cosentino said.

Cosentino said one needs to know the movie to fully embrace the magic of the Moonlight Graham Classic.

"The father-son connection," Cosentino said. "The spiritual-ness of it. It is magical. I'm not kidding. It is."

The fields are top-notch, according to the Seadogs.

One field is from the movie set and another field is one that MLB uses for its Field of Dreams game.

Cosentino said the Seadogs were in Iowa just a few weeks after the Minnesota Twins and Philadelphia Phillies had played there.

Teams also get tours of the farmhouse that was the home of the Kinsella family.

photo by Glenn Miller

But the focus was baseball and the fields.

"The nicest field I've ever been on," McGreens said. "I didn't even want to put on my cleats, the field was so nice. One of our guys got down on his knees and said he had to get down and make sure it wasn't turf."

The grass was real.

The experience was unreal.

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VETERANS/MASTERS TUESDAY RESULTS

Veterans Division Results

Tuesday

Baltimore Chop 16, Vukgripz Akron A's 6
Chicago Knights 13, JR Bats 9
Chicago Knights 17, TTown Jack-Os 9
Cincinnati Colt .45s 7, Tennessee White Lightnin' 6
Columbus Panthers 17, JR Bats 2
Minnesota Brewers 8, Chicago Giants 5
Minnesota WebGems 11, South Bend Cardinals 10
New Jersey Mets 17, Virginia Bullies 1
Tampa Cobra Kai 14, Akron Cardinals 4
Tampa Cobra Kai 24, Tennessee White Lightnin' 2
The Oilers 16, ATX Saltdogs 6
Tidewater Drillers 15, Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs 9

Masters Division Results

Tuesday

Cangrejeros Stars 11, Minnesota Bandits 10
Chicago Colts 21, River City Rippers 4
Chicago Colts 22, Minnesota Catfish 3
Chicago Knights 18, Pensacola Vikings 9
Chicago Knights 24, Baltimore Thunder 8
Chicago Woodpeckers 14, Team Michigan 6
Cincinnati Colt .45s 14, Victoria HarbourCats 13
Dundalk Nationals 22, Flint Tigers 8
Glass City Black Sox 12, New Jersey Rangers 11
Glass City Black Sox 19, Minnesota Catfish 14
Honey Badgers 13, Midwest Lookouts 2
Honey Badgers 20, Baltimore Thunder 7
Lehigh Valley Railriders 17, Nova Scotia Privateers 8
Midwest Lookouts 16, UTEK USA 14

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Minnesota Diamonds 18, South Bend Cardinals 8
NEO Angels 11, DuPage Indians 4
Omaha Indians 19, Cincinnati Colt .45s 7
South Shore Giants 16, Omaha Indians 3
Staten Island Bombers 6, Lansing A's 4
Tidewater Drillers 9, Fort Myers Seadogs 7
UTEK USA 15, Pensacola Vikings 7
Victoria HarbourCats 10, DuPage Indians 9
Vukgripz Akron A's 6, Jacksonville Hops 3
Yamasa Beisbol Club 19, Lake Erie Blue Jays 12

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VETERANS/MASTERS TUESDAY STANDINGS

Veterans Division

Standings Thru Tuesday's Games

AAAA Playoffs	W	L	Pct.	RA
New Jersey Mets	4	0	1.000	5
Minnesota WebGems	4	0	1.000	31
The Oilers	3	1	.750	17
Tidewater Drillers	3	1	.750	33
Minnesota Brewers	3	1	.750	41
ATX Saltdogs	2	2	.500	41
Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs	1	3	.250	39
South Bend Cardinals	1	3	.250	47

Team/ Pool Gm 5	W	L	Pct.	RA
Columbus Panthers	4	0	1.000	11
Chicago Knights	4	0	1.000	22
Tampa Cobra Kai	2	2	.500	30
Cincinnati Colt .45s	2	2	.500	31
Baltimore Chop	2	2	.500	31
JR Bats	2	2	.500	55
TTown Jack-Os	1	3	.250	43
Vukgripz Akron A's	1	3	.250	51
Akron Cardinals	1	3	.250	57
Chicago Giants	0	4	.000	50
Virginia Bullies	0	4	.000	59
Tennessee White Lightnin'	0	4	.000	62

Masters Division

Standings Thru Tuesday's Games

AAAA Playoffs	W	L	Pct.	RA
Vukgripz A's	4	0	1.000	12
Staten Island Bombers	4	0	1.000	19
Minnesota Diamonds	4	0	1.000	27
Chicago Woodpeckers	3	1	.750	20
Lake Erie Blue Jays	3	1	.750	31
Yamasa Beisbol Club	3	1	.750	32
Lansing A's	2	2	.500	23
Team Michigan	2	2	.500	24

Team / Pool Gm 5	W	L	Pct.	RA
South Shore Giants	4	0	1.000	28
Honey Badgers	3	1	.750	20
Lehigh Valley Railriders	3	1	.750	29
Chicago Knights	3	1	.750	37
Glass City Black Sox	3	1	.750	70
Cangrejeros Stars	2	2	.500	25
NEO Angels	2	2	.500	29
Omaha Indians	2	2	.500	34
New Jersey Rangers	2	2	.500	39
UTEK USA	2	2	.500	40
Midwest Lookouts	2	2	.500	43
Nova Scotia Privateers	2	2	.500	46
Chicago Colts	2	2	.500	47
Victoria HarbourCats	2	2	.500	48
River City Rippers	2	2	.500	63
Jacksonville Hops	1	3	.250	31
Dundalk Nationals	1	3	.250	33
Tidewater Drillers	1	3	.250	38
DuPage Indians	1	3	.250	43
Pensacola Vikings	1	3	.250	45
South Bend Cardinals	1	3	.250	54
Flint Tigers	1	3	.250	59
Baltimore Thunder	1	3	.250	60
Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	3	.250	77
Minnesota Bandits	0	4	.000	50
Fort Myers Seadogs	0	4	.000	50
Minnesota Catfish	0	4	.000	75

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VETERANS/MASTERS WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Veterans Division Schedule

Wednesday Schedule
FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM
10 AM
Akron Cardinals vs. Chicago Giants, JB-S
Chicago Knights vs. Columbus Panthers, LH3
Tennessee White Lightnin' vs. Virginia Bullies, TP4
1:45 PM
Baltimore Chop vs. JR Bats, PDC2
Tampa Coba Kai vs. TTown Jacko-s, TP2
Vukgripz Akron A's vs. Cincinnati Colt .45s, LH3

Masters Division Schedule

Wednesday Schedule
FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM
10 AM
Cangrejeros Stars Vs. South Shore Giants, TP2
Dundalk Nationals vs. South Bend Cardinals, JB6
DuPage Indians vs. Flint Tigers, JB4
Jacksonville Hops vs. Victoria HarbourCats, PDC5
NEO Angels vs. UTEK USA, PDC3
New Jersey Rangers vs. River City Rippers, LH-S
Pensacola Vikings vs. Tidewater Drillers, JB3
1:45 PM
Baltimore Thunder vs. Fort Myers Seadogs, JB-S
Chicago Colts vs. Omaha Indians, LH-S
Chicago Knights vs. Glass City Black Sox, PDC5
Honey Badgers vs. Lehigh Valley Railriders, PDC3
Midwest Lookouts vs. Nova Scotia Privateers, PDC4
Minnesota Bandits vs. Minnesota Catfish, TP-S

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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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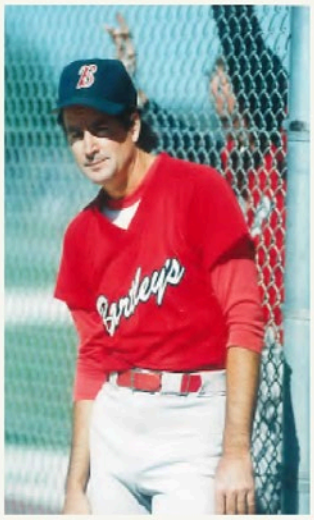
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Both teams must agree if the game is not continued.

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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Playing site security

The active steps taken several years ago to deal with parking lot security will continue as parking lot theft issues have – knock on wood – not been an issue the last 7 years.

Are we out of the woods? No, it is a daily procedure and effort to make sure parking lots are safe.

Once again, Roy Hobbs will have personnel posted at the player/spectators' entrances to Terry Park, PDC, JetBlue Complex and at the entrance to the Quad fields at Lee County.

These individuals will have a view of the parking lot, and they will be available in emergencies, be enforcing cooler guidelines and handling admissions.

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Customer Service

Roy Hobbs Baseball is proud of its record on customer service.

Staff members are required to wear identifying staff shirts during the working hours of the tournament and should be easily identifiable. At least two are assigned to each of the satellite complexes daily.

In the case of **emergency,** please go to the nearest concession stand at the satellite complexes, where someone will be available to summon help.

Roy Hobbs field managers and key personnel are Red Cross First Aid **certified**, and Roy Hobbs Baseball has guidelines in place on the handling of injuries. Additionally, **AED devices** are available at each of the facilities, and Roy Hobbs personnel have been trained on those devices.