



ROY HOBBS WORLD SERIES INSIDE PITCH

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Baseball-loving Bullies make RHWS debut

BY GLENN MILLER

Roy Hobbs Baseball

Baseball fans old enough to have heard of Billy Ball likely know the connection to the early 1980s Oakland A's and Billy Martin.

The 2006 Roy Hobbs World Series includes a team named the Virginia Bullies that, according to Manager Mike Fowler, is all about "Bully Ball"!

That exclamation mark comes from Fowler.

Not to be confused with Billy Ball.

Fowler was asked via email to describe his team. He responded with 200 or so words that could apply to every Roy Hobs team in every division and age bracket

This is a slightly condensed version of what he wrote:

"The Virginia Bullies are more than just an adult baseball team. We're a brotherhood of guys who refuse to let age determine when it's time to hang up the cleats," Fowler wrote. "Our organization brings together players from different backgrounds, communities, and walks of life who share one common passion: baseball."

There's more.

"We compete in adult baseball tournaments across the country. ... From our 35+ division to our older age groups, we're working to build something that gives competitive baseball players an opportunity to keep playing the game they love," Fowler wrote. "Our philosophy is pretty simple: compete hard, respect the game, and enjoy every minute of it. We take winning seriously, but we also understand that the memories we make, the friendships we build, and the experiences we share are what make adult baseball so special."

Fowler added it's the competition that drives the players.

"A lot of guys our age are content

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photo courtesy of Virginia Bullies

Bullie Joe Henderson dropped the hammer on one of his 4 homers this week.



BULLIES

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watching baseball from the couch. We'd rather still be out there diving for baseballs, stealing bases, and competing for championships. We're not trying to relive our glory days. We're still making them. At the end of the day, that's what being a Virginia Bully is all about. Bully Ball!"

Back home in Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia, Fowler owns Fowlers Painting. This week, far from any mountains, the Bullies are participating in their first Roy Hobbs World Series.

Why here?

"I had heard some really good things about the Roy Hobbs," Fowler said. "It was just something I wanted to check out. Wanted to check out some different fields and see some minor-league complexes."

He's also seen something else. One of his players, Joe Henderson, has hit four homers this week.

The Bullies got off to a rough start, losing their first 4 games.

But Fowler is not complaining. Far from it. Fort Myers has not seen the last of the Bullies.

"I think we're probably going to do this every year going forward," Fowler said.



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VETERANS/MASTERS FRIDAY STANDINGS

Veterans Division

Standings Thru Wednesday'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	5	0	1.000	14
Chicago Knights	4	1	.800	44
Cincinnati Colt .45s	3	2	.600	39
Baltimore Chop	3	2	.600	48
Tampa Cobra Kai	2	3	.400	48
TTown Jack-Os	2	3	.400	58
JR Bats. aaa	2	3	.400	73
Chicago Giants	1	4	.200	57
Vukgripz Akron A's	1	4	.200	62
Virginia Bullies	1	4	.200	64
Akron Cardinals	1	4	.200	66
Tennessee White Lightnin'	0	5	.000	84

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

S AAA Playoffs

	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1 Honey Badgers	4	1	.800	24	16
2 South Shore Giants	4	1	.800	41	30
3 Chicago Knights	4	1	.800	47	33
4 Cangrejeros Stars	3	2	.600	35	25
5 Dundalk Nationals	2	3	.400	39	29
6 Lehigh Valley Railriders	3	2	.600	39	24
7 Omaha Indians	3	2	.600	42	26
8 Nova Scotia Privateers	3	2	.600	48	31

Note: Seeds 4-5 at Roy Hobbs Discretion.

S AA Playoffs

	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1 UTEK USA	3	2	.600	56	40
2 River City Rippers	3	2	.600	74	51
3 Glass City Black Sox	3	2	.600	85	54
4 Jacksonville Hops	2	3	.400	39	12
5 Tidewater Drillers	2	3	.400	38	26
6 NEO Angels	2	3	.400	46	29
7 Minnesota Bandits	1	4	.200	56	35
8 Fort Myers Seadogs	1	4	.200	52	36

Note: Matchups adjusted at Roy Hobbs Discretion.

A Playoffs

	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
N Flint Tigers	2	3	.400	64	33
O New Jersey Rangers	2	3	.400	51	35
Victoria HarbourCats	2	3	.400	62	42
S Midwest Lookouts	2	3	.400	59	43
E Chicago Colts	2	3	.400	65	45
E Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	3	.250	77	45
D Pensacola Vikings	1	4	.200	56	38
I DuPage Indians	1	4	.200	65	43
N Baltimore Thunder	1	4	.200	77	53
G South Bend Cardinals	1	4	.200	75	54
Minnesota Catfish	0	5	.000	93	71

Note: Flip a Coin for Home Team; Matchups at Roy Hobbs Discretion.



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VETERANS AAA BRACKET

Veterans AAA Playoffs

Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship
Saturday			
	#1 Columbus Panthers		
#8 Chicago Giants	TP-S / 1:45 PM		
TP-S / 10 AM			
#9 Vukgripz Akron A's			
#5 Tampa Cobra Kai	TP2 / 10 AM		
TP2 / 10 AM			
#10 Virginia Bullies			
TP2 / 1:45 PM			
#4 Baltimore Chop			
		TP-S / 1:30 pm Championship	
	#3 Cincinnati Colt .45s		
	TP3 / 1:45 PM		
#6 TTown Jacko-s			
TP3 / 10 AM			
#12 Tenn. White Lightnin'			
#7 JR Bats	TP4 / 10AM		
TP4 / 10 AM			
#11 Akron Cardinals			
TP4 / 1:45 PM			
	#2 Chicago Knights		



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MASTERS AAAA BRACKET

2026 RHWS Masters AAAA Playoff



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MASTERS AAA BRACKET

Masters AAA Playoffs

Quarterfinals / Friday	Semifinals / Friday	Championship
Higher seeded team is home throughout playoffs		
Saturday		
#1 Honey Badgers		
PDC2 / 10 AM		
#7 Omaha Indians		
	PDC5 / 1:45 PM	
#4 Cangrejeros Stars		
PDC3 / 10 AM		
#5 Dundalk Nationals		
	LH-S / 10 AM	
	Championship	
#3 Chicago Knights		
PDC4 / 10 AM		
#6 Lehigh Valley Railriders		
	PDC3 / 1:45 PM	
#2 South Shore Giants		
PDC5 / 10 AM		
#8 Nova Scotia Privateers		

MASTERS AA BRACKET

Masters AA Playoffs

Quarterfinals / Friday	Semifinals / Saturday	Championship
Higher seeded team is home throughout playoffs		
Saturday		
#1 UTEK USA		
JB3 / 1:45 PM		
#3 Glass City Black Sox		
	JB4 / 10 am	
#4 Jacksonville Hops		
JB4 / 1:45 PM		
#5 Tidewater Drillers		
	JB3 / 1:45 pm	
	Championship	
#7 Minnesota Bandits		
JB5 / 1:45 PM		
#8 Fort Myers Seadogs		
	JB5 / 10 am	
#2 River City Rippers		
JB6 / 1:45 PM		
#6 NEO Angels		



MASTERS A BRACKET

Masters A Playoffs

Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship	
			Saturday	
			Flip a Coin for Home Team	
	Flint Tigers			
Pensacola Vikings	PDC1 / 1:45 PM			
PDC1 / 10 AM				
South Bend Cardinals				
		PDC3 / 10 AM		
Chicago Colts				
DuPage Indians	LH6 / 1:45 PM			
LH6 / 10 AM				
Minnesota Catfish				
		PDC5 / 1:30 pm	Championship	
	New Jersey Rangers			
	LH4 / 1:45 PM			
	Midwest Lookouts			
Cincinnati Colt .45s		PDC4 / 10AM		
LH3 / 10 AM				
Baltimore Thunder				
	LH3 / 1:45 PM			
	Victoria Harbourcats			



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Players of the Game

Veterans Division

Akron Cardinals – Ben Davis 2-3, HR, 3 RBI
 Akron Cardinals – Charles Miller 2x5, 2B, R, 2 RBI; Robert Roe 2x4, BB, 2 RBI
 ATX Saltdogs – Brian Bryles 3 hits, 2 RBI
 ATX Saltdogs – Paul Duyvejonck 3x3, HR
 Cincinnati Colt .45s – Ryan Earley game winning RBI in bottom 10
 JR Bats – Christian Carlisle 2x3, HR, 3 RBI
 JR Bats – Eric Smith 2x3, HR
 JR Bats – Matt Sterling 2x3, 2b, RBI
 Minnesota Brewers – Emery Hull 2-run HR
 Minnesota Brewers – Ronnie Olson 2-3, Sac Fly, 3 RBI, 11 PO.
 Minnesota WebGems – Kyle Lieser 3x4, HR, 2 RBI, 4 R
 Philadelphia Dirt Dawgs – Eric Kamp 5 shutout IP, 5 K
 South Bend Cardinals – Matt Hill 2x4, 2B, 3 IP
 TTown Jack-Os – Chris Zarobinski grand slam
 Virginia Bullies – Joe Henderson 3x4, 5 RBI, 3 R, 2 HR
 Vukgripz Akron A's – Andy Carbone 1 IP, 2 K

Masters Division

Cangrejeros Stars – Danys Montero 1B, HR, 3 RBI, 2 R
 Cangrejeros Stars – Romero 2-1B, 2 RBI
 Honey Badgers – Bailey 4 IP, 1 ER, 2x2, 2-2B, 2 RBI
 Honey Badgers – Jason Dickerson 7 IP, 9 k's 2 ER; Jeremy Laplant 2x4 grand slam, 4 RBI
 Honey Badgers+ – Jason Dickerson 9 IP, 2 ER
 Lansing A's – Sam Nolan+ 2 RBI, 1R
 New Jersey Rangers – Nick Centolanza 2x4, key RBI's and SB, 2B
 New Jersey Rangers – Pedro Burgos 2-2B, 2 RBI
 Staten Island Bombers – Carlos Torres 5 IP, 3 K, 3 hits
 Staten Island Bombers – Dennis McGuines 3x4, 2-2B, 2 RBI
 Victoria HarbourCats – Joe Collins 2B, great catches and throws from OF, threw out a runner at home for a double play
 Vukgripz Akron A's – Dan Herbert 2-2B, 1B & BB, only make 2 outs all week
 Vukgripz Akron A's – Matt Rouke 2 hits, SB, RBI
Note: Managers submit Player of the Game on the score App after each game. Please give details of their performance