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RHWS rookie: McRae spent decade in MLB



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MLB veteran and RHWS rookie, Brian McRae of the Victoria HarbourCats

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

The last time Brian McRae played baseball at Terry Park was likely 1987. The future big-leaguer was 19 and with the Fort Myers Royals of the Class A Florida State League.

McRae is now 59 and is scheduled to play tonight at Terry Park with the Victoria HarbourCats.

Between then and now, McRae played 10 years in the majors. Now, he is a Roy Hobbs World Series rookie.

Before a game Sunday morning at the PDC he talked about returning to the field 28 years since his last big-league game in 1999.

Although it has been a long time since McRae played, he has coached since, he said, around 2008 or 2009. He hits fungoes and throws batting practice and even does some base running drills.

So, he's ready physically.

But it's taken a while to get mentally ready to play again. As a younger man he might have been tempted to try to recapture the glory of his prime.

"I didn't feel like before that I would be able to play and not try to do too much and hurt myself," McRae said. "Now I think my ego is to the point where I can take it easy and enjoy myself out here and not be too overly competitive to where my mind thinks I can do more."

The man who played big-league centerfield for a decade and hit 58 triples and stole 196 bases is now nearly 60.

He's not the young man who was the 17th overall draft pick in 1985 and was a second-team all-state football player in Missouri who could have played college football. He was 17

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when he was drafted.

"I know what I can or what I should do and how to go about it," McRae said. "So, I think I should be able to get through the week."

This week is bringing McRae back to his roots.

As a youngster in the 1970s and 1980s, his dad, Hal, played for the Kansas City Royals when they trained at Terry Park. He spent time there as a batboy.

His dad played for the Royals from 1974 to 1987, which was the team's final year in Fort Myers.

Father and son once played in a spring training game together. He doesn't remember much.

"I just know it was against the Phillies," McRae said. "I think I got a hit in my first at-bat and I played second base, played half the game."

But he was on his way to the majors.

McRae isn't approaching this World Series the way he approached games as a big leaguer.

"I won't try to do too much and push myself," McRae said. "I'll just have fun."

It's not 1987 and Brian McRae is not that 19-year-old kid with the Fort Myers Royals trying to reach the majors. He's a Victoria HarbourCat.



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LEGENDS SUNDAY RESULTS

2026 RHWS Legends Division Sunday Results

Americans Baseball 14, Bergen Yankees 1
Baltimore Krushers 14, Fort Myers Seadogs 13
Baltimore Thunder 5, Okaloosa Slammers 2
Banana Sharks 15, Team Bulgaria 7
Banana Sharks 22, Kodak Reds 4
Canton Tigers 7, Orlando Dodgers 3
Carolina Thunder 18, Akron Brew Crew, 3
Carolina Thunder 18, Tennessee Dirtbags 12
Chesapeake Platinum 8, Central Penn Warriors 7
Chicago Giants 12, Okaloosa Slammers 2
Chicago Knights 13, Glory Days 3
Chicago Knights 14, Huntsville Havoc 4
Chicago Pilots 19, Minnesota Angels 15
Chicago Woodpeckers 11, Wolfdogs 5
Florida Sharks 20, Maine Black Bears 9
Hellcats 17, Minnesota Angels 1
Hellcats 8, Chesapeake Rays 2
HPK Oilers 19, Steve's Sports 1
HPK Oilers 23, Chesapeake Rays 8
Huntsville Havoc 18, Chicago Jacks 11
Michigan Dodgers 15, DuPage Red Sox 9
Minneapolis Millers 27, Philadelphia Generals 6
Motor City Firebirds 6, Minnesota Bandits 2
Nashville River Bandits 10, Chicago Giants 4
Oakville Golden A's 6, Long Island Patriots 4
Orlando Dodgers 3, Jersey Bananas 2
Pittsburgh 18, Chicago North RedHawks 2
Southeast Cardinals 16, Tampa Bay Hurricanes 5
Southeast Cardinals 23, NEO Angels 21
St. Louis Patriots 12, Lansing Blue Jays 10
St. Louis Pirates 16, DC Pirates 11 (10)

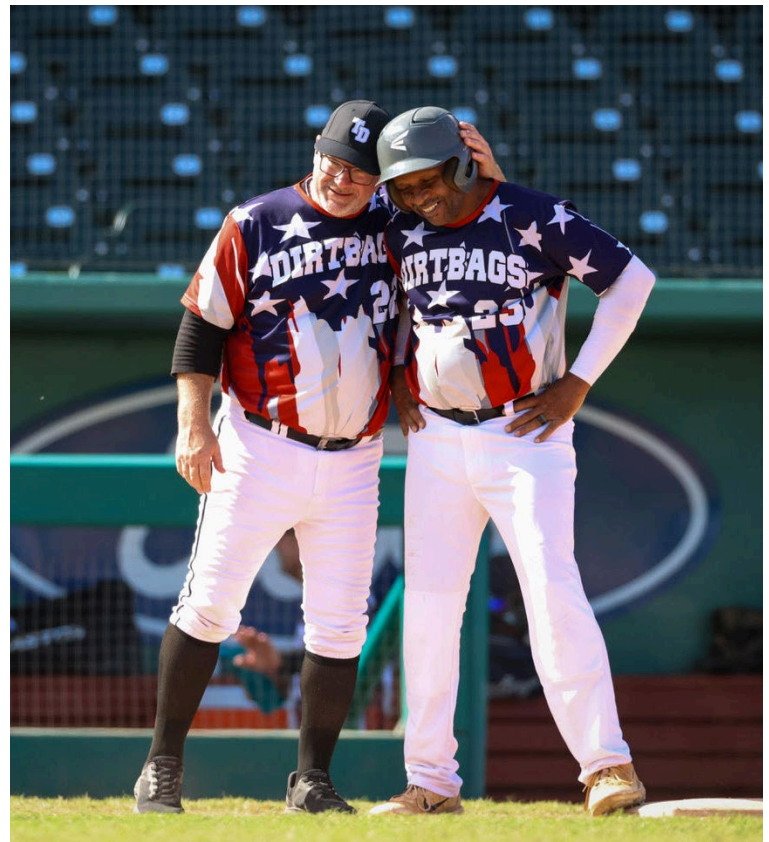


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Steve's Sports 16, Chicago Pilots 1
Tampa Bay Hurricanes 19, Victoria HarbourCats 0
Tidewater Drillers 16, Philadelphia Generals 6
USVI Hurricanes 16, White Bear Lake Bears 3
Westchester Fury 16, Wright Field Reds 1
Westchester Fury 17, Victoria HarbourCats 7
Wright Field Reds 23, NEO Angels 11



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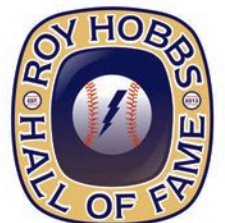
Legends Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA				
Hellcats	2	0	1.000	3	Tampa Bay Hurricanes	1	1	.500 16
Chicago Knights	2	0	1.000	7	Huntsville Havoc	1	1	.500 25
Westchester Fury	2	0	1.000	8	Wright Field Reds	1	1	.500 27
HPK Oilers	2	0	1.000	9	Chicago Pilots	1	1	.500 31
Banana Sharks	2	0	1.000	11	Jersey Bananas	0	1	.000 3
Carolina Thunder	2	0	1.000	15	Long Island Patriots	0	1	.000 6
Southeast Cardinals	2	0	1.000	26	Minnesota Bandits	0	1	.000 6
Americans Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	1	Central Penn Warriors	0	1	.000 8
Baltimore Thunder	1	0	1.000	2	Wolfdogs	0	1	.000 11
Motor City Firebirds	1	0	1.000	2	Lansing Blue Jays	0	1	.000 12
Pittsburgh 53's	1	0	1.000	2	Glory Days	0	1	.000 13
US Virgin Islands Hurricanes	1	0	1.000	3	Bergen Yankees	0	1	.000 14
Canton Tigers	1	0	1.000	3	Fort Myers Seadogs	0	1	.000 14
Nashville River Bandits	1	0	1.000	4	Bulgaria	0	1	.000 15
Oakville Golden A's	1	0	1.000	4	DuPage Red Sox	0	1	.000 15
Chicago Woodpeckers	1	0	1.000	5	DC Pirates	0	1	.000 16
Minneapolis Millers	1	0	1.000	6	White Bear Lake Bears	0	1	.000 16
Tidewater Drillers	1	0	1.000	6	Akron Brew Crew	0	1	.000 18
Chesapeake Platinum	1	0	1.000	7	Chicago Jacks	0	1	.000 18
Florida Sharks	1	0	1.000	9	Chicago North Redhawks	0	1	.000 18
Michigan Dodgers	1	0	1.000	9	Tennessee Dirtbags	0	1	.000 18
St. Louis Patriots	1	0	1.000	10	Maine Black Bears	0	1	.000 20
St. Louis Pirates	1	0	1.000	11	Kodak Reds	0	1	.000 22
Baltimore Krushers	1	0	1.000	13	Okaloosa Slammers	0	2	.000 17
Orlando Dodgers	1	1	.500	9	Chesapeake Rays	0	2	.000 31
Chicago Giants	1	1	.500	12	Minnesota Angels	0	2	.000 36
Steve's Sports	1	1	.500	15	Victoria HarbourCats	0	2	.000 36
					Philadelphia Generals	0	2	.000 43
					NEO Angels	0	2	.000 46



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LEGENDS MONDAY SCHEDULE

Monday

10 AM

HPK Oilers @ Hellcats, JB-S
Chicago Knights @ Kodak Reds, JB3
Banana Sharks @ Glory Days, JB4
Minneapolis Millers @ Jersey Bananas, JB5
Canton Tigers @ Tidewater Drillers, JB6
White Bear Lake Bears @ St. Louis Pirates, LH-S
Maine Black Bears @ Baltimore Krushers, LH3
Florida Sharks @ Michigan Dodgers, LH4
DuPage Red Sox @ Fort Myers Seadogs, LH6
Chicago Woodpeckers @ Lansing Blue Jays, PDC1
Long Island Patriots @ Wolfdogs, PDC2
Tennessee Dirtbags @ Baltimore Thunder, PDC3
St. Louis Patriots @ Oakville Golden A's, PDC4
Akron Brew Crew @ Okaloosa Slammers, PDC5
Tampa Bay Hurricanes @ Wright Field Reds, TP-S
Pittsburgh @ Motor City Firebirds, TP2
Americans Baseball @ Minnesota Bandits, TP3
Chicago North RedHawks @ Bergen Yankees, TP4

1:45 PM

Steve's Sports @ Minnesota Angels, JB-S
Carolina Thunder @ Nashville River Bandits, JB2
Team Bulgaria @ Huntsville Havoc, JB3
Kodak Reds @ Chicago Jacks, JB4
Orlando Dodgers @ Minneapolis Millers, JB5
Philadelphia Generals @ Canton Tigers, JB6
DC Pirates @ Central Penn Warriors, LH-S
Baltimore Krushers @ DuPage Red Sox, LH2
Fort Myers Seadogs @ Florida Sharks, LH3
Maine Black Bears @ Michigan Dodgers, LH4



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St. Louis Patriots @ Chicago Woodpeckers, PDC2
Chicago Giants @ Tennessee Dirtbags, PDC3
Lansing Blue Jays @ Long Island Patriots, PDC4
Wolfdogs @ Oakville Golden A's, PDC5
Westchester Fury @ NEO Angels, TP-S
Chicago North RedHawks @ Americans Baseball, TP2
Bergen Yankees @ Motor City Firebirds, TP3
Minnesota Bandits @ Pittsburgh, TP4

5:30 PM

Chesapeake Rays @ Chicago Pilots, JB-S
Chesapeake Platinum @ USVI Hurricanes, LH-S
Victoria HarbourCats @ Southeast Cardinals, TP-S



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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.



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.



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 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.

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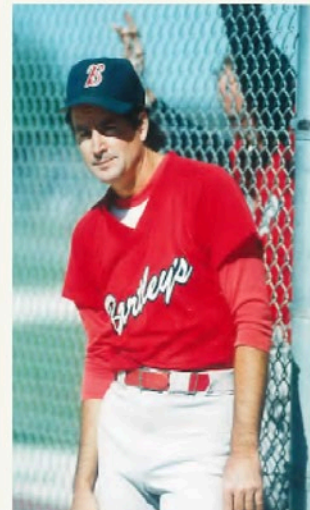
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Both teams must agree if the game is not continued.

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.



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.



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.

Sunday Players of the Game

Westchester Fury 17, Victoria HarbourCats 7 –

Cats: Tyler Hadfield 2RBI

HPK Oilers 19, Steve's Sports 1 – Doug Parks HR

Chicago Pilots 19, Minnesota Angels 15 – Pilots:

Casey Howell 3-3, 3B, 2 Runs, 4 RBI

Carolina Thunder 18, Tennessee Dirtbags 12 –

Mike Burke 4x5

Note: Managers submit Player of the Game on the score App after each game. Please give details of their performance.