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No pain, no gain: Pair of Patriots persevere



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Ray Roskos of the St. Louis Patriots

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In many ways, Ray Roskos and Dan McQuerrey of the St. Louis Patriots represent all Roy Hobbs Baseball players.

You can knock them down. They will get up again. You can break their bones. They will get up again. You can even destroy an iris in an eye. They will get up.

Forgive the bad pun, but they will see their way back to the field.

On Thursday morning before a back field game at JetBlue Park they talked about their journeys from injured lists to playing the game. No matter what.

Love of the game and teammates pulls them back. Always. "It gets in your blood," McQuerrey said. "You can't get it out. It starts when you're 5."

For Roskos, the broken bone was in the shortstop's left, or glove hand. It was broken in a tag play at third base at Terry

Park two years ago.

"He played the rest of the game," McQuerrey said.

The broken bone was visible, nearly breaking, but not quite breaking, the skin on the top of his hand.

Roskos recalls the play clearly.

"I was playing short," Roskos, 55, said. "Double play. Play at the plate. Catcher threw it back to third."

Roskos had hustled over from short to cover third.

But he stayed in the game.

"Had to cut my glove just to get my hand in it," Roskos said. It was painful.

"Took some painkillers," Roskos said.

He used only two fingers on the bat when he hit.

Roskos has no issue with the player who slid into third.

"Clean slide," Roskos said.

Three day later he had surgery back in St. Louis.

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PATRIOTS

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"I have a titanium plate in there," Roskos said.

Plus, eight screws. Surgery was in November and by January he was back practicing.

Roskos suffered a broken collarbone a few years ago. That didn't stop him, either. What does his wife, Mindy, think of him continuing to play?

"She thinks I'm crazy," Roskos said.

Then there is McQuerrey's eye, which was damaged by a rock. It rocketed out the side of a lawnmower and then ricocheted off a tree.

"Just destroyed the iris, the colored part," McQueerey said.

"And it gave me glaucoma."

It also detached the retina.

Some vision remains.

"It's just blurry," McQueerey said talking to someone wearing a red Roy Hobbs World Series employee shirt.

"Right now, I know you got a green shirt," McQuerrey said.

Although his play is limited, McQuerrey is still a Patriot. He's still sharing dugouts and ballfields and meals with teammates,

"We're all 12 years old," McQueerey said.

Even with the iris, McQuerrey is still a ballplayer.

The same goes for Ray Roskos with the titanium plate and eight screws in his glove hand.

It's in their blood.



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Dan McQuerrey of the St. Louis Patriots

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LEGENDS STANDINGS

Legends Division

S AAA Playoffs

	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1 Westchester Fury	5	0	1.000	16	9
2 Nashville River Bandits	5	0	1.000	16	10
3 DuPage Red Sox	4	1	.800	24	9
4 US Virgin Islands Hurricanes	4	1	.800	28	19
5 Chesapeake Platinum	4	1	.800	38	19
6 Baltimore Krushers	4	1	.800	46	21
7 Chicago Knights	4	1	.800	34	23
8 HPK Oilers	4	1	.800	45	24
9 Chicago North Redhawks	4	1	.800	48	30
10 St. Louis Pirates	4	1	.800	44	32
11 Southeast Cardinals	4	1	.800	56	35
12 Chicago Giants	3	2	.600	38	20
13 Motor City Firebirds	3	2	.600	39	24
14 Minnesota Bandits	3	2	.600	55	31
15 Lansing Blue Jays	3	2	.600	67	42
16 Carolina Thunder	2	3	.400	62	44

NOTES: Higher seed (i.e., 1-2-3) is home thru playoffs; Matchups are at the discretion of Roy Hobbs BB, as well as avoiding rematches of games earlier in week. Carolina Thunder won 2A in 2025, so is in 3A by rule.

S AA Playoffs

	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1 Jersey Bananas	3	2	.600	36	13
2 Steve's Sports	3	2	.600	42	15
3 Tidewater Drillers	3	2	.600	44	15
4 Chesapeake Rays	3	2	.600	42	19
5 Canton Tigers	3	2	.600	43	29
6 Banana Sharks	3	2	.600	46	32
7 Glory Days	3	2	.600	54	37
8 Wright Field Reds	3	2	.600	58	42
9 Huntsville Havoc	3	2	.600	59	45
10 Fort Myers Seadogs	2	3	.400	32	18
11 Central Penn Warriors	2	3	.400	37	23
12 Minneapolis Millers	2	3	.400	45	28
13 Florida Sharks	2	3	.400	43	32

14 Americans Baseball Club	2	3	.400	50	33
15 Long Island Patriots	2	3	.400	59	37
16 Hellcats	2	3	.400	66	38

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A Playoffs

	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
N Wolfdogs	2	3	.400	60	39
O Akron Brew Crew	2	3	.400	73	40
DC Pirates	2	3	.400	58	42
S Orlando Dodgers	2	3	.400	73	43
E Baltimore Thunder	2	3	.400	79	49
E Tennessee Dirtbags	2	3	.400	87	55
D Okaloosa Slammers	1	4	.200	47	33
S Oakville Golden A's	1	4	.200	58	39
Kodak Reds	1	4	.200	69	47
D White Bear Lake Bears	1	4	.200	65	49
R Bergen Yankees	1	4	.200	83	55
W Maine Black Bears	0	5	.000	71	51

NOTES: FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM. Bracket filled by afternoon draw, but pairings avoid rematches of games earlier in week.

B Playoffs

	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
N Tampa Bay Hurricanes	1	4	.200	71	50
O Chicago Jacks	1	4	.200	80	57
Chicago Pilots	1	4	.200	75	59
S Bulgaria	1	4	.200	94	65
E NEO Angels	1	4	.200	99	76
E Philadelphia Generals	0	5	.000	78	51
D Minnesota Angels	0	5	.000	85	59
S Victoria HarbourCats	0	5	.000	91	69

NOTES: FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM. Bracket filled by afternoon draw, but pairings avoid neighborhood matches and rematches of games earlier in week.



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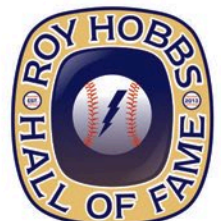
LEGENDS AAAA BRACKET

2026 RHWS Legends AAAA Playoff

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>#1 Michigan Dodgers</p> <p>With 4 teams, we will go with full DE, so if LB team wins 10am Saturday, we play again.</p>		
<p>Loser to A am (1)</p> <p>#4 St. Louis Patriots</p>	<p>JB4 / 10</p> <p>St. Louis Patriots 3-2</p>	
<p>#2 Chicago Woodpeck- ers</p>	<p>Loser to C</p> <p>JB5 / 10 am</p>	
<p>Loser to B am (2)</p> <p>#3 Pittsburgh</p>	<p>JB5 / 10</p> <p>Chicago Woodpeck- ers 8-2</p>	
<p>Friday</p>		<p>JB-S / 10 am</p>
<p>A) Michigan Dodgers</p>	<p>LHS / 10</p>	<p>JB-S / 1:15 pm</p>
<p>am (3)</p> <p>B) Pittsburgh</p>	<p>LHS / 1:45</p> <p>pm</p> <p>C)</p>	<p>If necessary</p> <p>Champion</p>



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LEGENDS AAA BRACKET

Legends AAA Playoffs

Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship	
#1 Westchester Fury		Saturday		
PDC2 / 10AM				
#12 Chiago Giants				
#8 HPK Oilers	PDC4 / 1:45 PM			
PDC3 / 10AM				
#5 Chesapeake Platinum				
#9 Chicago North Red-hawks		LH3 / 10 AM		
PDC4 / 10AM				
#14 Minnesota Bandits				
#16 Carolina Thunder	PDC3 / 1:45 PM			
PDC5 / 10AM				
#4 USVI Hurricanes				
#3 Dupage Red Sox		LH-S / 1:30 pm	Championship	
JB3 / 10AM				
#15 Lansing Blue Jays				
JB5 / 1:45 PM				
#6 Baltimore Krushers				
JB4 / 10AM				
#13 Motor City Firebirds				
#7 Chicago Knights		TP4 / 10AM		
JB5 / 10AM				
#10 St. Louis Pirates				
#2 Nashville River Bandits	JB4 / 1:45 PM			
JB6 / 10AM				
#11 Southeast Cardinals				

LEGENDS AA BRACKET

Legends AA Playoffs

Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship	
#1 Jersey Bananas		Saturday		
TP-S / 10 AM				
#16 Hellcats				
#5 Canton Tigers	TP4 / 1:45 PM			
TP-2 / 10 AM				
#7 Glory Days				
#13 Florida Sharks		TP2 / 10 AM		
TP3 / 10 AM				
#15 Long Island Patriots				
#4 Chesapeake Rays	TP2 / 1:45 PM			
TP4 / 10 AM				
#9 Huntsville Havoc				
#3 Tidewater Drillers			TP-S / 1:30 pm	Championship
LH1 / 10 AM				
#11 Central Penn Warriors				
LH4 / 1:45 PM				
#10 Fort Myers Seadogs				
LH3 / 10 AM				
#14 Americans Baseball				
#6 Banana Sharks		TP4 / 10AM		
LH4 / 10 AM				
#8 Wright Field Reds				
#2 Steve's Sports	LH3 / 1:45 PM			
LH6 / 10 AM				
#12 Minneapolis Millers				



LEGENDS A BRACKET

Legends A Playoffs

Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship	
		Saturday		
	Tennessee Dirtbags	FLIP COIN FOR HOME TEAM		
Bergen Yankees	PDC1 / 1:45 PM			
PDC1 / 10 AM				
Wolfdogs				
Akron Brew Crew		JB4 / 10 AM		
JB2 / 10 AM				
White Bear Lake Bears				
	JB2 / 1:45 PM			
	Okaloosa Slammers			
			JB3 / 1:30 pm	
			Championship	
	Kodak Reds			
Oakville Golden A's	TP2 / 5 PM			
TP-S / 1:30 PM				
Maine Black Bears				
Baltimore Thunder		JB5 / 10AM		
TP3 / 1:30 PM				
DC Pirates				
	TPS / 5 PM			
	Orlando Dodgers			

LEGENDS B BRACKET

Legends B Playoffs

Quarterfinals / Friday	Semifinals / Saturday	Championship
FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM		
Saturday		
Minnesota Angels		
JB3 / 1:45 PM		
Victoria HarbourCats		
	PDC3 / 10 am	
NEO Angels		
LH2 / 1:45 PM		
Team Bulgaria		
		PDC5 / 1:45 pm Championship
Tampa Bay Hurricanes		
JB6 / 1:45 PM		
Chicago Pilots		
	PDC4 / 10 am	
Chicago Jacks		
LH6 / 1:45 PM		
Philadelphia Generals		



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.



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.

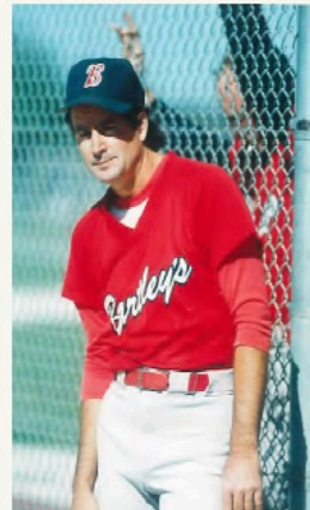
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PLAYERS of the GAME

Wednesday Players of the Game

Baltimore Krushers 15, Steve's Sports 5 – Krushers: Rob Streib, 3 hits, 2-2B.

Chicago Knights 8, Canton Tigers 7 – Knights: Mike Angel.

DC Pirates 13, Chicago Jacks 10 – Jacks: Johnny Ski, 7 strong innings.

Jersey Bananas 11, Baltimore Thunder 3 – Bananas: Ken Lorow, Ken Lorow threw his third consecutive complete game, 26 innings and counting.

Bergen Yankees 8, Minnesota Angels 5 – Yankees: Jeff Davis, Complete game W.

Motor City Firebirds 8, Minneapolis Millers 7 – Firebirds: Robert Vondell, Pitched 8 strong innings, 2 hit at plate, RBI.

Americans Baseball 11, Oakville Golden A's 10 – Americans: Eddie DeGasperis, Game winning hit; A's: Gord Zeggil, 3x4, BB, SB, R, RBI.

Minnesota Bandits 18, Orlando Dodgers 8 – Dodgers: Preston McCord, home run.

Southeast Cardinals 14, Banana Sharks 3 – Cardinals: Scott Harding, 3 hits. Triple. 4 RBI.

St. Louis Pirates 8, Tidewater Drillers 6 – Pirates: Tom Wall, Pitched 8 2/3 innings, no ER

Long Island Patriots 17, Tampa Bay Hurricanes 4 – Patriots: Gene Shear and Dave Wasserman.

White Bear Lake Bears 22, Victoria HarbourCats 8 – Cats:



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Duane Carlson and Luke Kyd both 2x3..

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

