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Old timers? Call them ageless wonders



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91 year old starting pitcher and Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer Doc Pollak

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Roy Hobbs World Series

Global baseball history was nearly made Thursday at the PDC in the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Nearly. ...

The morning began with the possibility two men in their 90s would pitch on adjacent fields in the Forever Young division.

Alas, it did not happen. Tony Esposito, 92, of Team America, had to back out of pitching because of an Achilles injury that was bothering him.

But Doc Pollak of the New Jersey Dodgers, a mere lad of 91, pitched to several Toledo Tigers on Field 4.

There is no way to document for sure that two men in their 90s pitched on the same day in the same event. Maybe it has happened in Japan or Canada or the Dominican Republic.

But it's safe to say it has never happened in the Roy Hobbs World Series.

At 91, Pollak is possibly in an informal Roy Hobbs record book for oldest starting pitcher. Home plate umpire Bill Lawler was informed of Pollak's age.

"I'm in the record books now," Lawler said before the game started.

With Pollak's wife, Joanne, taping the game with her phone, the right-hander veteran walked the first better, gave up a bunt single, induced a fielder's choice and then walked another batter.

His pitching day was over.

What was it like for Joanne watching her husband?

"Nerve-wracking," Joanne said. "But I get that he loves it, so I support him."

Pollak, a retired dentist, was a member of the 2013 Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame charter class.

After he came out of Thursday's game he sat next to Joanne in the first base bleachers.

"I can throw better than that," Pollak said.

Pollak is a legend in New Jersey amateur baseball racking up more than 1,000 victories. How many? Exactly 1,028, Pollak pointed out,

He said he pitched an inning on Monday and the last time he pitched before then was about 8 or 10 years ago. He's

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89 year old Bill Lear of the Potomac Senators



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92 year old Tony Esposito who is playing for Team America this year

been throwing batting practice but not from the mound.

Pollak said he "felt fine."

"I just couldn't get it where I wanted to," Pollak said.

Did he approach the game with a plan or repertoire of pitches?

"I try to throw it over the plate," Pollak said, "I don't have no repertoire."

He wears No. 41.

"I used to wear my age every year until I turned 41," Pollak said.

So, he's stuck with 41. And stuck with the game despite Joanne's nerved-wracked worries. Will he keep playing?

"As long as she lets me," Pollak said. "She keeps telling me not to play anymore but it's in my blood, I got to do it."

Esposito hopes to return to action today. He has been working out regularly, but the Achilles was sore Thursday so he thought the prudent thing was to stay away from competition.

"If I completely tear it, I will be done," Esposito said by phone from his Naples home.

The Potomac Senators have an 89-year-old player named Bill Lear.

The Bethesda, Maryland native didn't start playing baseball until he was 64 but he was clearly having a grand time Thursday. His wife of 69 years, Judy, was rooting him on.

As he prepared to bat, Lear joked that "I might hit one out next time."

Now that would be global baseball history,

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FOREVER YOUNG RESULTS

Thursday Results

Dupage Lugnuts 16, Detroit 75s 9
Midwest Nine 18, Huntsville Havoc 3
St. Louis Legends 7, Maiden Titans 6
Team America 13, Potomac Senators 9
Team Cambria 22, Fire 7
Toledo Tigers 16, New Jersey Dodgers 0
White Foxes 8, Maine Woods Baseball 7



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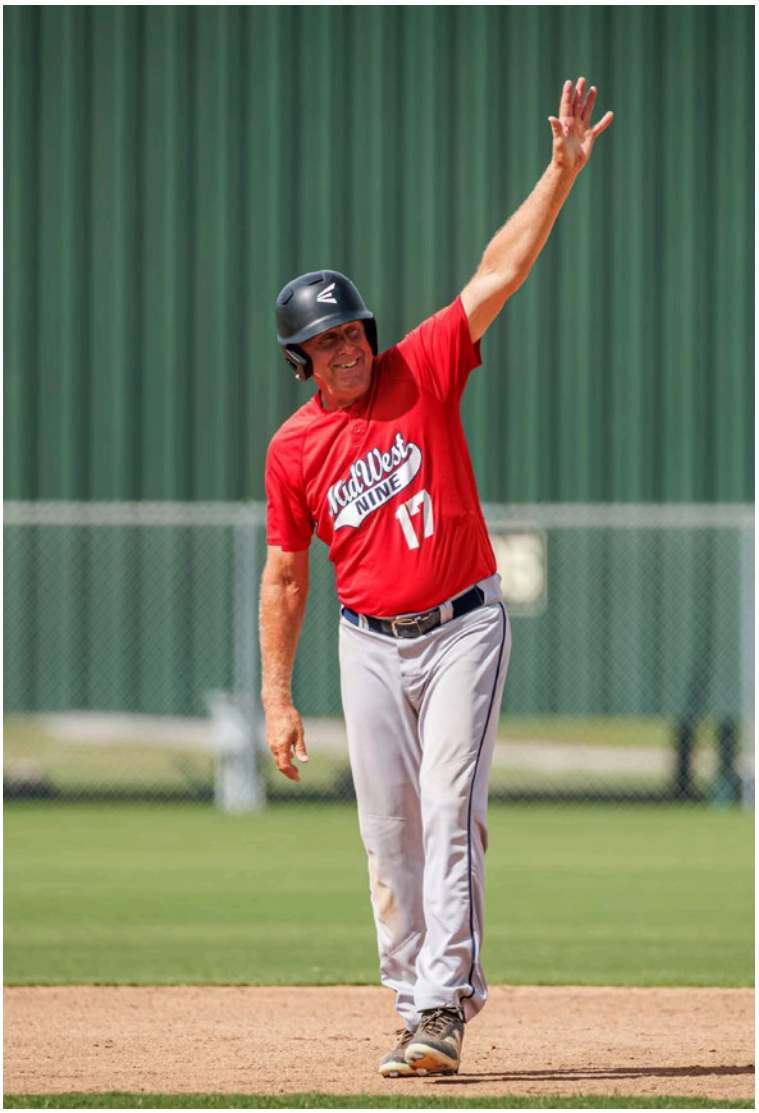
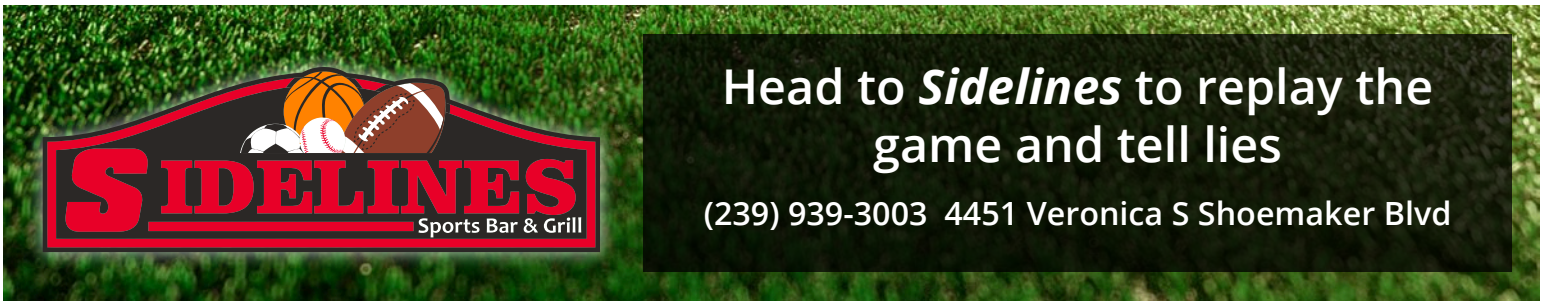


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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG STANDINGS

Vintage Division
Playoff Standings

S	AAA	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1	Akron Brewers	5	0	1.000	20	11
2	Mustangs Baseball Club	5	0	1.000	30	17
3	Bergen Yankees	4	1	.800	42	26
4	Banana Sharks	4	1	.800	51	26
5	DC Rifles	4	1	.800	63	45
6	Washington Titans	3	2	.600	32	16
7	St. Louis Patriots	3	2	.600	53	32
8	St. Louis Jets	3	2	.600	44	33

NOTES: Higher seed (i.e., 1-2-3) is home thru playoffs; Matchups adjusted at descretion of Roy Hobbs but one rematch deemed unavoidable.

S	AA	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1	Tampa Stars	3	2	.600	33	23
2	USA Volkers Group	3	2	.600	47	26
3	ChicagoBay Warriors	3	2	.600	46	33
4	Team Albany	3	2	.600	63	34
5	Fort Myers Cubs	3	2	.600	54	36
6	Richmond Riverdogs	3	2	.600	61	38
7	Village Bison	2	3	.400	58	37
8	Windy City White Sox	2	3	.400	55	38
9	Midwest Nine	2	3	.400	56	40
10	Carolina Rockies	2	3	.400	59	40
11	Aurora Islanders	2	3	.400	64	42
12	Rhode Island Rockies	2	3	.400	67	42
13	NJ Dodgers	2	3	.400	65	46
14	So. Maryland Blue Crabs	2	3	.400	67	46
15	Nova Scotia Monarchs	2	3	.400	75	55
16	Philadelphia Iron Pigs	2	3	.400	89	62

NOTES: Higher seed (i.e., 1-2-3) is home thru playoffs; Matchups adjusted at descretion of Roy Hobbs: No.s 12 & 15 swapped to avoid 2 rematches.

	A	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
n	Long Island Express	1	4	.200	48	31
o	Cleveland Tribe	1	4	.200	67	47
	Lansing Blue Jays	1	4	.200	82	53
s	Bonedogs	1	4	.200	88	58
e	Blue Ridge Rangers	1	4	.200	92	63
e	JD's Jaguars	1	4	.200	95	71
d	St. Louis Dodgers	1	4	.200	104	70
s	Minnesota Goats/Twins	1	4	.200	103	77
	SB Roadsters	0	5	.000	89	63
	Huntsville Havoc	0	5	.000	86	65

NOTES: Flip a coin for home team, no seeds; brackets filled by Roy Hobbs draw.

Forever Young Division
Playoff Standings

S	AAA	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
1	Team Cambria	5	0	1.000	21	14
2	Dupage Lugnuts	4	1	.800	34	19
3	Detroit 75's	4	1	.800	49	33
4	Maine Woods Baseball	3	2	.600	32	16

	AA	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA4
N	White Foxes	4	1	.800	49	34
o	Team America 75s	3	2	.600	46	31
	Toledo Tigers	2	3	.400	34	13
s	Midwest Nine	2	3	.400	39	16
e	St Louis Legends	2	3	.400	33	23
e	Potomac Senators	2	3	.400	45	30
d	Maiden Titans	2	3	.400	52	37
i	Fire	2	3	.400	62	40
n	New Jersey Dodgers	1	4	.200	56	18
g	Huntsville Havoc	1	4	.200	66	18
	Kent Mudhens	0	4	.000	49	18





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VINTAGE AAAA BRACKET

2026 RHWS Vintage AAAA Playoff

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
#1 Rhode Island Salty Dogs		
Loser to A JB5 / 10 am (1	Rhode Island Salty Dogs 19-7	
#6 Greenville Cropdusters		
#4 Philadelphia Cutters	Loser to F JB3 / 1:45 pm (5	Rhode Island Salty Dogs 16-1
Loser to B JB4 / 10 am (2	Philadelphia Cutters 6-5 (10)	
#7 Puerto Rico Orioles		
#3 Raynham Baseball	Loser to G JB-S / 1:45 pm (11	
Loser to C JB3 / 10 am (3	Raynham Baseball 19-9	
# 8 Minnesota Bandits		
#2 Border City Brewers		Raynham Baseball 9-5
Loser to E JB4 / 1:45 pm (6		
Loser to D JB6 / 10 am / (4	Border City Brewers 6-3	LC-S / 1:45 pm (14	Champion
#5 Americans Baseball		Championship
Friday	G)	
E) Border City Brewers		
A) Greenville Cropdusters	JB6 / 10 am (9	
JB6 / 1:45 pm (7	Greenville Cropdusters 13-3	LC6 / 10 am (13
B) Puerto Rico Orioles		
		LH-S / 1:45 pm (12
C) Minnesota Bandits		
JB5 / 1:45 pm (8	Minnesota Bandits 12-9	
D) Americans Baseball		
	LH6 / 10 am (10	
	F) Philadelphia Cutters	

VINTAGE AAA BRACKET

Vintage AAA Playoffs

Quarterfinals / Friday	Semifinals / Saturday	Championship
#1 Akron Brewers		Saturday
JB2 / 1:45 PM		
#8 St. Louis Jets		
	JB6 / 10 am	
#4 Banana Sharks		
PDC5 / 1:45 PM		
#5 DC Rifles		
		JB-S / 1:45 pm
		Championship
#3 Bergen Yankees		follows Challenger
		Game in stadium
PDC2 / 1:45 PM		
#6 Washington Titans		
	JB3 / 10 am	
#2 Mustangs Baseball		
JB3 / 1:45 PM		
#7 St. Louis Patriots		

VINTAGE AA BRACKET

Vintage AA Playoffs

Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship
#1 Tampa Stars		Saturday	
PDC2 / 10 AM			
#16 Philadelphia Iron Pigs			
#8 Windy City White Sox	PDC4 / 1:45 PM		
PDC3 / 10 AM			
#9 Midwest Nine			
#5 Fort Myers Cubs		TP2 / 10 AM	
PDC4 / 10 AM			
#15 Nova Scotia Monarchs			
#4 Team Albany	PDC3 / 1:45 PM		
PDC5 / 10 AM			
#13 NJ Dodgers			
			TP-S / 1:30 pm
			Championship
#3 ChicagoBay Warriors			
JB5 / 10 AM			
#14 So. Maryland Blue Crabs			
	JB4 / 1:45 PM		
#6 Richmond Riverdogs			
JB-S / 10 AM			
#11 Aurora Islanders			
#7 Village Bison		TP4 / 10AM	
JB4 / 10 AM			
#10 Carolina Rockies			
#2 USA Volkers	JB5 / 1:45 PM		
JB3 / 10 AM			
#12 Rhode Island Rockies			

VINTAGE A BRACKET

Vintage A Playoffs

Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship
		Saturday	
	Cleveland Tribe	FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM	
Huntsville Havoc	LH3 / 1:45 PM		
LH-S / 10 AM			
JD's Jaguars		JB4 / 10 AM	
	Long Island Express		
	LH2 / 1:45 PM		
	Minnesota Goats/ Twins		
			JB3 / 1:30 pm Championship
	Lansing Blue Jays		
	LH6 / 1:45 PM		
	Blue Ridge Rangers		
SB Roadsters		JB5 / 10AM	
LH1 / 10 AM			
Bonedogs	LH4 / 1:45 PM		
	St. Louis Dodgers		

FOREVER YOUNG AAA BRACKET

Forever Young AAA Playoffs

	Semifinals / Friday	Saturday Championship
	#1 Team Cambria	
		LH4 / 10 am
	#3 Detroit 75s	
		JB-S / 10 AM Championship
		Challenger Game to follow champ game
	#2 DuPage Lugnuts	
		LH3 / 10 am
	#4 Maine Woods Baseball	

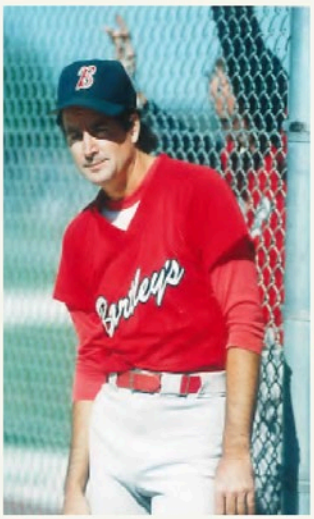
FOREVER YOUNG AA BRACKET

Forever Young AA Playoffs

Friday First Round	Fri. Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship
		Saturday	
	Potomac Senators	FLIP A COIN FOR HOME TEAM	
Fire	TP-S / 1:45 PM		
TP4 / 10 AM			
NJ Dodgers		PDC3 / 10 AM	
	White Foxes		
	TP2 / 1:45 PM		
	Maiden Titans		
			PDC5 / 1:30 pm
			Championship
	Toledo Tigers		
	TP3 / 1:45 PM		
St. Louis Legends			
TP2 / 10 AM			
Midwest Nine			
Kent Mudhens		PDC4 / 10AM	
TP-S / 10 AM			
Huntsville Havoc			
	TP4 / 1:45 PM		
	Team America		



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PLAYERS of the GAME

Tuesday-Thursday Players of the Game

Vintage Division

Americans Baseball: Tony Caruso 3x4 versus MN Bandits.
Americans Baseball: Willie Castro our Pitcher of the Game vs. Border City Brewers
Americans Baseball: Willie Castro pitched 3 scoreless innings of relief in win over Long Island Express 6
Aurora Islanders: Tom Howell pitched 5 innings and only allowed 3 base runners in win over Cleveland Tribe
Border City Brewers: Dave Cooper 3B, 2B, 5 RBI in win over St. Louis Patriots
Border City Brewers: Rich Cleve 6-2/3 innings with 1 ER for the win over the Americans Baseball
Mustangs Baseball: Doc Cintron 3-2B in win over Cleveland Tribe
SB Roadsters: Mark Stim Caught 7 complete inning vs. JD Jaguars
Southern Maryland Blue Crabs: Gabriel Colon Pitching complete game vs. Richmond Riverdogs
Windy City White Sox: Vito Ruscio 2x2, 2B, 3 RBI; Gregg Rollins 4 RBI; Terry Lockhart pitched 4 scoreless innings in win over Bonedogs



Forever Young Division

Potomac Senators: Bill Lear came in with the bases loaded and 2 outs and struck out the batter. He went on to pitch an additional 4 innings without giving up an earned run in win over New Jersey Dodgers
Potomac Senators: Kevin Nashold 2 hits, 2 RBI, 2 runs & pitched 2 scoreless innings in win over St. Louis Legends
St. Louis Legends: Doug Berry drove in winning run to defeat Maiden Titans
Toledo Tigers: Ivan Ferrer was WP in victory over Kent Mudhens

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



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