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Journeyman's joy for baseball still strong

BY GLENN MILER
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Ron Michaelson's roster of baseball memories goes back decades, many decades.

There was that 1959 Illinois state high school baseball championship when he played for Maine Township High School.

There was that epic performance just four or five years ago in the Roy Hobbs World Series when he caught a game in the morning and in the afternoon pitched a complete game.

Now, he may be on the verge of stopping the stockpiling of memories.

The Avengers manager said this is his 19th World Series. He may cap it next year at 20.

"I'm 84 years old," Michelson said on a misty Tuesday morning as he sat in the third base dugout at Hammond Stadium. "I'd like to do 20. My wife (Jan) thinks this is probably a good time. That would be that. Would be a full 20. I'll be 85."



photo by Glenn Miller
Roy Hobbs Hall of Famer Ron Michaelson has a lifetime of baseball memories.

But when he was a mere lad of 79 or 80, he did that rare double duty of catching a morning game and pitching a complete game in the afternoon.

"I've been in athletics for 60 years and that was one of the greatest athletic feats I've seen," said Avenger teammate Kris Glintborg, who coached several sports in the Illinois high school ranks.

Maybe somebody should nickname Michelson Double Duty. Legendary Negro League player Double Duty Radcliffe earned that nickname in 1932. It was bestowed on him by renowned writer Damon Runyon after Radcliffe did what Michaelson did - catch a game and pitch a game in a doubleheader.

Double Duty Michaelson has a nice ring to it. By the way, Michaelson was inducted into the Roy Hobbs Hall of Fame in 2019.

How did the 21st century Double Duty feel the day after his feat?

"Pretty tired," he said. "But the cool thing is, we've done the locker room for many years. It really helps your body rejuvenate. The way those trainers work with you and stretch you out and so forth."

Avenger Larry Sample, 80, knows Michaelson still has a passion for baseball.

"Ron still has the fire for the game," Sample said.

How do folks back home in Springfield react when they hear this 84-year-old Michaelson plays baseball.

"They can't believe it," Michaelson said. "Well, the first thing is, no one believes I'm 84. They say you look like 70, maybe. I've been blessed."

Double Duty Michaelson has been blessed with a lifetime of baseball memories.

One of those memories combined Maine Township High and Roy Hobbs. Michaelson recalls old high school teammate Jim Humay played with him here several years ago.

It was a reunion of a high school battery.

"Jim unfortunately passed away last year," Michaelson said.

But Michaelson is still going strong in his 19th Roy Hobbs World Series.

Will No. 20 actually be his final World Series?

"It all depends," Michaelson said.

Maybe we will see him again in two years, for his 21st Roy Hobbs World Series.



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TIMELESS/ANTIQUES WEDNESDAY RESULTS

TIMELESS

Wednesday Results

Atlanta A's 11, Chi-Town Cardinals 8
Charlestown Chiefs 19, DuPage Indians 0
Chicago Fire 8, Lake Erie Pirates 2
DC Mets 15, Ott's Tavern 8
Florida Storm 2, Philadelphia Cutters 1
Kenmore Eastern Brewers 10, Orlando Dodgers 4
Kent Mudhens 10, Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals 7
Long Island Express 17, Lehigh Baseball 9
Minn. Crosstown Traffic 9, Florida L.I. Yankees 3
Minnesota Bees 6, St. Louis Patriots 1
Minnesota Goats 14, New Jersey Dodgers 9
Nova Scotia Monarchs 11, National Spirits 4
Philadelphia Cutters 14, Greenville Cropdusters 13
Sacramento Buzzards 8, Rhode Island Rockies 6
South Jersey Spikes 9, Florida Storm 5
Tallahassee Bombers 16, St. Louis Legends 1
Washington Titans 11, NorCal Giants 1
White Foxes 3, Asheville Sox 2 (9)
Wilmington Thunder 16, Baltimore Baseball 1

ANTIQUES

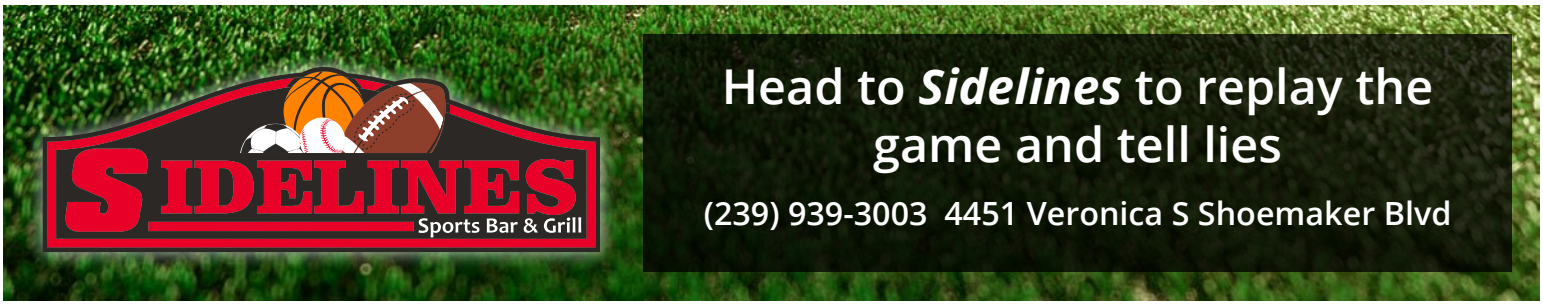
Wednesday Results

Antiques 20, Toledo Tigers 2
Goats 10, New Jersey Wonderboys 2
New Jersey Wonderboys 8, New England Red Sox 4
Washington Titans 6, Twin Cities 5



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TIMELESS/ANTIQUES WEDNESDAY STANDINGS

Timeless Division

Standings Thru Wednesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Wilmington Thunder	4	0	1.000	10
South Jersey Spikes	4	0	1.000	12
Sacramento Buzzards	4	0	1.000	18
Long Island Express	4	0	1.000	19
Chicago Fire	4	0	1.000	23
Minnesota Bees	3	0	1.000	3
Washington Titans	3	0	1.000	15
Maine Woods	3	0	1.000	19
Charlestown Chiefs	3	1	.750	19
Philadelphia Cutters	3	1	.750	19
Rhode Island Rockies	3	1	.750	20
Florida Storm	3	1	.750	21
Atlanta As	3	1	.750	29
Minnesota Goats	2	1	.667	15
DC Mets	2	1	.667	18
Kent Mudhens	2	1	.667	27
White Foxes	2	2	.500	22
Tallahassee Bombers	2	2	.500	28
Huntsville Havoc	2	2	.500	33
Kenmore Eastern Brewers	2	2	.500	34
Ott's Tavern	1	2	.333	29
St Louis Legends	1	2	.333	32
National Spirits	1	2	.333	32
Chi-Town Cardinals	1	3	.250	33
Greenville Cropdusters	1	3	.250	36
New Jersey Dodgers	1	3	.250	40
St. Louis Patriots	1	3	.250	41
Nova Scotia Monarchs	1	3	.250	45
Baltimore Baseball Club	1	3	.250	49
NorCal Giants	1	3	.250	49
Minnesota Crosstown Traffic	1	3	.250	50
Lake Erie Pirates	0	3	.000	19
Orlando Dodgers	0	3	.000	24
Asheville Sox	0	3	.000	37
Jerseys Curzie's Cardinals	0	3	.000	37
Lehigh Baseball	0	3	.000	39
Florida Long Island Yankees	0	4	.000	42
DuPage Indians	0	4	.000	50

Antiques Division

Standings Thru Wednesday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Goats	4	0	1.000	12
Antiques	4	0	1.000	15
Washington Titans	4	0	1.000	16
New Jersey Wonderboys	2	2	.500	25
Twin Cities	1	2	.333	16
Avengers	1	2	.333	33
Kent Mudhens	1	3	.250	55
New England Red Sox	0	4	.000	41
Toledo Tigers	0	4	.000	60



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TIMELESS/ANTIQUES THURSDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday Schedule

Timeless Division

9:30 AM

JB2 -- Asheville Sox vs. St. Louis Legends
JB3 -- Huntsville Havoc vs. Kent Mudhens
JB4 -- National Spirit vs. Ott's Tavern
JB5 --Florida L.I. Yankees vs. Jersey Curzie's Cardinals
JB6 -- Lake Erie Pirates vs. Orlando Dodgers
LH3 -- DuPage Indians vs. Lehigh Baseball
LH4 -- Kenmore Eastern Brewers vs. Minnesota Goats
LH6 -- Tallahassee Bombers vs. White Foxes
PDC2 -- Maine Woods vs. Rhode Island Rockies
PDC3 -- Atlanta A's vs. D.C. Mets
PDC4 -- Sacramento Buzzards vs. Wilmington Thunder
TP-S -- Charlestown Chiefs vs. South Jersey Spikes
TP2 -- Florida Storm vs. Washington Titans
TP3 -- Baltimore Baseball vs. NorCal Giants
TP4 -- Minnesota Bees vs. Philadelphia Cutters

12:30 PM

JB-S -- Kent Mudhens @ Ott's Tavern, rainout makeup
JB3 --Jersey Curzie's Cardinals @ St. Louis Legends, suspended in 5th, resumption
JB4 -- Lake Erie Pirates @ Asheville Sox, rainout makeup
JB5 -- National Spirits @ Orlando Dodgers, rainout makeup
JB6 -- Chi-Town Cardinals vs. Minnesota Crosstown Traffic
LH-S -- Minnesota Goats @ Lehigh Baseball, rainout makeup
LH3 -- Greenville Cropdusters vs. Nova Scotia Monarchs
PDC3 -- New Jersey Dodgers vs. St. Louis Patriots
PDC4 -- DC Mets @ Maine Woods, rainout makeup



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PDC5 -- Chicago Fire vs. Long Island Express
TP-S -- Washington Titans @ Minnesota Bees, rainout makeup

Antiques Division

9:30 AM

LH-S -- Twin Cities @ Avengers, rainout makeup
PDC1 -- Antiques vs. New Jersey Wonderboys
PDC5 -- New England Red Sox vs. Toledo Tigers

12:30 PM

LH6 -- Avengers vs. Kent Mudhens
PDC2 -- Goats vs. Maiden Titans

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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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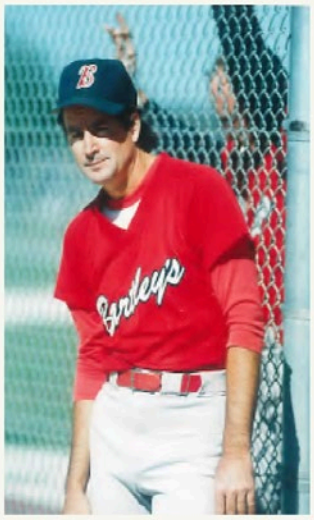
Run-rule games

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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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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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.

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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.