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# Lugnuts enjoy Brewers' historic series win



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*Milwaukee Lugnuts manager John Buono and his wife Kathie*

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**Roy Hobbs Baseball**

The Milwaukee Lugnuts and Milwaukee Brewers have some things in common.

Well, at least two things.

They are based in Milwaukee and a World Series has been a big part of their autumns.

The Brewers, as you may have heard, recently won the MLB World Series.

The Lugnuts are in Fort Myers for the Roy Hobbs World Series. As Milwaukee fans they are ecstatic about their team winning the first World Series title in franchise history. The Brewers beat the Tampa Bay Rays in five games.

Lugnut John Buono, 63, and his wife, Kathie, attended Games 4 and 5 of the World Series in St. Petersburg's Tropicana Field.

Kathie is a lifelong Brewers fan. John grew up on the east coast rooting for the New York Mets.

Kathie recalls attending games at County Stadium in the 1970s. The retired attorney is still celebrating.

"It's still crazy," Kathie said as she and John sat in the Terry Park grandstand Sunday. "It brought such joy to the city."

She recalls the date of her first Brewers game. It was on a Sept. 16 in the late 1970s. That happens to be the birthday of arguably the greatest Brewer ever - Robin Yount. That's also the birthday of John Buono.

John was jokingly asked who the better baseball player between him and the Hall of Famer is.

"I'm a close second," John said.

The 2026 World Series was the second in Brewer history. They lost the 1982 World Series in seven games to the St. Louis Cardinals.

Kathie was then a student at the University of Dayton and recalls "vividly" listening to the World Series on a transistor radio while playing racquetball.

Fast forward to 2026 and they were 113 miles north of

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Terry Park in the Trop. They stopped at Ferg's, a St. Pete bar a short walk from the Trop. "It was wall-to-wall people," Kathie said, "I'd say 90 percent were Brewers fans."

Kathie and John like the spirit of the 2026 Brewers.

"They were scrappy," John said.

"No egos," Kathie said.

The couple appreciate the sportsmanship of Rays fans.

"They were incredibly gracious," Kathie said.

"The first day they said we know you're a better team but just let us win one," John said. "Then said let us win two."

That didn't happen.

Some Lugnuts remember the franchise moving to Milwaukee. The Brewers began as the Seattle Pilots in 1969 and moved to Milwaukee the following year.

"It was kind of a miracle," Lugnut Dwight Horner, 69, said. "Bud Selig pulled whatever leverage he had and got them out of Seattle."

Now, 56 years later the Brewers are champs.

Horner said he attends 40-to-50 games a year. He was at Games 1 and 2 of the World Series.

Then business took him to Dallas.

"Now I'm in Dallas sitting in some sports bar where nobody cares," Horner said.

He recalls his team being three outs away from the title and he was only person in the bar paying attention.




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*Lugnut Steve Brothers had a feeling the Brewers would rally in Game 2*

Lugnut Steve Brothers recalls Game 2, when the Rays scored four runs in the top of the first. Panic? Nope.

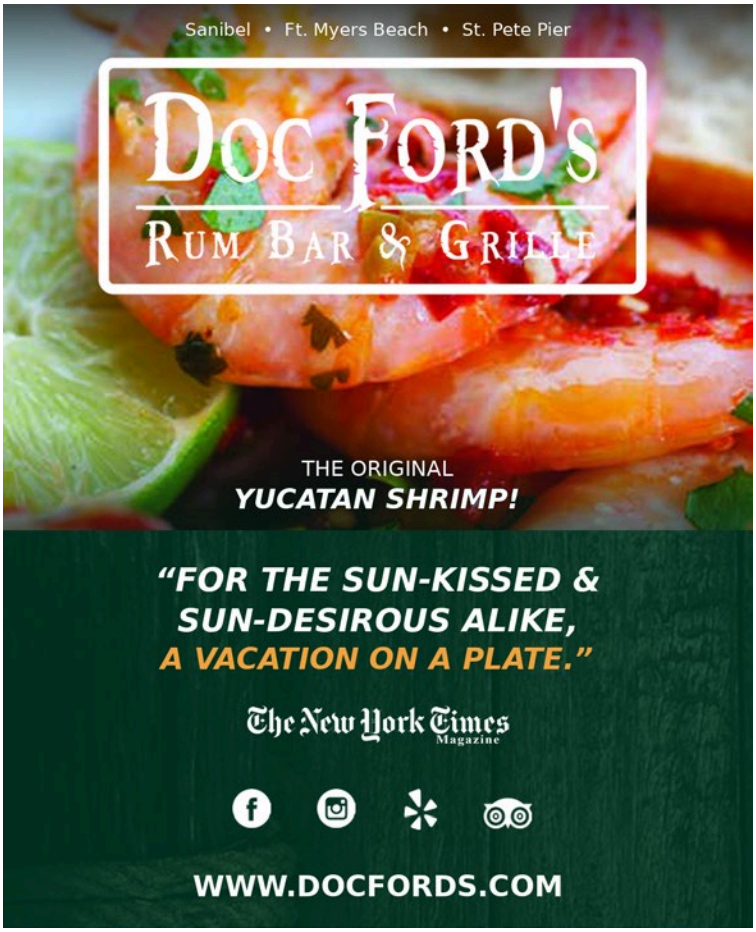
"I was thinking it's early yet," Brothers said.

Indeed, the Rays never scored again and Milwaukee won 5-4.

Brewers excitement in Wisconsin has been so profound the team has overshadowed another pro sports franchise in the state.

"We've forgotten about the Packers," Kathie said.

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# CLASSICS WEDNESDAY RESULTS

## Wednesday Results

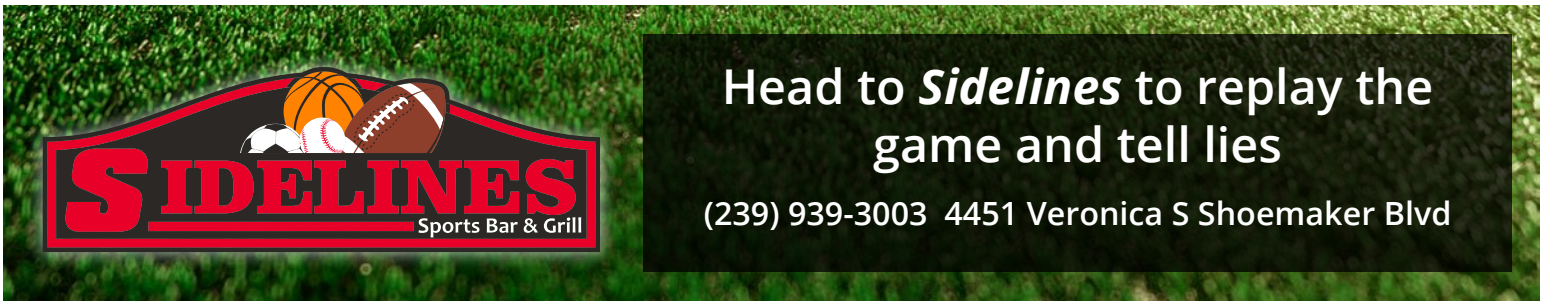
Akron Brewers 17, Bellacino's Coyotes 5
Alabama Bandits 19, Central Texas 17
Americans Baseball 5, Midwest Angels 2
Atlanta Baseball 13, Washington Titans 8
Bergen Yankees 12, Boston GoodFellas 2
Boston GoodFellas 18, Chicago Pilots 10
Carolina Thunder 6, Chicago Blues 5
Chicago Giants 16, Pittsburgh South Hills 4
Chicago Giants 5, Baltimore Thunder 0
Chicago Knights 18, Minnesota TC Bats 5
Chicago Pilots 20, Kodak Reds 6
Cuyahoga Indians 10, Oakville Golden A's 9
Dallas Rangers 16, New Jersey Twins 4
Dallas Rangers 8, Windy City Warriors 1
DuPage Wildcats 13, Pensacola Salt Bandits 1
Fort Myers Cubs 11, Akron Brewers 9
Keystone Hawks 9, New Jersey Twins 8
Lansing Blue Jays 12, Huntsville Havoc 4
Lansing Blue Jays 17, Chicago Blues 7
Long Island Yankees 13, RIMA Foxes 6
Long Island Yankees 20, New Jersey Pilots 1
Michigan Dodgers 8, Minnesota Bandits 5
Midwest Angels 15, Central Texas 6
Milwaukee Lugnuts 8, Nova Scotia Monarchs 3
Minnesota Twins 13, Long Island Reds 3
Minnesota Twins 14, Keystone Hawks 9
Nashville River Bandits 11, Chicago Knights 6
Nashville River Bandits 13, Cuyahoga Indians 4
Pittsburgh 18, Milwaukee Lugnuts 8
South Dakota Rushmores 4, Fort Orange Mohawks 3
St. Louis Dodgers 8, NH HammerHeads 3



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St. Louis Patriots 10, Oakville Golden A's 2
Steve's Sports 18, DuPage Wildcats 9
Steve's Sports 7, RIMA Foxes 4
Washington Titans 14, Cutters 8
Windy City Warriors 13, Long Island Reds 7






# CLASSICS WEDNESDAY STANDINGS

## Classics Division
## Standings Thru Wednesday's Games

| AAAA Playoffs | W | L | Pct. | RA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota Bees | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 3 |
| Americans Baseball | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 13 |
| S. Dakota Rushmores | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 21 |
| Midwest Angels | 3 | 1 | .750 | 13 |
| Atlanta Baseball | 3 | 1 | .750 | 25 |
| Pittsburgh | 3 | 1 | .750 | 29 |
| Michigan Dodgers | 3 | 1 | .750 | 37 |
| Maine Black Bears | 2 | 2 | .500 | 22 |

| Pool Game 5 | W | L | Pct. | RA |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas Rangers | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 9 |
| Long Island Yankees | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 13 |
| Bergen Yankees | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 16 |
| Fort Myers Cubs | 4 | 0 | 1.000 | 22 |
| St. Louis Patriots | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 14 |
| Lansing Blue Jays | 3 | 0 | 1.000 | 15 |
| Chicago Giants | 3 | 1 | .750 | 24 |
| Minnesota Twins | 3 | 1 | .750 | 27 |
| Carolina Thunder | 3 | 1 | .750 | 27 |
| Akron Brewers | 3 | 1 | .750 | 27 |
| Cincinnati Tigers | 3 | 1 | .750 | 36 |
| Baltimore Orioles | 2 | 1 | .667 | 15 |
| Oakville Golden A's | 2 | 2 | .500 | 26 |
| RIMA Foxes | 2 | 2 | .500 | 27 |
| Nashville River Bandits | 2 | 2 | .500 | 28 |
| Milwaukee Lugnuts | 2 | 2 | .500 | 28 |
| Keystone Hawks | 2 | 2 | .500 | 33 |
| Chicago Knights | 2 | 2 | .500 | 34 |
| N.H. Hammer Heads | 2 | 2 | .500 | 34 |
| Steve's Sports | 2 | 2 | .500 | 35 |
| Windy City Warriors | 2 | 2 | .500 | 36 |
| Cuyahoga Indians | 2 | 2 | .500 | 39 |
| Washington Titans | 2 | 2 | .500 | 39 |
| Pensacola Salt Bandits | 2 | 2 | .500 | 40 |
| Wright Field Reds | 2 | 2 | .500 | 46 |
| DuPage Wildcats | 2 | 2 | .500 | 47 |
| Chicago Pilots | 2 | 2 | .500 | 48 |
| Boston GoodFellas | 1 | 2 | .333 | 49 |
| Fort Orange Mohawks | 1 | 3 | .250 | 29 |
| St. Louis Dodgers | 1 | 3 | .250 | 40 |
| Cutters | 1 | 3 | .250 | 41 |
| Baltimore Thunder | 1 | 3 | .250 | 41 |
| New Jersey Twins | 1 | 3 | .250 | 42 |
| Banana Sharks | 1 | 3 | .250 | 43 |
| Chicago Blues | 1 | 3 | .250 | 47 |
| Minnesota Bandits | 1 | 3 | .250 | 50 |
| Nova Scotia Monarchs | 1 | 3 | .250 | 51 |
| Alabama Bandits | 1 | 3 | .250 | 59 |
| Pittsburgh South Hills | 0 | 3 | .000 | 37 |
| Kodak Reds | 0 | 3 | .000 | 48 |
| Minnesota TC Bats | 0 | 3 | .000 | 50 |
| Bellacino's Coyotes | 0 | 3 | .000 | 60 |
| Orlando Blazers | 0 | 4 | .000 | 45 |
| Long Island Reds | 0 | 4 | .000 | 48 |
| Central Texas | 0 | 4 | .000 | 62 |
| Huntsville Havoc | 0 | 4 | .000 | 62 |
| New Jersey Pilots | 0 | 4 | .000 | 66 |





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# CLASSICS THURSDAY SCHEDULE

## Thursday Schedule

**4 Rainout Makeups: 7 innings, 2:30 time limit, no ties, regularly scheduled home teams apply**
**9:30 AM**
Pittsburgh South Hills @ Bellacino's Coyotes, JB6
Lansing Blue Jays @ Baltimore Orioles, TP-S
Kodak Reds @ Boston Goodfellas, JB3
St. Louis Patriots @ Minnesota TC Bats, TP4

**All Pool game 5s play 7 innings, 2:30 time limit, no ties**
**Flip a Coin for home team**
**9:30 AM**
JB-S - Bergen Yankees vs. Fort Myers Cubs
JB2 - Cuyahoga Indians vs. Pensacola Salt Bandits
JB4 - Chicago Giants vs. Cincinnati Tigers
JB5 - Fort Orange Mohawks vs. St. Louis Dodgers
LH2 - Carolina Thunder vs. Minnesota Twins
PDC1 - DuPage Wildcats vs. Nashville River Bandits
PDC2 - Baltimore Thunder vs. Banana Sharks
PDC5 - Chicago Knights vs. Steve's Sports
TP2 - Huntsville Havoc vs. New Jersey Pilots
TP3 - Chicago Blues vs. Cutters
**12:30 PM**
JB-S - Boston Goodfellas vs. Keystone Hawks
JB1 - Milwaukee Lugnuts vs. Windy City Warriors
JB2 - NH Hammerheads vs. Washington Titans
JB3 - Bellacino's Coyotes vs. Central Texas
JB4 - Nova Scotia Monarchs vs. Pittsburgh South Hills
JB5 - Kodak Reds vs. Orlando Blazers
JB6 - Minnesota Bandits vs. New Jersey Twins
LH1 - Chicago Pilots vs. Rima Foxes



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TP-S - Long Island Yankees vs. St. Louis Patriots
TP2 - Long Island Reds vs. Minnesota TC Bats
TP3 - Akron Brewers vs. Baltimore Orioles
TP4 - Dallas Rangers vs. Lansing Blue Jays
**1 PM**
LH-S - Oakville Golden A's vs. Wright Field Reds

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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.

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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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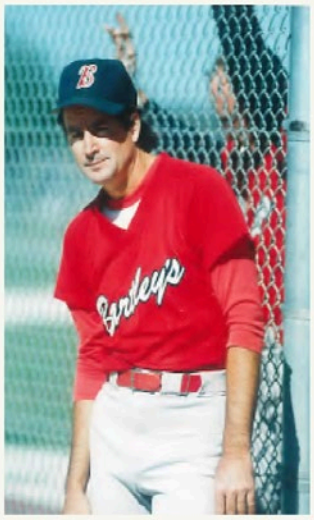
## Run-rule games

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.