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Love of country only tops love for baseball



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Veteran Paul Saggese of the Toledo Tigers

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

Every American knows or should know that Nov. 11 is Veterans Day.

Not every American knows Nov. 10 is the birthday of the United States Marine Corps.

Toledo Tigers Manager Paul Saggese, a Marine Corps veteran who served in Vietnam in the 1960s, knows that. You can bet he knows. He knows the meaning of the Marine Corps, which was started in 1775.

How will Saggese, 81, mark the birthday?

He will stand at attention.

"And remember my fallen comrades," Saggese said before a game Sunday morning at the Lee Health Sports Complex.

Saggese enlisted in the Marine Corps after earning a business administration degree from the University of Toledo. His first stop was Marine Corps Base Quantico, where he was enrolled in Officer Candidate School.

In his class of 250, five were killed in Vietnam. Saggese, a retired attorney, visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington many years ago and looked for their names etched into the black granite.

"I found them all," Saggese said.

Saggese's military journey began after his 1968 graduation from the University of Toledo. While many young men of that time avoided or tried to avoid military service, he sought it out.

"I volunteered for the Marine Corps," Saggese said.

The Marines is an all-volunteer force. Draftees did not go into the Marines.

Saggese spent three years in the Marines.

"Training for a year," he said. "Vietnam for a year and then we got stateside for a year."

During his year in Vietnam he was a motor transport officer.

Back then, he was a leader of young men in a war zone.

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Now, he is a leader of old men on baseball fields and in dugouts.

The Toledo Tigers were previously known as the Mud Dogs. Saggese has been managing for about five years.

He changed the name as a tribute to DeVilbiss High School in Toledo. His alma mater's sports teams were known as Tigers. According to baseball-reference.com, three of its alums played in the majors - Geoff Zahn, Bob Meyer and Terry Harmon. All three men are now in their 80s and old enough to play for the Toledo Tigers.

Saggese never played pro ball, but he is still involved in the game, still suiting up, still proud to be a Tiger and around men who still want to play.

"You don't find a whole bunch of 80-year-olds or 75-year-old in one place who wants to play baseball," Saggese said.

The Tigers have spread a geographic net beyond Toledo to fill out their roster.

One of the Tigers is Fort Myers resident Frank Garcia, a Navy vet who also served on Vietnam. He's gotten to know Saggese well in a few years.

"He's a gentle giant," Garcia, 80, said.

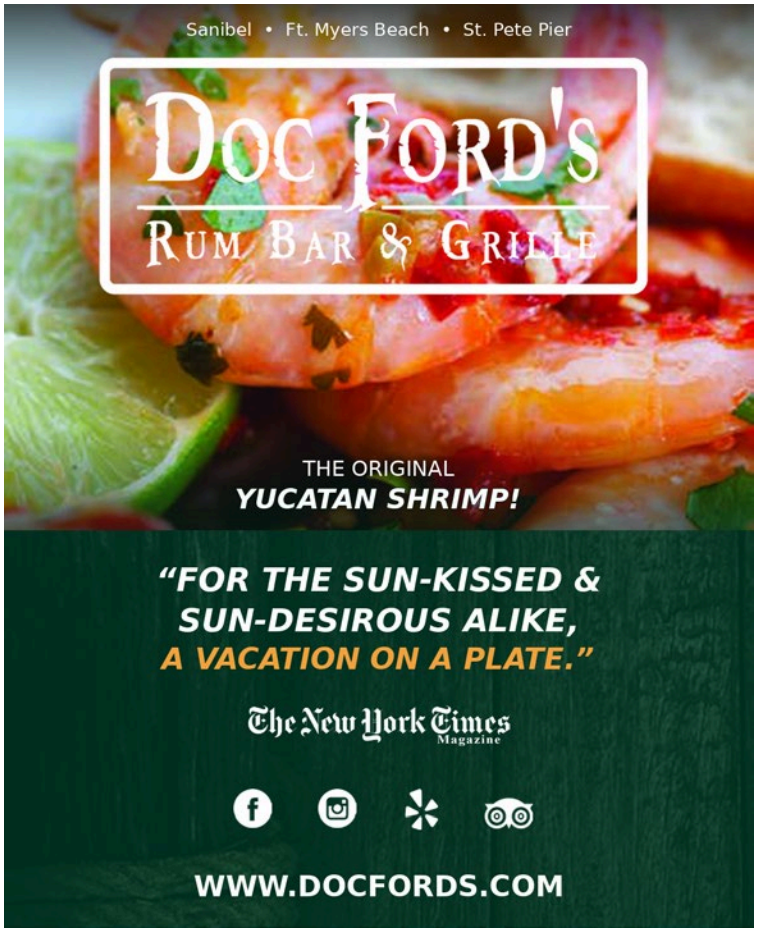
Health concerns have stopped Saggese from playing but he's still involved. He appreciates the Roy Hobbs World Series.

"For the forever young at heart who want to play baseball," Saggese said.



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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG RESULTS

Sunday Results

Vintage

Akron Brewers 29, Lansing Blue Jays 9
Americans Baseball 19, Nova Scotia Monarchs 2
Aurora Islanders 17, Long Island Express 7
Banana Sharks 18, DC Rifles 12
Banana Sharks 26, Minnesota Goats/Twins 5
Bergen Yankees 20, Philadelphia Iron Pigs 2
Bergen Yankees 34, St. Louis Dodgers 5
Blue Ridge Rangers 18, Cleveland Tribe 8
Border City Brewers 14, Midwest Nine 3
Carolina Rockies 16, NJ Dodgers 5
Cleveland Tribe 30, Bonedogs 2
DC Rifles 13, Village Bison 12
Fort Myers Cubs 10, Rhode Island Rockies 1
Fort Myers Cubs 21, USA Volkers Group 11
Greenville Cropdusters 15, Philadelphia Cutters 11
Minnesota Bandits 18, Huntsville Havoc 16
Mustangs Baseball 13, ChicagoBay Warriors 6
Philadelphia Iron Pigs 16, SB Roadsters 13
Raynham Baseball 24, JD's Jaguars 1
Rhode Island Salty Dogs 12, Puerto Rico Orioles 6
S. Maryland Blue Crabs 9, Tampa Stars 7
St. Louis Dodgers 13, SB Roadsters 11
St. Louis Jets 16, Washington Titans 11
St. Louis Patriots 23, Richmond Riverdogs 11
USA Volkers Group 12, Bonedogs 1
Village Bison 15, Minnesota Goats/Twins 4
Windy City White Sox 19, Team Albany 5

Forever Young

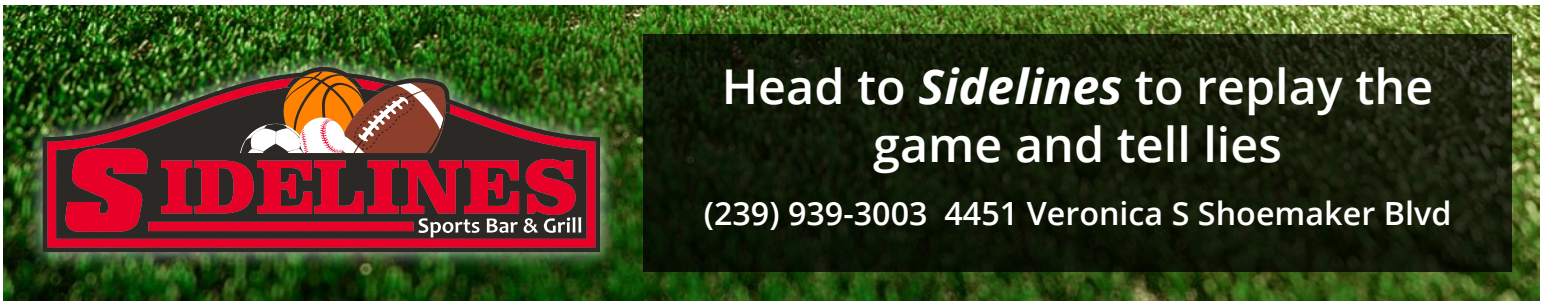
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Detroit 75s 12, Midwest Nine 5
White Foxes 7, Toledo Tigers 5
Maine Woods 12, Kent Mudhens 2



Team America 17, New Jersey Dodgers 3
Team Cambria 15, Potomac Senators 0
Maiden Titans 12, Huntsville Havoc 10
DuPage Lugnuts 4, St. Louis Legends 2





VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG STANDINGS

Vintage Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Bergen Yankees	2	0	1.000	7
Fort Myers Cubs	2	0	1.000	12
Banana Sharks	2	0	1.000	17
Raynham Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	1
Americans Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	2
Border City Brewers	1	0	1.000	3
Carolina Rockies	1	0	1.000	5
Windy City White Sox	1	0	1.000	5
Mustangs Baseball Club	1	0	1.000	6
Rhode Island Salty Dogs	1	0	1.000	6
Southern Maryland Blue Crabs	1	0	1.000	7
Aurora Islanders	1	0	1.000	7
Blue Ridge Rangers	1	0	1.000	8
Akron Brewers	1	0	1.000	9
Greenville Cropdusters	1	0	1.000	11
St. Louis Jets	1	0	1.000	11
St. Louis Patriots	1	0	1.000	11
Minnesota Bandits	1	0	1.000	16
Village Bison	1	1	.500	17
Cleveland Tribe	1	1	.500	20
USA Volkers Group	1	1	.500	23
DC Rifles	1	1	.500	30
Philadelphia Iron Pigs	1	1	.500	33
St. Louis Dodgers	1	1	.500	45
Tampa Stars	0	1	.000	9
Rhode Island Rockies	0	1	.000	10
Puerto Rico Orioles	0	1	.000	12
ChicagoBay Warriors	0	1	.000	13
Philadelphia Cutters	0	1	.000	13
Midwest Nine	0	1	.000	14
NJ Dodgers	0	1	.000	16
Washington Titans	0	1	.000	16
Long Island Express	0	1	.000	17
Huntsville Havoc	0	1	.000	18
Nova Scotia Monarchs	0	1	.000	19
Team Albany	0	1	.000	19
Richmond Riverdogs	0	1	.000	23
JD's Jaguars	0	1	.000	24
Lansing Blue Jays	0	1	.000	29
SB Roadsters	0	2	.000	29
Bonedogs	0	2	.000	42
Minnesota Goats/Twins	0	2	.000	42

Forever Young Division

Standings Thru Sunday's Games

Team	W	L	Pct.	RA
Team Cambria	1	0	1.000	0
Dupage Lugnuts	1	0	1.000	2
Maine Woods Baseball	1	0	1.000	2
Team America 75s	1	0	1.000	3
Detroit 75's	1	0	1.000	5
White Foxes	1	0	1.000	5
Maiden Titans	1	0	1.000	10
Fire	0	0	.000	0
St Louis Legends	0	1	.000	4
Toledo Tigers	0	1	.000	7
Huntsville Havoc	0	1	.000	12
Kent Mudhens	0	1	.000	12
Midwest Nine	0	1	.000	12
Potomac Senators	0	1	.000	15
New Jersey Dodgers	0	1	.000	17





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VINTAGE / FOREVER YOUNG SCHEDULE

Monday Schedule

Vintage

10 AM

Mustangs Baseball @ Fort Myers Cubs, JB-S
Border City Brewers @ Raynham Baseball, JB3
St. Louis Patriots @ Midwest Nine, JB4
Richmond Riverdogs @ JD's Jaguars, JB5
Tampa Stars @ Windy City White Sox, JB6
Team Albany @ Lansing Blue Jays, LH-S
Americans Baseball @ Greenville Cropdusters, PDC1
Aurora Islanders @ Philadelphia Cutters, PDC3
Long Island Express @ Nova Scotia Monarchs, PDC5
Blue Ridge Rangers @ Bonedogs, TP-S
Washington Titans @ Minnesota Bandits, TP2
Puerto Rico Orioles @ St. Louis Jets, TP3
Rhode Island Salty Dogs @ Huntsville Havoc, TP4

1:45 PM

Rhode Island Rockies @ Cleveland Tribe, JB-S
Carolina Rockies @ S. Maryland Blue Crabs, JB3
JD's Jaguars @ Border City Brewers, JB4
Raynham Baseball @ St. Louis Patriots, JB5
Midwest Nine @ Richmond Riverdogs, JB6
St. Louis Dodgers @ Banana Sharks, LH-S
Akron Brewers @ NJ Dodgers, LH4
Philadelphia Cutters @ Americans Baseball, PDC2
Greenville Cropdusters @ Long Island Express, PDC3
Nova Scotia Monarchs @ Aurora Islanders, PDC4
Village Bison @ Philadelphia Iron Pigs, TP-S
St. Louis Jets @ Rhode Island Salty Dogs, TP2
Huntsville Havoc @ Washington Titans, TP3
Minnesota Bandits @ Puerto Rico Orioles, TP4

5:30 PM

Minnesota Goats/Twins @ Bergen Yankees, JB-S
SB Roadsters @ DC Rifles, LH-S
USA Volkers Group @ ChicagoBay Warriors, TP-S

Forever Young

10 AM

Midwest Nine @ Fire, LH3



White Foxes @ Detroit 75s, LH4
Maine Woods @ Toledo Tigers, LH6
Team Cambria @ DuPage Lugnuts, PDC2
Team America @ Maiden Titans, PDC4

1:45 PM

Fire @ Kent Mudhens, LH3
Huntsville Havoc @ Potomac Senators, PDC1
New Jersey Dodgers @ St. Louis Legends, PDC5

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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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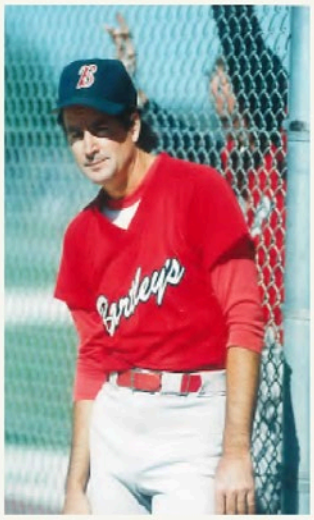
Run-rule games

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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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.

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Admission, $2 a game

Admission continues at the Roy Hobbs World Series.

Admission is $2 per game or $8 for a tournament pass. The player ID card grants players access to all games in which they are not playing. Spectators will pay $2 for entrance into each complex and are good for one day at all complexes.

The $8 tournament pass is available at RH Headquarters or from the Site Concierges at each security table; there is no family pass. The tournament pass is a plastic card that guarantees admission for that person for the duration of the RHWS. A loop comes with the tournament pass card for easy attachment to purses, beltloops, etc.

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PLAYERS OF THE GAME

Sunday Players of the Game

Vintage Division

Americans Baseball Club: Rodolfo Tigre Hurtado threw 6 innings in vicotory over Nova Scotia Monarchs.

Banana Sharks: Tony D'Aulerio 4 hits, walk, 5 R & 4 SB in victory over DC Rifles.

Blue Ridge Rangers: Mark Evelo

Border City Brewers: Brian Walcott pitched 4 innings for the win over Midwest Nine 65's.

ChicagoBay Warriors: Rick Powers performed solid relief pitching in loss to Mustangs Baseball.

Greenville Cropdusters: Larry Yoho 3 hits & 3 RBI in win over Philadelphia Cutters.

SB Roadsters: David Fiebig

SB Roadsters: Pete Hackmeister threw 7 strong innings in loss to Philadelphia Ironpigs.

Southern Maryland Blue Crabs: Leroy McClain threw a complete game win over the Tampa Stars.

Village Bison: Dave Steere pitched 5 innings for the win, and Vinny Zarrella and Ken Gourley had 3 hits each in win over Minnesota Goats.

Windy City White Sox: Alex Patton pitched 7 innings for win over Team Albany.

Forever Young Division

Kent Mudhens: Marc Messaros 2x2 with run and RBI in loss to Maine Woods Baseball.

St. Louis Legends: Mike Souders sterling defensive play kept us in the game in loss to Dupage Lugnuts.

White Foxes: Dave Milburn Pitched 6 innings of 1-run baseball for the win over the Toledo Tigers.



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