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Roy Hobbs Baseball

Joe Carmean started catching when he was 6 and he's still catching now at 66. The Hatboro, Pa., resident loves catching and talking about catchers and catching.

"It's the quarterback of baseball," Carmean said.

Carmean, who is with the Philadelphia Brewers this week, studies the position's nuances such as framing pitches. He said his subtle use of framing helps his pitchers.

"I get a lot of strikes a lot of other pitchers don't get," Carmean said.

One of his catching highlights came in the Upper Moreland Little League in Willow Grove, Pa., when he caught a very talented kid a couple of years ahead of him in the league.

That was Craig Robinson, who went on to play 6 years in the majors in the 1970s and was the Atlanta Braves starting shortstop in 1974.

"He threw BBs," Carmean said. "I had to have two sponges." In the more than half a century since he started catching and on through American Legion baseball and fast pitch softball, Carmean knows part of a catcher's job is counseling pitchers. He knows how to call pitches and spot tiny flaws in a pitcher's delivery. "It's my job to work with pitchers," Carmean said. That sometimes compels him to offer advice. "I say I want you to



Joe
Carmean

not take your eyes off the target," he said.

Although Carmean said he also plays the infield and outfield, he's a catcher. "I identify as a catcher," he said.

His favorite childhood player wasn't one of the big stars of the 1950s or 1960s, say Willie Mays or Mickey Mantle or Richie Ashburn of his hometown team Phillies.

"Growing up my hero was Stan Lopata," Carmean said.

Lopata was a catcher with the Phillies from 1948 to 1958. In only 2 of those seasons, though, did he play more than 100 games. He was a solid dependable backup.

Carmean has come a long way from the Upper Moreland Little League. He said he now has a pacemaker but that won't keep him from catching.

"If I die on a baseball field that's the way to go," he said.

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Washington Titans manager Mic Stump has retired (from his real job) and is working on a book about adult baseball people, who we are, how we are and what we do ... good, ugly and funny!

"I want to compile stories from our fellow ball players spanning the over 20 years we've been able to enjoy playing the wonderful pastime called baseball," Mic said.

"As you know whenever we ball players get together we exchange tales and lies of our exploits and our teammates – mostly lies coiffured in 'exaggeration'. It's always amazed me the tales we tell on each other. And I want to compile these and share them."

This project – he's calling it the 'Big Boys Project' – was a dream of Bob Wagner, who helped bring Roy Hobbs to Lee County in 1993. Bob had just started compiling stories when he passed away in 2001. And Roy Hobbs Baseball is committed to helping see that such a project gets completed... as there's lots of funny, poignant and heart-warming material available.

Mic is looking for stories that he can work with to ensure the meaning and descriptions "bring forth the joy we've all felt following our avocation – baseball."

Contact Mic at zehndorfer@comcast.net to share your ideas and stories.

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MVP and team award certificates should be redeemed at the Roy Hobbs World Series Headquarters at the Player Development Complex on Fridays or Saturdays. Samples of the MVP items are on display in our Pro Shop.

The RHWS MVP award is a personalized Polo Shirt in one of four available colors. It will include the RHWS MVP logo, player's name and team and ship directly to the player in January or February unless otherwise requested. Shipping is included within the continental US.

This year there are three potential upgrades on the MVP Award choices:

First option is a Wind Shirt in navy or black. It will also include the RHWS Logo, player's name and team. Cost of the wind shirt is \$55, including shipping and applicable taxes within the continental US. Players may opt to take the wind shirt instead of the polo, making the cost upgrade \$15 inclusive.

Second option is a personalized trophy bat with the RHWS logo, player's name and team inscribed in the barrel. Cost of the bat is \$90, including shipping and applicable taxes within the continental US. Players may opt to take the bat instead of the polo, making the cost upgrade \$50, inclusive.

Third option is a belt buckle with two designs to choose from, again with the RHWS MVP logo and player's name / team. Cost of this item is \$110, including shipping and applicable taxes within the continental US. Players may opt to take the belt buckle instead of the polo, making the cost upgrade \$70, inclusive.

Lastly, Roy Hobbs has a ring option available. Examples of these rings can be found in the Pro Shop and on our website. Pricing varies, so players wishing to explore this option should contact Tom Giffen directly to discuss options and pricing. Players may opt to order a ring instead of the polo, and \$40 will be deducted from the cost.

Every team is issued an MVP certificate. Players in possession of their certificate or the manager can come to

Headquarters and see Karen, Mike or Rob to get the award order taken care of. Managers appointing an additional MVP need to report to the office to name his players and pay the additional fee of \$45.

All teams and/or players may order RHWS championship rings.

The award structure for each of the Division in the Roy Hobbs World Series are outlined in the RHWS program. Rings can be reviewed in the Pro Shop at the Player Development Complex or online at royhobbs.com/world-series/rings/ ...

And you can visit Tom Giffen at World Series Headquarters to get more information and quotes on rings.

Team Award

The Team Award, which goes to any team winning at least 6 games during the World Series will also receive an award. You will be contacted by December 15 with information on your team award and how and when it will be delivered.

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.

Picking up T-shirts...

The tournament T-shirt is available through Friday only for all registered players outside the Roy Hobbs Store in the screened in patio at the Player Development Complex. No Shirts will be given out on Saturdays. Hours to pick up the Tournament T-shirt are from Noon to 6 p.m. With the shirt, each player will get a tournament patch.

Players will need their RHWS ID card to get their shirts, no exceptions – No drivers licenses needed.

CLASSICS/TIMELESS STANDINGS

Classics AAAA	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1 <u>NorCal Giants</u>	5	0	1.000	13	8
2 <u>All Star Baseball Academy</u>	5	0	1.000	16	8
3 <u>Minnesota Bocs</u>	5	0	1.000	19	10
4 <u>Youngstown Astros</u>	5	0	1.000	23	17
5 <u>Bahama Breeze Bandits</u>	5	0	1.000	24	21
6 <u>Ohio Classics</u>	4	1	0.800	16	8
7 <u>Massachusetts Chiefs</u>	4	1	0.800	24	13
8 <u>Toledo Mud Dogs/Dan Ra</u>	4	1	0.800	33	18
9 <u>DC Mets</u>	4	1	0.800	35	21
Classics AAA	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1 <u>Philadelphia Brewers</u>	3	2	0.600	28	17
2 <u>Kansas City Blues</u>	3	2	0.600	32	17
3 <u>Washington Titans</u>	3	2	0.600	28	18
4 <u>Atlanta Heat</u>	3	2	0.600	24	15
5 <u>Blues Classics</u>	3	2	0.600	31	15
6 <u>Houston Colt 45s</u>	3	2	0.600	31	18
7 <u>San Antonio Texans</u>	3	2	0.600	34	19
8 <u>Nova Scotia Monarchs</u>	3	2	0.600	33	22
9 <u>Asheville Sox</u>	3	2	0.600	38	24
10 <u>Midatlantic Nationals</u>	3	2	0.600	44	32
11 <u>Cincinnati Colt 45s</u>	3	2	0.600	46	33
12 <u>Copper Valley Cubs</u>	3	2	0.600	53	38
13 <u>Michigan Stars</u>	2	3	0.400	44	30

Classics AA	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1 <u>Team Sports Pro</u>	2	3	0.400	20	9
2 <u>Long Island Yankees</u>	2	3	0.400	39	22
3 <u>DC Dodgers</u>	2	3	0.400	41	23-11
4 <u>DuPage Lugnuts</u>	2	3	0.400	41	23-12
5 <u>Minnesota Goals</u>	2	3	0.400	45	27
6 <u>Baltimore Baseball Club</u>	2	3	0.400	42	30
7 <u>Philadelphia Cutters</u>	2	3	0.400	59	41
8 <u>Kent Mudhens</u>	2	3	0.400	48	30
9 <u>Tampa Sharks</u>	2	3	0.400	50	36
Classics A	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	
1 <u>Wrinkles</u>	1	4	0.200	57	
2 <u>Classic Thunder</u>	1	4	0.200	50	
3 <u>Cecil's Margin Service</u>	1	4	0.200	55	
4 <u>PSOF Rangers</u>	1	4	0.200	60	
5 <u>Long Island Braves</u>	1	4	0.200	56	
6 <u>Rhode Island Rockies</u>	1	4	0.200	52	
7 <u>Livingston Dodgers</u>	1	4	0.200	61	
8 <u>Cleveland Spiders</u>	1	4	0.200	62	
9 <u>St. Louis Dodgers</u>	1	4	0.200	68	
10 <u>Bronx Cardinals</u>	1	4	0.200	41	
11 <u>Midwest Nine</u>	1	4	0.200	54	
12 <u>Kenmore Eastern Brewers</u>	0	5	0.000	63	

Timeless AAA	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1 <u>South Dakota Rushmores</u>	5	0	1.000	17	10
2 <u>San Diego Padres</u>	4	1	0.800	15	10
3 <u>Avengers</u>	4	1	0.800	22	8
4 <u>National Spirit</u>	3	2	0.600	18	8
5 <u>Minnesota Saints</u>	2	3	0.400	41	22
Timeless AA	Win	Loss	PCT	RA	RA4
1 <u>Toledo Dan Rodgers</u>	3	2	0.600	29	19
2 <u>Key West All Stars</u>	3	2	0.600	50	31
3 <u>American National Wildc</u>	2	3	0.400	33	24
4 <u>New Jersey Wonderboys</u>	2	3	0.400	45	32
5 <u>Boston Braves</u>	2	3	0.400	60	42
6 <u>Chicago Spirit</u>	1	4	0.200	48	34
7 <u>Terre Haute Volkers</u>	1	4	0.200	65	44
8 <u>New England Red Sox</u>	0	4	0.000	50	32



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David McLaughlin examines Darryl Johnson's ball glove.

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Rich Gagliardi getting batters out

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Rich Gagliardi is still on the mound, still pitching, still getting batters out.

Now, the retired industrial arts teacher from Long Island pitches for the Long Island Braves. Once, he pitched for the State University of New York at Oswego baseball team. Look up the team's 1976 roster and there'll you'll find Gagliardi, who was listed as a 5-foot-8, 160-pound senior from Valley Stream, N.Y.

Before he started for the Braves last Sunday against the Classic Thunder at the Player Development Complex, Gagliardi reminisced.

He spoke fondly of the time he pitched 7 innings of no-hit ball against Buffalo in 1976, a game that went extra innings.

"We ended up winning the game," he said.

Gagliardi has no illusions he was a star pitcher in college, somebody who the scouts were clamoring to draft.

"I wasn't like the main starter," Gagliardi said. "I came in and saved the day." He certainly did in that game against Buffalo.

Now that he's 62 and pitching in the Roy Hobbs World Series, his approach is a little different than it was in college.



Rich Gagliardi and Joe Glorioso

"To have fun, not get hurt and prove to myself I can still do it," Gagliardi said.

He's certainly doing that.

His battery mate, catcher Joe Glorioso, an Army veteran who served in Desert Storm, encouraged him in the dugout.

Although focused on the game, Glorioso took a moment to talk about his family, his two kids and three grandchildren.

"And a beautiful wife," Glorioso said between innings.

His wife's name is Kathy. But on Sunday morning, Kathy had to briefly take a backseat to Rich Gagliardi, the former industrial arts teacher.

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Classics AAAA Division

Friday	Saturday
<p>41 North Stars</p> <p>418 BYE</p> <p>46 Toledo Mud Hens/Texas Rangers</p> <p>49 DC Mets</p> <p>45 Baltimore Orioles/Braves</p> <p>412 BYE</p> <p>44 Youngstown Astros</p> <p>415 BYE</p>	<p>47 North Stars</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p>

Friday	Saturday
<p>40 Minnesota Twins</p> <p>414 BYE</p> <p>40 Ohio Cavaliers</p> <p>411 BYE</p> <p>47 Vancouver/Seattle Mariners</p> <p>410 BYE</p> <p>49 All Star Baseball Academy</p> <p>416 BYE</p>	<p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p>

Classics AAA Division

Friday	Saturday
<p>41 Philadelphia Phillies</p> <p>419 BYE</p> <p>46 New York Yankees</p> <p>47 Atlanta Braves</p> <p>48 Boston Red Sox</p> <p>412 Chicago Cubs</p> <p>414 Arizona Diamondbacks</p> <p>417 New York Mets</p>	<p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p>

Friday	Saturday
<p>45 Washington Nationals</p> <p>414 BYE</p> <p>46 Houston Colt .45s</p> <p>411 St. Louis Cardinals</p> <p>47 Philadelphia Phillies</p> <p>410 Philadelphia Phillies</p> <p>42 Kansas City Royals</p> <p>415 BYE</p>	<p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p>

Classics AA Division

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<p>41 New York Yankees</p> <p>415 BYE</p> <p>41 Philadelphia Phillies</p> <p>417 Philadelphia Phillies</p> <p>418 BYE</p> <p>41 Chicago Cubs</p> <p>416 BYE</p>	<p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p> <p>4000 12:00 PM</p>

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Timeless AAA Division

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Friday	Saturday
41 South Dakota Rushmore	
42 South Dakota Rushmore	
43 BYE	
44 Panthers	40 Memphis
45 Panthers	41 Avengers
46 BYE	
47 National Sprint	42 Atlanta
48 Minnesota Souths	
49 Minnesota Souths	
50 National Sprint	43 Atlanta
51 Minnesota Souths	
52 BYE	
53 San Diego Padres	
54 San Diego Padres	

Timeless AA Division

Friday	Saturday
<p>A1 Toledo Den Dodgers</p> <p>10:00 PM (EST)</p>	
<p>#6 New England Red Sox</p>	
<p>A4 New Jersey Wonderboys</p> <p>8:00 PM (EST)</p>	<p>10:00 PM (EST)</p>
<p>#6 Chicago Spirit</p>	
<p>#3 American National Wildcat</p> <p>10:00 AM (EST)</p>	<p>10:00 AM (EST)</p>
<p>#5 Boston Braves</p>	
<p>#7 Tennessee Volunteers</p> <p>8:00 PM (EST)</p>	<p>10:00 PM (EST)</p>
<p>#2 Key West All Stars</p>	



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