THE INSIDE PITCH

WEEK 1

VETERANS

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Knights Sanchez's big hits not nearly as big as saving lives

By Glenn Miller
Roy Hobbs Baseball

Chicago Knights manager Ron Dearth spotted an Inside Pitch representative wandering around the PDC on Sunday. Dearth told him about a "great story."

One of his players, a Chicago police officer named Jose Sanchez, had recently saved a 3-year-old boy.

Meg Giffen photo
Knights Jose Sanchez

"The kid wasn't breathing," Dearth said.

The life-saving rescue was chronicled in the Chicago media. A Google search showed that patch.com and local network news affiliates in Chicago carried the story about Sanchez and a probationary office named Tone Trujillo saving a boy.

"Very rewarding," Sanchez said. "It makes up for all the other accidents we have to deal with."

Sanchez was standing outside the third base dugout at PDC 4 a few minutes before his team played the Tennessee Dirtbags. He talked a bit like a police officer and also a father as he described what happened in a home on West Gladys Avenue.

"We responded to an unresponsive 3-year-old kid," Sanchez said. "Upon arrival, my partner, Trujillo ... ran into the house. He started CPR on the kid. The mom was distraught. I grabbed the mom and comforted her."

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Greg Wagner photo
Airborne -- gotta love these spikes worn by a DRS Astros runner.

AAA-AA-A playoffs are set

The Veterans Division playoffs are set.

The AAAA division started its playoffs Thursday morning, and Thursday night the pairings for the AAA-AA-A divisions were announced.

See the schedule of games on Page 3 and brackets on Pages 6-7.

In the AAAA double-elimination playoffs, Friday's winners' bracket final will have the Chicago Woodpeckers and HPK Oilers playing at City of Palms Stadium at 12:30 p.m. while 4 other teams are jockeying for position in the losers' bracket.

In AAA-AA-A divisions, each bracket includes 12 teams, and play begins Friday morning at 10 a.m. AAA play will be at the Player Development Complex, AA at JetBlue and A at

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Teams choose MVPs; honorees have options

Every team has the option to select an MVP for the Week, and Roy Hobbs and its sponsors has a commemorative gift for each team's RHWS MVP.

Every team manager is issued an MVP certificate. Those 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 the Roy Hobbs Pro Shop at PDC.

Players in possession of their certificate can come to Headquarters and see Karen or Rob to get the award order taken care of.

Managers may select an additional MVP – they should see Karen in the RHWS headquarters office to name the players and pay the $25 fee before the orders can be placed. If the player cannot present the certificate in person, the manager or player should contact Karen by email (km@royhobbs.com) for information on how to order their award. **Deadline for basic MVP award orders is Dec. 16, 2016.**

This year's RHWS MVP Award is a **MVP-embroidered hat**. Players can choose to wear it out the door or have it personalized with name, number and team name and it will be shipped directly to the player in January unless otherwise requested. Shipping is included within the continental US.

There are 5 upgrades on the MVP Award and they are:

1. A personalized **Polo Shirt** in choice of available colors to include the RHWS MVP logo, player's name and team. Cost of the polo is $28, including shipping and applicable taxes within the continental US. Players opting to take the polo instead of the hat can upgrade at the cost of $10.
2. A personalized **Wind Shirt** in Navy or black. It will include the RHWS logo player's name and team. Cost of the wind shirt is $53 including shipping and applicable taxes within the continental US. Players may opt to take the wind shirt instead of the hat, making the cost upgrade $35.
3. A personalized **trophy bat** with the RHWS logo, player's name and team engraved in the barrel. Cost is $90 including shipping and applicable taxes within the continental US. Players may choose to take the bat instead of the hat, making the cost upgrade $70, inclusive.
4. A personalized **belt buckle** with the RHWS MVP logo and the player's name and 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 hat, making the cost upgrade $90, inclusive.
5. An **MVP ring.** Examples of these rings can be found in the Pro Shop and on the Roy Hobbs 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 hat and $20 will be deducted from the cost.

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New Jersey Twins 1st baseman makes a play vs. Vukgripz Akron A's at jetBlue Park.

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Championship rings

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.

PLAYOFFS

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Centurylink.

The Minnesota Web Gems grabbed the top seed in AAA, with the Tidewater Drillers, Rhino Baseball Club and New Jersey Mets taking the other three first-round byes.

In AA, the Minnesota Bulldogs are the top seed, with the Miami Marlins, Panhandle Pirates and Pensacola Sharks receiving the other first-round byes.

In A, the seeds are done by draw at the Thursday evening pairings party. The top 4 seeds went to the Americans Baseball Club, Akron Knights, Cincinnati Colts and Detroit Dodgers.

Semifinal games are 10 a.m. Saturday, with championship games to follow.

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SCHEDULE

Roy Hobbs World Series
Veterans Division
Friday's Schedule

AAAA Division

10 a.m.
G9 – #3 Naples Athletics at #1 Stars Baseball Academy, LC-S
G10 – #8 Stars of Herrera at #6 Vukgripz Akron A's, JB-S
12:30 p.m.
G11 – #4 Chicago Woodpeckers at #2 HPK Oilers, CP-S
2 p.m.
G12 – Winner G9 vs. Winner G10, JB-S

Saturday

10 a.m.
G13 – Loser G11 vs. Winner G12, JB-S
1:30 p.m.

Championship

G-13 – Winner G13 @ Winner G11, JB-S

AAA Division

10 a.m.
G2 -- #9 Tallahassee Sharks @ #8 Chi-Sox, PDC5
G3 -- #12 Pittsburgh Wild @ #5 RusStar Baseball, PDC4
G6 -- #11 Glass City Black Sox @ #6 Nova Scotia Alpines, PDC3
G7 -- #10 NEO Angels @ #7 Jet Box, PDC2
2 p.m.
G9 -- Winner G2 @ #1 Minnesota Web Gems, PDC5
G10 -- Winner G3 @ #4 New Jersey Mets, PDC4
G11 -- Winner G6 @ #3 RHINO Baseball, PDC3
G12 -- Winner G7 @ #2 Tidewater Drillers, PDC2

Saturday

Semifinals and Championship played at PDC & City of Palms Stadium

AA Division

10 a.m.
G2 -- #9 DRS Astros @ #8 Chicago Knights, JB3
G3 -- #12 Cape Diablos @ #5 Germain Ohio Aces, JB4
G6 -- #11 Baltimore Astros @ #6 Pigs Heaven, JB5
G7 -- #10 Chicago Dodgers @ #7 Ft Myers Hooter's Owls, JB6
2 p.m.
G9 -- Winner G2 @ #1 Minnesota Bulldogs, JB3
G10 -- Winner G3 @ #4 Pensacola Sharks, JB4
G11 -- Winner G6 @ #3 Panhandle Pirates, JB5
G12 -- Winner G7 @ #2 Miami Marlins, JB6

Saturday

Semifinals and Championship played at Centurylink Sports Complex

A Division

10 a.m.
G2 -- #9 Tallahassee Lumberjacks @ #8 Kodak Reds, CL2
G3 -- #12 Minnetonka Mustangs @ #5 South Bend Cardinals, CL3
G6 -- #11 MaxBat @ #6 Tennessee Dirtbags, CL4
G7 -- #10 Akron Cardinals @ #7 Ft Myers Hurricanes, CL6
2 p.m.
G9 -- Winner G2 @ #1 Americans Baseball Club, CL-S
G10 -- Winner G3 @ #4 Detroit Dodgers, CL3
G11 -- Winner G6 @ #3 Cincinnati Colt .45s, CL4
G12 -- Winner G7 @ #2 Akron Knights, CL6

Saturday

Semifinals and Championship played at Terry Park Complex

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STANDINGS

RHWS Veterans Division

Standings Thru Thursday / Playoff Brackets

SD	AAA Division	W	L	Pct.	RA	RA 4
1	Minn. Web Gems	5	0	1.000	28	19
2	Tidewater Drillers	3	2	.600	30	18
3	Rhino Baseball Club	2	3	.400	41	23
4	New Jersey Mets	1	4	.200	33	22
5	RusStar Baseball	4	1	.800	6	2
6	Nova Scotia Alpines	4	1	.800	20	8
7	JetBox	4	1	.800	26	16
8	Chi Sox	4	1	.800	38	29
9	Tallahassee Sharks	3	2	.600	25	14
10	NEO Angels	3	2	.600	32	19
11	Glass City Black Sox	3	2	.600	29	20
12	Pittsburgh Wild	3	2	.600	31	20

DIVISION NOTES: Tidewater Drillers, Rhino Baseball and NJ Mets down from AAAA, and all 3 won their games Thursday to earn byes. Pittsburgh Wild won AA in 2015 and is automatically in AAA, although they did finish in that 12th slot. Ties all broken by RA4 and all runs allowed.

Sd	AA Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	**Minnesota Bulldogs**	3	2	.600	33	22
2	**Miami Marlins**	3	2	.600	34	23
3	**Panhandle Pirates**	3	2	.600	34	24
4	**Pensacola Sharks**	3	2	.600	47	32
5	Germain Ohio Aces	3	2	.600	35	22
6	Pigs Heaven	3	2	.600	50	34
7	FM Hooter's Owls	3	2	.600	53	39
8	Chicago Knights	2	3	.400	32	19
9	DRS Astros	2	3	.400	37	22
10	Chicago Dodgers	2	3	.400	40	26
11	Baltimore Astros	2	3	.400	48	27
12	*Cape Diablos	1	4	.200	69	51

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Americans Baseball Club Manager and RH Hall of Famer Troy Cox scrutinizes the action.

Greg Wagner photo.

DIVISION NOTES: Top 4 3-2 teams that won Thursday games earned byes in AA; #12 is Cape Diablos, down from AAAA, placed in AA division at RH discretion. 2015 A winner Glass City Black Sox earned AAA berth. All ties broken by RA4 and all runs allowed.

Sd	A Division	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Americans Baseball	2	3	.400	52	38
2	Akron Knights	2	3	.400	65	38
3	Cincinnati Colt .45s	1	4	.200	61	42
4	Detroit Dodgers	2	3	.400	46	30
5	S. Bend Cardinals	1	4	.200	67	47
6	Tennessee Dirtbags	1	4	.200	38	25
7	Ft Myers Hurricanes	2	3	.400	46	31
8	Kodak Reds	1	4	.200	74	53
9	Tall. Lumberjacks	1	4	.200	62	41
10	Akron Cardinals	2	3	.400	50	33
11	MaxBat	2	3	.400	47	30
12	Minn. Mustangs	0	5	.000	55	39

DIVISION NOTES: Draw for seed at Pairings Party. Must be present to draw for Bye. Minnetonka Mustangs placed in A by virtue of being only 0-5 team. Mustangs will be #12 seed.

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RESULTS

RHWS Veterans Division
Thursday Results

Open Pool Play
Akron Cardinals 9, Tallahassee Lumberjacks 3
Americans Baseball 19, Kodak Reds 10
Chi Sox 14, NEO Angels 9
Cincinnati Colt .45s 16, Minnetonka Mustangs 13
Fort Myers Hooter's Owls 15, DRS Astros 10
Fort Myers Hurricanes 7, South Bend Cardinals 6
Glass City Black Sox 5, Chicago Dodgers 0
JetBox 13, Germain Ohio Aces 8
Miami Marlins 9, MaxBat 8
Minnesota Bulldogs 5, Chicago Knights 4
Minnesota Web Gems 16, Cape Diablos 2
New Jersey Mets 4, RusStar Baseball 2
Panhandle Pirates 11, Baltimore Astros 8
Pensacola Sharks 16, Detroit Dodgers 15
Pigs Heaven 7, Tennessee Dirtbags 5
Pittsburgh Wild 27, Akron Knights 7
Rhino Baseball Club 8, Tallahassee Sharks 7 (12)
Tidewater Drillers 12, Nova Scotia Alpines 2

AAAA Playoffs
Thursday Games
G1 – #8 Stars of Herrera 6, #1 Stars Baseball Academy 1
G2 – #4 Chicago Woodpeckers 1, #5 Toledo Aces 0
G3 – #3 Naples Athletics 5, #6 Vukgripz Akron A's 4 (10)
G4 – #2 HPK Oilers 4, #7 New Jersey Twins 1
G5 –#4 Chicago Woodpeckers 5, #8 Stars of Herrera 3
G6 – #2 HPK Oilers 15, #3 Naples Athletics 4
G7 – #1 Stars Baseball Academy 8, #5 Toledo Aces 2
G8 – #6 Vukgripz Akron A's 7, #7 New Jersey Twins 4

Greg Wagner photo
New Jersey Twins catcher warms up his pitcher.

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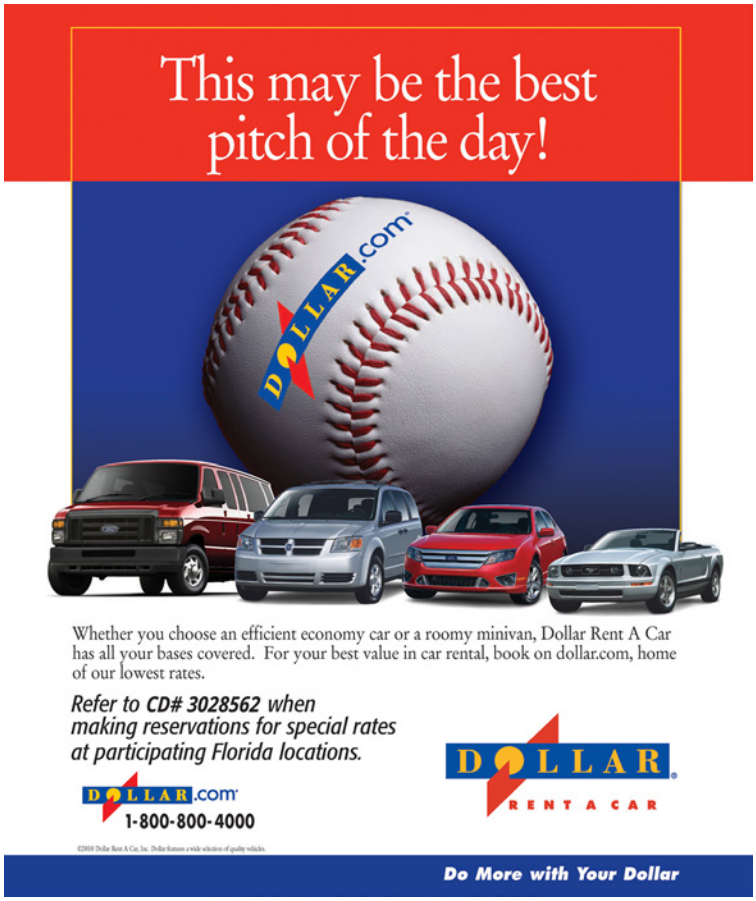
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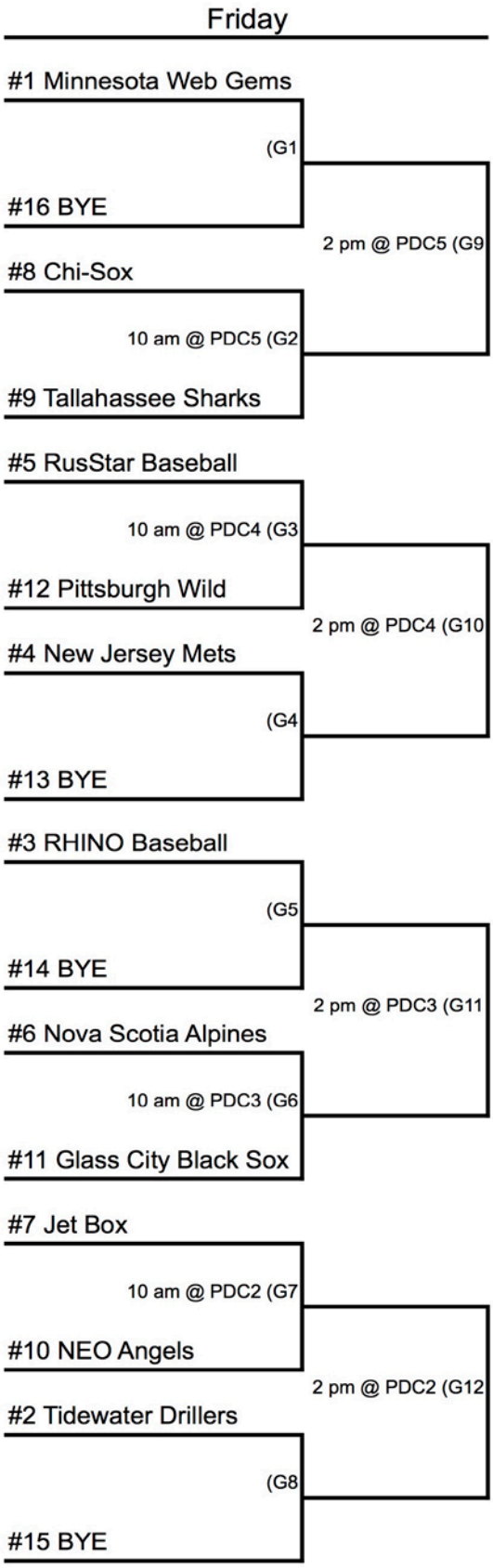
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#5 RusStar Baseball
10 am @ PDC4 (G3
#12 Pittsburgh Wild
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#4 New Jersey Mets
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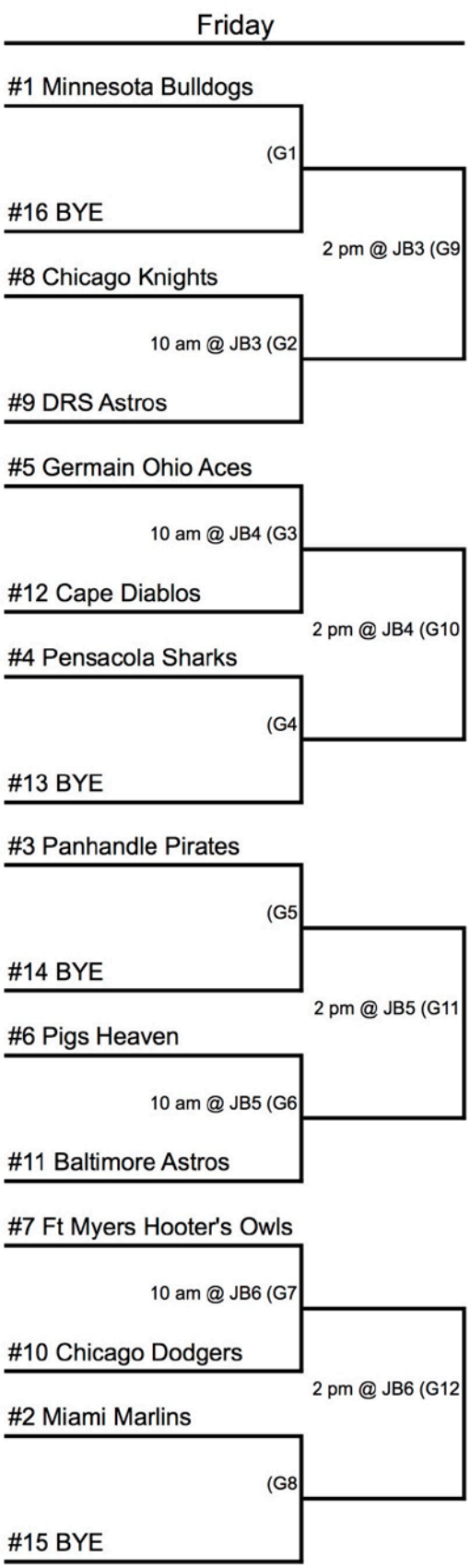

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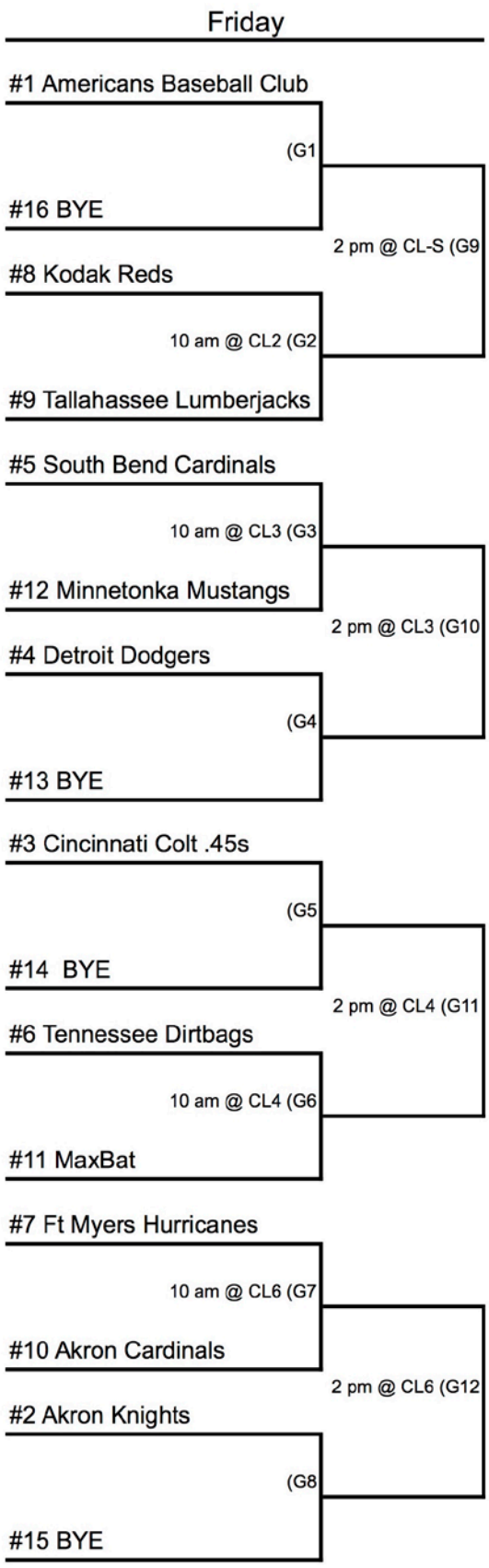

SANCHEZ

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Trujillo did chest compressions on the child.

"He kept going," Sanchez said. "I kept encouraging him. Keep going, Tone. Like I'm telling a third base coach, keep going. ... Just keep going. I was telling him, 'Don't stop, don't stop.' He continued the chest compressions and we got a pulse.

"The kid was cold. His pupils were dilated. There was actually no pulse whatsoever. We got a pulse.'

It was a harrowing call.

"He was on the floor in the living room area," Sanchez said of the boy.

The child had swallowed something.

"We don't know what he took," said Sanchez, the father of two sons, Jeremy, 22, and 19-year-old Brandon.

A Chicago Fire Department ambulance arrived and transported the boy to the West Suburban Medical Center. The kid is now alive thanks to Sanchez and Trujillo.

Sanchez led off Sunday morning's game with a double to left-center.

That was far from the most important thing he has done recently.

Vukgripz Akron A's left fielder tracks down a fly ball in a victory over the New Jersey Twins in Thursday's AAAA playoff action.

Greg Wagner photos

Americans Baseball Club hitter David Darrah has his eye on the ball in the Americans' 19-10 victory over the Kodak Reds on Thursday.