



For Cincinnati Colts, Baseball is Family!

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Roy Hobbs Baseball

The Cincinnati Colts are a team that's devoted to baseball and family – not only in the Hobbs Series but also on their home turf.

If they're not on the field, they keep in touch with emails and on Facebook.

Coach Bob Hawkins, 59, says the team was formed in 1996 after most of their kids had finished high school and college. The Dads enjoyed baseball coaching to kids, so they formed the Colts in 1996, for 45-year-olds.

Seventeen of the players have been with the team since 1996. And 15 of the 17 always make sure to take the same weeks for vacation to come to the Hobbs Series in Fort Myers. Since the start of the team, they've been to the final four three times, winning silver three times and gold once (2002 Masters AAA).

Every team member gets a nickname. Bob is known as Hawk. His wife, Juliet is known as Baby-Baby. And she is a very devoted baseball fan. Other nicknames include all the Cartwright family from "Bonanza".

Only the last names have been changed to "Coltwright." Assistant Coach Denny Elrhardt is "Ben Coltwright."

At double-headers in their home league, Baby-Baby brings the food and sets it out for the players to have between games.

Bob says of the team: "We have a love of baseball and family. Our philosophy is win, lose or draw, never criticize each other. We believe if you're family and best friends, you'll play as hard as you can."

Bob played basketball in college, but he picked up his love of baseball from his father who played "town ball" during the depression. "He got \$8 for a single game and \$12 for a double-header," Bob said, adding that most of the Colts have similar stories.

The Colts have a couple of traditions that come with them to Fort Myers each year.

One night is devoted to "rookies". Rookies on the team are dressed in women's clothes (with the help of their wives) and then dunked into the swimming pool.

Another tradition is "The Stud Trophy."

The trophy goes to the player who had a positive effect on that game. He takes it home and brings it to the next game. He's expected to make "improvements." So it sports knee pads and other baseball stuff.

Then there's a tradition at home. After the World Series, the team takes six weeks off and then holds a "bowl throng."

"We don't want to be apart that long," said Baby-Baby. "The event is held the first Sunday after New Years."

Bob, a former scout for the Houston Astros, thought an



Photo by Tom Moore

Hawk & Baby-Baby (Bob and Juliet Hawkins) monitor the Colts' Baseball Family.

auto accident in 1995 would leave him disabled. He was told he'd have to lose a leg and would never walk again. He said he told the doctors: "I'd like to keep it."

So he had rods put in the leg and is able to get on the ball fields today. And not only that, but he has a plate in his pitching arm.

He says about everyone on the Colts' 55s team has had some kind of surgery.

But nothing has stopped the team. They're playing in the 38s, 48s, and 55s. And for the future, they're eyeing the 60s.

Results For Thursday, November 5

Allegheny Valley Rebels 7, Midatlantic Redwings 4
 Chicago Tomatos 18, Minnetonka Mustangs 6
 Covington Orioles 6, Durbin A's 1
 Kodak Reds 12, Tallahassee Whackers 4
 Margate Hurricanes 8, Akron Brewers 3
 Mason-Dixon Red Sox 9, Fort Myers Hooters 8
 Minnesota Bandits 8, Jupiter Hammerheads 4
 Minnesota Saints 17, Chicago Phillies 8
 North Yuma Yankees 7, Tidewater Drillers 4
 Ohio Indians 12, Huntsville Utes 0
 Omaha Indians 7, Staten Island Orioles 6
 Philadelphia Phillies 9, Cincinnati Colts 8
 Pigs Heaven the Herd 7, Kent MudHens 4
 RusStar Baseball 8, Pensacola Barracudas 7
 St. Paul Senators 4, North Coast Padres 1
 Tallahassee Bombers 19, NW Indiana Dogs 4
 Tennessee Dirtbags 6, Tacoma Cascades 4
 Washington Monuments 17, Chicago Dodgers 4

Ace & King of the Diamonds

Thursday's 'Ace' and 'King' of Diamonds in the Veterans Division come from the New Jersey Twins and the Covington Orioles:

Ace: Tom Gamboda of the New Jersey Twins: In a 2-1 AAAA playoff victory over the Border City Brewers, Tom threw a 4-hit complete game, allowing 1 earned run and striking out 8.

King: Ray Sterling of the Covington Orioles: In a 6-1 victory over the Durbin A's, Ray hit 2 doubles and drove in 2 runs.

Players considered for the Ace and King designation come from the daily reports supplied by managers, either on the game reports turned in after games or game reports turned in via email the same day as the game was played. Reports turned in a day late will not be considered for the recognition.

STANDINGS

Veterans Division Final Pool Play Standings

Seed	Veterans AA	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	North Yuma Yankees	5	0	1.000	15	9
2	Margate Hurricanes	4	1	0.800	16	10
3	Allegheny Valley Rebels	4	1	0.800	19	12
4	Omaha Indians	4	1	0.800	23	13
5	Mason-Dixon Red Sox	4	1	0.800	23	15
6	Washington Monuments	3	2	0.600	21	8
7	Tallahassee Bombers	3	2	0.600	19	9
8	Midatlantic Redwings	3	2	0.600	19	12
9	Fort Myers Hooters	3	2	0.600	23	14
10	Staten Island Orioles	3	2	0.600	25	18
11	Tidewater Drillers	3	2	0.600	31	18
12	Tennessee Dirtbags	3	2	0.600	31	21

Notes: Only tie broken in runs allowed all games; teams winning Thursday in bold

Seed	Veterans A	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	RusStar Baseball Club	3	2	0.600	38	21
2	Minnesota Bandits	3	2	0.600	32	23
3	Covington Orioles	2	3	0.400	33	20
4	Chicago Tomatoes	2	3	0.400	29	21
5	NW Indiana Dogs	3	2	0.600	52	33
6	Akron Brewers	3	2	0.600	52	38
7	Pensacola Barracudas	2	3	0.400	30	22
8	Tacoma Cascades	2	3	0.400	38	22
9	Pig's Heaven the Herd	2	3	0.400	36	23
10	Ohio Indians	2	3	0.400	38	24
11	Jupiter Hammerheads	2	3	0.400	38	25
12	Philadelphia Phillies	2	3	0.400	37	27

Notes: Teams winning Thursday received 4 allotted byes; teams winning Thursday in bold; ties broken with runs allowed in all games.

B Division seedings drawn at Pairings Party

Seed	Veterans B	W	L	PCT	RA	RA4
1	Kent MudHens	1	4	0.200	56	41
2	Minnetonka Mustangs	2	3	0.400	51	33
3	Chicago Dodgers	2	3	0.400	49	32
4	Tallahassee Whackers	1	4	0.200	51	35
5	St. Paul Senators	1	4	0.200	33	22
6	North Coast Padres	1	4	0.200	61	40
7	Huntsville Utes	1	4	0.200	59	44
8	Minnesota Saints	1	4	0.200	41	30
9	Cincinnati Colt 38s	1	4	0.200	40	27
10	Durbin A's	1	4	0.200	45	30
11	Kodak Reds	2	3	0.400	44	32
12	Chicago Phillies	0	5	0.000	64	47

Veterans Division AAAA Double-Elimination Bracket

Throughout the playoffs the higher seeded team is home with the exception of the Championship game where the winners bracket finalist will be home team.

Thursday, November 5

First Round

G1: #1 Pittsburgh 40s 13, #8 Americans Baseball 3

G2: #5 HPK Oilers 5, #4 Puerto Rico Astros 2

G3: #3 Stars of Herrera 2, #6 Border City Brewers 1

G4: #2 Stars Baseball Academy 5, #7 New Jersey Twins 3

Second Round

G5: #1 Pittsburgh 40s 6, #5 HPK Oilers 5

G6: #3 Stars of Herrera 5, #2 Stars Baseball Academy 2

Losers Bracket

G7: #4 Puerto Rico Astros 2, #8 Americans Baseball 0

G8: #7 New Jersey Twins 2, #6 Border City Brewers 1

Friday, October 30

Winners Bracket Final

G11: #3 Stars of Herrera @ #1 Pittsburgh 40s, 5:30 PM – LCS

Losers Bracket

G9: #4 Puerto Rico Astros @ #2 Stars Baseball Academy,

10:00 AM – LC1

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SCHEDULE

Veterans Division AA Playoffs

First Round 10 a.m.

G1) #9 Fort Myers Hooters at #8 Midatlantic Redwings, PDC1
G2) #12 Tennessee Dirtbags at #5 Mason-Dixon Red Sox, CPS
G3) #11 Tidewater Drillers at #6 Washington Monuments, CPP
G4) #10 Staten Island Orioles at #7 Tallahassee Bombers, LC5

Quarterfinals 1:45 p.m.

G5) G1 winner at #1 North Yuma Yankees, LC5
G6) G2 winner at #4 Omaha Indians, LC2
G7) G3 winner at #3 Allegheny Valley Rebels, LC3
G8) G4 winner at #2 Margate Hurricanes, LC1

Saturday Semifinals 10 a.m.

G5 winner vs. G6 winner, LC3
G7 winner vs. G8 winner, LC1

Championship 1:30 p.m.

Semifinal winners at Lee County Stadium

A Playoffs

First Round 10 a.m.

G1) #9 Pig's Heaven the Herd at #8 Tacoma Cascades, TP
G2) #12 Philadelphia Phillies at #5 NW Indiana Dogs, TP3
G3) #11 Jupiter Hammerheads at #6 Akron Brewers, TP2
G4) #10 Ohio Indians at #7 Pensacola Barracudas, TP4

Quarterfinals 1:45 p.m.

G5) G1 winner at #1 RusStar Baseball, TP
G6) G2 winner at #4 Chicago Tomatos, TP3
G7) G3 winner at #3 Covington Orioles, TP2
G8) G4 winner at #2 Minnesota Bandits, TP4

Saturday Semifinals 10 a.m.

G9) G5 winner VS G6 winner, TP2
G10) G7 winner VS G8 winner, TP4

Championship 1:30 p.m.

Semifinal winners at Terry Park

B Playoffs

B Playoff Pairing done by draw at RHWS Veterans Pairings Party

First Round 10 a.m.

G1) #9 Cincinnati Colts 38s at #8 Minnesota Saints, PDC2
G2) #12 Chicago Phillies at #5 St. Paul Senators, PDC3
G3) #11 Kodak Reds at #6 North Coast Padres, PDC4
G4) #10 Durbin A's at #7 Huntsville Utes, PDC5

Quarterfinals 1:45 p.m.

G5) G1 winner at #1 Kent MudHens, PDC2
G6) G2 winner at #4 Tallahassee Whackers, PDC3
G7) G3 winner at #3 Chicago Dodgers, PDC4
G8) G4 winner at #2 Minnetonka Mustangs, PDC5

Quarterfinals 1:45 p.m.

Semifinals Saturday 10 a.m.

G9) G5 winner VS G6 winner, TP
G10) G7 winner VS G8 winner, TP3

Championship 2 p.m.

Semifinal winners at City of Palms Practice Field

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G10: #7 New Jersey Twins @ #5 HPK Oilers, 10:00 AM – LC2

G12: G9 winner VS G10 winner, 5:30 PM – CPS

Saturday, October 31

Losers Bracket Final

G13: G12 winner VS G11 loser, 2:00 PM – LC5

Championship

G14: G13 winner @ G11 winner, 7:30 PM - LCS

Veterans Division AAA Double-Elimination Bracket

Throughout the playoffs the higher seeded team is home with the exception of the Championship game where the winners bracket finalist will be home team.

Thursday, October 29

First Round

G1: #5 Staten Island Reds 6, #1 Chicago Giants 3

G2: #4 Glass City Bandits 3, #8 PSOF Knights 0

G3: #6 Tribute Orioles 9, #3 Minneapolis Millers 2

G4: #7 Puerto Rico Cardinales 8, #2 New Jersey Mets 2

Second Round

G5: #4 Glass City Bandits 13, #5 Staten Island Reds 3

G6: #7 Puerto Rico Cardinales 2, #6 Tribute Orioles 1
Losers Bracket

First Round

G7: #8 PSOF Knights 14, #1 Chicago Giants 3

G8: #2 New Jersey Mets 2, #3 Minneapolis Millers 0

Friday, October 30

Winners Bracket Final

G11: #7 Puerto Rico Cardinales @ #4 Glass City Bandits, 5:30 PM – LCS

Losers Bracket

G9: #8 PSOF Knights @ #6 Tribute Orioles, 10:00 AM – LCS

G10: #5 Staten Island Reds @ #2 New Jersey Mets, 10:00 AM – LC3

G12: G9 winner VS G10 winner, 1:45 PM – LCS

Saturday, October 31

Losers Bracket Final

G13: G12 winner VS G11 loser, 10:00 AM – CPP

Championship

G14: G13 winner @ G11 winner, 1:30 PM – CPS

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from Monday's games

Puerto Rico Astros 6, PSOF Knights 1: (Knights) Greg Pearson 3x3, RBI.

Highlights from Tuesday's games

Stars Baseball Academy 8, PSOF Knights 7: (Knights) Tony Budvaitis 2x4, 2-run HR, 3 RBI; Steve Lane 2x2, 2 RBI; Joe Misskevich 6 IP, 2 ER, 6 hits, 5 Ks.

Highlights from Thursday's games

Covington Orioles 6, Durbin A's 1: (Orioles) Ray Sterling 2 2B, 2 RBI; Tad Moorhead 2 1B, 3 RBI; Will McCabe WP, CG, 9 IP, 4 Hits, Run.

Margate Hurricanes 8, Akron Brewers 3: (Hurricanes) Terrence Gallagher 2 Hits, 3 Runs; Fred Spitalnick 2 Hits, 3 RBI; Al Sacco 2 Hits, 2B, 2 RBI.

Minnesota Bandits 8, Jupiter Hammerheads 5: (Bandits) Rick Habeck WP, injured index finger on Sunday and went 9 IP Thursday, 5 Ks, 4 ER; Dave Marshid 2x4; Tim Doboszanski 2x4, 2 Runs; Rich Ellis, 2 RBI.

New Jersey Mets 2, Minneapolis Millers 0: (Mets) Martin Rivera WP, CP, 5-hit shutout.

New Jersey Twins 2, Border City Brewers 1: (Twins) Tom Gaboda WP, CG, 4 hits, 1 ER, 8 Ks.

Omaha Indians 7, Staten Island Orioles 6: (Indians) Ron Siwa 2x4, 2B; Duke Calvert 2 Hits; Scott Standish 2 Hits, Steve Mariucci 2 Hits, Bill Jelkin WP.


Pig's Heaven the Herd 7, Kent MudHens 4: (MudHens) Brian Roach 2x4, 1B, 2B, Run, RBI; Pat Bussey 1B, RBI; Ted Lesiak 8 IP, 2 ER, 2 Ks.

Pittsburgh 13, Americans Baseball Club 3: (Americans) Rick Scheetz 3B, 3 RBI; Bill Bechtol 1x3, Run; Doug Mays 1x3, Run.

Puerto Rico Astros 2, Americans Baseball Club 0: (Americans) Chris Brock 8 IP, 5 Hits, 7 Ks; Bill Bechtol 3x5.



Puerto Rico Cardinales 8, New Jersey Mets 2: (Cardinales) William Morales 2x4, 2 runs; Juan Quiles 2x4 3 runs.

RusStar Baseball 8, Pensacola Barracudas 7 (11 innings): (Barracudas) Eddie Hackett 2x3, RBI, SB; Joe Johncheck 2x4, Run, SB; Mark Murphy 2x4, run, RBI; John Snyder 2 RBI, 2 SF.



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