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MAY 31 GAME AGAINST CHATTANOOGA TO BE PLAYED TO REGIONS FIELD

Structural repairs at Rickwood Field forces the 2017 Rickwood Classic game to move to downtown Birmingham

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The City of Birmingham, the Birmingham Barons and the Friends of Rickwood announced today that the 22nd annual Rickwood Classic, scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, will not take place at the storied ballpark this season. Necessary structural repairs to the 107 year-old ballpark will begin to take place immediately with an eye on the ballpark re-opening in 2018.

Regions Field will now be the host of this year’s Rickwood Classic between the Barons and the Chattanooga Lookouts and full details will be announced at a later date.

“The Rickwood Classic has been a wonderful event the last 21 years and we are certainly disappointed in today’s news. However, insuring fan safety is priority for us,” Barons General Manager Jonathan Nelson said. “We will discuss and determine how we will continue to carry on the tradition of the Rickwood Classic at Regions Field on May 31 and look forward to making this a special ‘turn back the clock’ baseball game. Rickwood Field is such an important part of this community and we look forward to continuing the Classic games once all issues at Rickwood Field are resolved.”

The Barons will continue their road trip in Jackson through Monday, and then will open the home portion of their 2017 season at Regions Field on Wednesday, April 12th against the Montgomery Biscuits, Double-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays, with first pitch set for 7:05 p.m. For ticket information, game schedule, promotions calendar or for additional information about Regions Field, call (205) 988-3200, or visit www.barons.com, www.facebook.com/birminghambarons or on Twitter: @bhambarons.

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