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**IT'S ALL OVER! CONGRATULATIONS THE ISF MEN'S
CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALISTS**



GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE

Australia is very deserving champions. They defeated the three time defending champions from **New Zealand**, twice with **Adam Folkard** keeping them to 2 hits in 2 games. Their only loss came in the preliminary round to Canada. The Steelers did not give up a run in the playoffs, limiting the two other medalists to 4 hits in three games. It was not all defense however, they scored 14 runs in the three playoff games by constantly putting pressure on the opponent's defense. The Black Sox displayed a tremendous amount of pride, especially after losing to the Aussies in their first round playoff match. They came back to win three consecutive games against some very tough teams - **Japan, USA** and **Canada**. They refused to quit and showed the heart of a three - time world champion. Canada was definitely the fan favorite. Almost 7000 fans (a large percentage of them dressed in red) showed up to cheer them on to victory on Friday against the US. Led by infielder **Ian Fehrman**, they battled it out with the best teams in the world and made Canada proud.

It was absolutely amazing to see the stands full and the whole field surrounded by rabid softball fans. After all the noise from the fans was done one cheer remained Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oi, Oi, Oi!

FINAL STANDINGS

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| 1. AUSTRALIA | 2. NEW ZEALAND | 3. CANADA | 4. USA |
| 5. VENEZUELA | 6. JAPAN | 7. ARGENTINA | 8. GREAT BRITAIN |
| 9. CZECH REPUBLIC | 10. PHILIPPINES | 11. DENMARK | 12. PUERTO RICO |
| 13. MEXICO | 14. BOTSWANA | 15. SOUTH AFRICA | 16. INDONESIA |

GAMES SUMMARIES

Kiwis crush Canada; Host Team awarded bronze

A career day by Canadian SS **Ian Fehrman** was for nought as the New Zealand Black Sox spoiled his four-hit four-rbi performance with a pummeling of Canadian pitchers.

Black Sox reverted to the line-up that carried them to a 7-0 round robin record, tweaked only by moving **3B Brad Rona** to the cleanup spot. The strategy resulted in a dozen hits and an 8-5 victory over the host team.

New Zealand veteran **P Marty Grant** entered the game with a 4-0 record, and his complete game pitching performance carried the Kiwis to the gold-medal game. Canada was awarded third-place bronze.

Trailing 4-2 in B5, the New Zealand fanatics, part of an impassioned crowd are singing 'Bring on the Black Sox'. With one out, SS **Nathan Nukunuku** ends a mini-slump hammering a **Todd Martin** fastball off the net protecting the left field Pepsi scoreboard. Next in the box, 1B **Jarrad Martin**, nursing a minor injury from his T1 stolen base, launches a shot through that ends up 30 feet beside Nukunuku's landing. The ever dangerous Rona draws one of his multitude of walks this week, and **Canada's Coach Mark Smith** elects for a pitching change.

Enter from the bull-pen **Dean Holoien**. First pitch strike is dodgy, and batter 1B **Donny Hale** is all over it. Cheerio as it lands in the Netherlands behind the centre field fence. 2B **Travis Wilson** garners a hit, and Smith draws from the pen again. Reliever **Trevor Ethier** faces **C Pat Shannon**, and with a DIP (dreaded illegal pitch called) advances Wilson to 2B. Shannon capitalizes with a single, scoring Wilson. **LF Daniel Milne** rattles one of the CF fence and the rout is on. **CF Thomas Makea** ends, as he started, the inning with the unique distinction of being put out twice in the same frame. In total New Zealand scores a half dozen on six hits. **Black Sox 8 Canucks 4**

Fehrman had a great day at the office, with three singles following his first inning home run that provided Canada with the early lead.

The Black Sox retorted quickly in B3, with SS Nukunuku, 1B Martin and 3B Rona hitting safely, plating two off Canadian starter P **Sean Whitten**. Coach Smith wasted no time producing the hook, bringing in **P Todd Martin** to halt the bleeding. Quickly, two outs later, the inning was over and New Zealand led 2-1.

Canada draws even in T3 on hits by **C Sean O'Brien**, **LF Jeff Ellsworth** and Fehrman, with his second, collecting the RBI.

In B4, Shannon doubled, and was called out at the plate on an alert throw from **1B Derek Mayson** to C O'Brien

who tagged a sliding Shannon. The inning ended with LF Daniel Milne called for a lead-off at 1B.

In T5, a selective Ellsworth draws a walk, and two runs score for Canada on base hits by **CF Ryan Wolfe** and Fehrman, with two more RBI on the day.

In T6, trailing 8-4, Canada plates its final run on a walk to Mayson, and an RBI double by **3B Jody Eidt**. During a mound conference, Eidt prances to 3B when the Black Sox forget to request a time-out. Eidt is stranded.

In T7, Fehrman is the lone base-runner, collecting his 4th hit of the day.

FINAL SCORE - New Zealand 8 Canada 5.

Folkard no-hits Kiwis for world gold

It all came down to one game as the softball superpowers from down under were on a collision course with aspirations of gleaning gold from the Saskatchewan prairies.

Aussie starter **Adam Folkard** was magnificently superb, throwing a spirited and disciplined no-hitter at the defending champion Black Sox. His mates scored five to win going away, but it was Folkard who tamed the feared Kiwi bats, growing stronger as the game ended. Folkard struck out the last five batters, the top of the New Zealand batting roster.

For the Steelers, bronze medalists in 2004 in Christchurch, New Zealand, the objective was to move up in the standings. With their sterling performances during the week, including back-to-back shutouts over Canada and the Black Sox, they deserved the bye to the gold game.

The Black Sox, arguably the odds-on favorites as the last five years counted down, punctuated their #1 seeding with an impressive 7-0 round robin mark. In the playoffs, their invincibility was in question as the pitching faltered and their bats avoided the Saskatchewan heat and went cold.

New Zealand's slip in the key elimination round game with Australia (a 7-0 whitewashing) required a lengthy three-game journey to the championship finale. A thrilling 9-6 extra inning win over Japan, a 7-3 spanking of the USA, plus the 8-5 thumping of Canada, and the Aussie - Black Sox match-up became a reality.

With 'Bring on the Black Sox' and "Oi Oi Oi" alternating between the strains of 'Sweet Home Alabama', the Steelers responded. The winning run was characteristic of the **Bob Harrow** rabbits. 2B **Nick Shailes** singled, was sacrificed to 2B by **RF Josh Davison**, and while dancing off 2B, eluded a Pat Shannon pick-off. The run-down throw hit Shailes in the back and he scored uncontested. Leading 4-0 in the B6, pinch-hitter **Aaron Cockman** hammers an automatic to make the final score 5-0.

FINAL SCORE AUSTRALIA 5 NEW ZEALAND 0

It was a terrific ISF Men's XII World Championship. Perhaps the best softball event ever hosted in the softball hosting capital of Canada Champ's Chatter would like to salute the people who made this happen.



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**THE BOYS IN BLUE
ALL 22 OF THEM**

PITCHING STATS		IP	Bat	P	H	W	K	R	ER	Wins	ERA	BK
Kirkpatrick Andrew	Australia	19.0	72	268	3	7	34	4	0	3	0.00	0
Nakamura Kenji	Japan	13.3	49	178	5	4	13	2	1	0	0.53	0
Folkard Adam	Australia	35.7	127	510	10	8	57	6	5	5	0.98	1
Price Travis	United States	26.0	101	384	18	4	22	4	4	3	1.08	0
Grant Marty	New Zealand	24.3	99	396	20	7	23	8	6	5	1.73	0
Manley Jeremy	New Zealand	23.7	109	403	21	14	32	8	6	3	1.77	0
Ethier Trevor	Canada	12.0	47	176	9	2	15	4	4	2	2.33	1
Martin Todd	Canada	20.7	90	337	19	8	25	8	7	4	2.37	2
Barredo Leo	Philippines	13.7	59	204	18	2	12	6	5	1	2.56	0
Vrbensky Lubomir	Czech	23.7	103	383	26	4	33	15	10	1	2.96	0
Darby James	Great Britain	30.0	137	519	22	19	40	16	13	2	3.03	0
Shannon Heinie	New Zealand	20.7	83	299	17	2	30	15	9	2	3.05	0
Moyo Tony	Botswana	16.7	81	320	12	16	16	9	8	0	3.36	3
Mata Lucas	Argentina	19.0	78	267	18	1	26	11	10	2	3.68	1
Alvarez Erick	Venezuela	15.0	64	260	13	5	20	9	8	2	3.73	0
Rojas Rogelio	Philippines	21.3	101	341	29	6	8	16	12	2	3.94	0
Whitten Sean	Canada	15.7	67	239	13	4	25	11	9	0	4.02	0

BATTING STATS:		AB	AP	H	2B	3B	HR	W	K	OB%	Sac	SB	R	RBI	SA	BA
Flores Rafael	Venezuela	15	16	9	1	0	3	1	1	69	0	0	5	10	1267	600
Galarza Eduardo	Puerto Rico	17	18	9	0	0	5	1	3	56	0	0	7	8	1412	529
Acacio Arturo	Venezuela	19	19	10	1	1	0	0	2	53	0	2	4	3	684	526
Fehrman Ian	Canada	29	34	15	2	1	4	3	2	58	1	0	8	13	1069	517
Ojeda Carlos	Venezuela	14	18	7	0	0	2	4	2	61	0	2	8	6	929	500
Aranzamendi	Puerto Rico	21	21	10	1	1	1	0	2	52	0	0	5	2	762	476
Terkelsen Frederik	Denmark	19	23	9	2	0	2	3	1	61	0	1	7	4	895	474
Motroni Bruno	Argentina	17	19	8	3	0	2	2	2	53	0	0	5	5	1000	471
Rona Brad	New Zealand	28	42	13	5	0	1	12	5	66	1	3	14	8	750	464
Yokoyama Hiraku	Japan	26	31	12	2	2	0	2	7	50	3	1	7	4	692	462
Ono Yohei	Japan	29	31	13	2	1	1	1	3	53	1	0	8	6	690	448
Palazzo Matt	United States	27	31	12	3	0	4	4	4	61	0	0	9	11	1000	444
Horn Brandon	Great Britain	25	28	11	0	2	0	3	4	61	0	2	7	1	600	440
Tsukamoto Masakazu	Japan	23	27	10	0	0	0	3	3	59	0	2	5	1	435	435
Shailes Nick	Australia	24	30	10	2	1	1	3	3	66	1	7	13	6	708	417
Binarao Orlando	Philippines	22	23	9	2	0	0	1	4	61	0	2	4	0	500	409
Wilson Travis	New Zealand	32	38	13	0	0	4	5	8	49	1	0	9	10	781	406
Levy Dale	Canada	15	17	6	0	0	0	2	4	47	0	0	3	3	400	400
Mertl David	Czech	20	21	8	0	0	4	1	4	52	0	0	7	6	1000	400
Winters Zenon	Australia	30	34	12	2	1	2	1	3	58	1	2	9	7	733	400
Godoy Gustavo	Argentina	20	22	8	1	0	2	0	6	43	1	0	5	11	750	400
Pinocchio Stephen	United States	23	26	9	1	2	0	3	6	50	0	1	6	5	609	391
Harada Yasumitsu	Japan	29	32	11	1	0	2	3	6	47	0	0	5	8	621	379
Vacha Petr	Czech	16	23	6	0	0	1	4	4	61	0	1	3	3	562	375
Van Niekerk Gerhard	South Africa	16	17	6	0	0	3	1	5	53	0	1	5	8	938	375
Linares Edwin	Venezuela	16	21	6	0	1	1	3	4	57	0	0	8	6	688	375
Davison Josh	Australia	27	29	10	1	0	1	1	4	46	1	2	8	11	519	370
Tanner Michael	Australia	19	26	7	1	1	0	5	5	60	1	3	10	4	526	368
Melendez Jean	Venezuela	19	20	7	2	0	0	1	4	45	0	0	6	4	474	368
Matsuoka Masateru	Japan	30	33	11	1	0	3	2	11	44	1	1	8	10	700	367
Casley Rhys	New Zealand	25	32	9	2	0	0	7	5	50	0	2	5	6	440	360
Montero Pablo	Argentina	17	20	6	0	1	0	1	5	44	2	0	4	2	471	353
Zambrano John	Venezuela	17	23	6	0	0	0	5	5	50	1	1	5	4	353	353
Darby James	Great Britain	17	23	6	0	0	3	5	2	50	1	0	4	8	882	353
Tshelametsi Gomolemo	Botswana	20	22	7	2	0	0	1	5	38	1	1	2	0	450	350
Perez Mario	Mexico	20	25	7	2	0	3	2	8	48	2	1	8	6	900	350
Harrow Mike	Australia	26	29	9	1	1	1	2	1	46	1	2	6	6	577	346