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Day of Reckoning

Field narrowed to four for 2006 Championship

Patsy's in Championship final...County and Farm Tavern seek berth – Riversharks chomping for re-match.....

Friday's matches were typical ISC competition, with pitching important and run production crucial to success.

New York Patsy's received the coveted invite to today's final game with a disciplined match last night, staking Aussie youngster **Adam Folkard** to an early lead and watching the young righty spin a superb 2-hitter, beating Orillia 4-2.

In other action The Farm Tavern built a 4-1 lead, and used **Dean Holoien** in relief of **Korrey Gareau** to win 4-3 over Saskatoon, SK Aspen Black Sox, who finished 5th (same as last year) with a 5-2 W-L record.

Marathon County Materials spotted the Hallman Twins to a 3-0 first inning lead, but countered with their own arsenal – a 3-run dinger from **Jeff Goolagong** to eventually win 4-3. Twins finish 6th, down a few notches from last year's 3rd place finish.

Other team's final standing include Ballston Lake Heflin Gremlins (7th – up from 23rd last year) and Fargo Kegel Black Knights (8th, up from 11th last year).

MEMORIES - 2002 TOURNAMENT



Large crowds of fastball fans flocked to Peter Hallman Ball Yard in 2002, the first year the ISC Tourney was held in Kitchener. Following the repeat success this year, the ISC Championship event will be back again in August 2007.

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Host Twins so very close -have sweet tourney – finish 6th

The **Host Kitchener Hallman Twins** had a remarkable run of five straight W's in the Losers' bracket to get to the final six in the tournament. The run ended when the Twins faced the defending champion **Marathon, WI County Materials**, who was ripe for the picking. In B-1st, Twins opened a 3-0 lead courtesy of **Dale Levy's** blast to the centre field bleachers, plating **Greg Miller** and **Jody Eidt** who had singled.

The early lead inspired Twins' pitcher **Don Scott**, who has notched a couple of remarkable mound performances against County over the past couple of seasons, including a shut-out victory in an area tournament. Scott was focused and held the Marathoners to a single hit through 4 innings. With a 3 run lead, it was tempting to count down the remaining outs. BUT - County Materials didn't break..... they didn't fold – they didn't even bend.

In the 5th, the defending champs simply did what was needed – Kiwi **Jarrad Martin** led off reaching 1st base on an error, Aussie **Chris Kiefel** doubled and fellow countryman from down under - **Jeff Goolagong** - delivered with a solid bleacher-clearing 'tater. **Very quickly - tie game!**

Twins maintained their composure but County's gangly pitcher, **Andrew Kirkpatrick**, realized that he was given renewed incentive. "Cheesey", sensing good fortune in the cards, struck out 5 of the next half-dozen Twins he faced. In the 7th, Marathon's bottom of the order produced with back-to-back hits by **Zenon Winters** and **Todd Schultz** to put runners on the corners, providing an opening to intentionally walk **Donnie Hale** to load the bags. With one out, a double play could salvage the inning. However, adversity reared its ugly head - a wild pitch/passed ball combo that eluded Twins catcher **Chris Shewfelt**, allowed Winters to score. **Game.. set.. match.** Twins lose 4-3 and are eliminated, finishing 6th with a 6W-2L record.



Marathon County Materials **Jeff Goolagong** unloads against the Kitchener Hallman Twins for a 3-run dinger to tie the game 3-3.

Photo courtesy: Tom Tsczerboski - iscphoto@ro0gers.com

HARRAH'S MILDMA Y UP-DATED ODDS

Team	ISC Seed	Harrah's Rank	Original Odds	Updated Odds
New York Patsy's	#5	5 th	4:1	3:2
Marathon Cty Matrls	#1	1 st	1:1	2:1
Orillia Riversharks	#3	2 nd	3:2	3:1
Madison Farm Tavern	#2	4 th	3:1	4:1
Saskatoon Aspen	#9	7 th	7:1	Finish 5th
Kitchener Hallman Twins	#4	3 rd	2:1	Finish 6th

YOU MAKE THE CALL **Answer:** Twins 3 County 2

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YOU

MAKE THE CALL

(Thanks to Superfan and former umpire Pat Smith)

Let's confess! Everyone at the Ball-Yard is also an umpire. So,

YOU MAKE THE CALL!

Scenario: The Kitchener Hallman Twins are losing to Marathon County Materials 2-1 in the bottom of the 7th inning. The Twins have loaded the bases with two out. Extreme use of re-entries throughout the game shortens the Hallman bench. Undaunted, and in a rare move, Twins Manager **Doug Eidt** sends **Brian Baillie** (he of Monkton Tourney fame) to the plate. Baillie responds with a scorcher right at County shortstop **Nathan Nukunuku**. Just as the adept Kiwi is about to field it and flip to 2nd for the game-ending force-out, the Peter Hallman Ball Yard "gopher" (flown in by the sponsor, directly from the set of a remake of "Caddy Shack") pops up out of the ground and deflects the

ball into shallow center-field. Before the dumbfounded County boys can react, two Twins have crossed home plate. As the Twins celebrate by placing the gopher on top of **Jim Hallman's** head, County Materials manager, **John Becker** calmly protests this extreme case of home-field advantage.

Question: Is this a great script, or what? Now, you make the call!

Answer: See Page 2...honest!!!

FINAL NOTES

Tournament is receiving rave reviews from all quarters and Chairs **Tom Clancy** (World Tourney) and **Rick Boyd** (Tournament of Champs) have done an excellent job managing the tournaments' greatest resources – the volunteers. Well done gang! Please thank a volunteer today – we need 'em all back for 2007.

WILL Z-MAN RETURN?



Darren Zack, lost his bid for his 55th career win, bowing 2-0 to the Ballston Lake Heflin Gremlins yesterday. Darren holds an abundance of ISC pitching records, and trails only **Michael White** (70 Ws) and **Peter Meredith** (61 Ws) in career wins. Will Darren return to the 61st ISC Championship in Kitchener? Fans certainly hope so.



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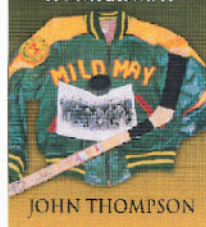
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Musings from the Ball Yard.....

THE UMPIRE STRIKES BACK!!!

Umpires, given the opportunity to share their thoughts in retaliation for "fan disses" may have the following on their minds (however, professional conduct precludes them from sharing their thoughts).

"Two more legs and you could star in a western."

"What holds your ears apart?"

"Every village has one."

"I see your therapy's coming along just fine."

"Now I know why some animals eat their young."

"He got into the gene pool while the lifeguard wasn't watching."

"Shouldn't you be at home airing up the tires on your house?"

"Now, here's an alcoholic who doesn't want to remain anonymous."

"This year's poster child for zero population growth."

"This is my job - I don't criticize the way you mop floors when you're at work."

And lastly, my favorite -

"I'm sorry - I don't know how to deal with you. I'm an Umpire, not a proctologist."

Friday Scores

Fargo 5 Kitchener 6
Ballston Lake 3 Saskatoon 6
Kitchener 3 Marathon 4
New York 4 Orillia 2
Saskatoon 1 Madison 4

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions-Today's Games
(Projected winner bold underlined)
(Record to date 50-25)

SATURDAY

#76 12:00 noon

MARATHON
County Materials
VS

MADISON
Farm Tavern

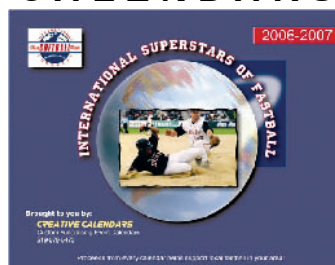
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TAVISTOCK Merchants - ISC II 2006 Tournament Champs

Canadian title stays at home

By Blair Setford & Jim Flanagan

Tavistock, ON Merchants were heartbroken in 2004 in Fargo but they are champions in 2006 in Kitchener, defeating Palermo, ON Athletics 3-2 in 8 innings in a well-played championship game in front of a large group of appreciative fans at Peter Hallman Ball Yard D#1.... Palermo jumped out to a 1-0 lead only to have Tavistock leapfrog ahead with a two-RBI single by **Jamie Rader** ... the Athletics tied the game in the fifth as **Chris McColl** drove in **Peter Dobbin** ... in T-8, Palermo was unable to score the international tie-breaker runner placed on second was in effect ... in B-8, **Mark McKay** drove in **Brad Roth** with the winning run, setting off a thunderous celebration on the field and in Tavistock ... Winning pitcher **Steve Cook** relieved starter **Ryan Cummings** (T-7) with the score knotted at two ... The **Gord Newman Memorial ISC II Championship Trophy** was presented by sons **Paul & Tyler** to Tavistock manager **Steve Kaufman** . Earlier, Tavistock ran over the Perkasio, PA Rise 8-2 in the first semi-final ... back-to-back home runs by **Brad Roth** and **Kevin Thompson** led the way while

McKay was 3-4 with 3 rbi's ... Cummings got the win, going five strong innings with **Steve Cook** shutting down the Rise over the final two innings ... Palermo knocked off ISC II strikeout king **Corey Costello** and the Micksburg, ON Twins 6-1, notching three runs in the 4th, including a line drive HR by **Keith Rankin** and a triple by **Brian Prowse** ... **Gord Scott** picked up another complete game win for Palermo ... Costello pushed his tournament strikeout record to 101 with three strikeouts in three innings of work.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Cory Costello, Micksburg, ON Twins

TOP PITCHER

Ryan Cummings, Tavistock, ON Merchants

Gord Scott, Palermo, ON Athletics

TOP HITTER

Scott Walls, Harriston, ON Mercurys

MOST RBIs

Jeff Roth, Tavistock, ON Merchants

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM

PITCHERS – Ryan Cummings (Tavistock);
Corey Costello (Micksburg); Gord Scott
(Palermo)

CATCHERS – Trevor Falk (Elora) and Tim
Dubois (Kitchener),

INFIELDERS – Jeff Roth (Tavistock); Mike
Kelly (Bridgeport); Ryan Dudgeon (Port
Elgin); Mike Black (Alvinston); Peter Dobbin
(Palermo)

OUTFIELDERS – Bob Wengert (South
Lebanon); Jeff Hannah (Kingston); Jim
Culling (Kitchener); Brian Prowse (Palermo)

DESIGNATED PLAYER – Jamie Boyd,
Tavistock

Thank you to the ISC II host committee, all the volunteers, the grounds crew staff, ISC II game controllers, statisticians and broadcasters for a job well done in producing the 2006 ISC II Tournament of Champions ... Hats off to all the teams, players and fans for making the 2006 edition of the ToC the best yet.

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Memories of 2006.....



Kitchener Hallman Twins Ron White unleashes a 3-run homer off Fargo Kegel Black Knights Tim Macumber on way to Twins 6-5 win.



Nate Fish of Ballston Lake Heflin Gremlins rounds 3B for his home run trot past Manager Tom McAvoy against Moorhead MinnDak Millers. Gremlins enjoyed a mid-week 4-win streak, finishing 7th, a great result!



In 2002, Doug Middleton (4-1) (left) and Michael White (6-0) #31 and team-mates celebrated their St. Joseph, MO Frontier Casino Championship here in Kitchener. Who will celebrate today? Photos left column page courtesy Tom Tszcerboski www.iscphoto.com and above - ISC website

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