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County Materials Retain Title

Defending champs prevail in their own marathon on Saturday

County Materials win three on Saturday – Kirkpatrick earns Top Pitcher Award...

Talented players with raw skills, good management and coaching with focus, fortuitous calls..... **YES**, they had it all - these Marathoners, aptly named in honor of the long race, not the intermittent sprint, who brought their "A" game to the Ball Yard on Final Day Saturday, needing three back-to-back successive wins. Which is just what they delivered!

#1 - a thrilling 5-3, rain-delayed and at times controversial, win over rival **Farm Tavern** (2005 finalists) of Madison, WI.

#2 - immediately followed with a 3-homer juggernaut 8-4 doubling of **Orillia Quaker Riversharks**. Which set the table for the re-match -

#3 vs the **New York Patsy's**. Rural Marathon vs Big City Manhattan – the match of the week!

County Materials formula – solid pitching and timely hitting, often with power, prevailed. **Jarrad Martin's** (MVP) 1st inning HR, and the battery of **Andrew Kirkpatrick** (Top Pitcher) on the mound, and **Patrick Shannon** calling the pitches, resulted in a 7-1 return pasting of the Patsy's.

The innings that counted– Game, Set, Match - **County 7 Patsy's 1**.



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Marathon County Materials Jarrad Martin congratulates team-mate Nathan Nukunuku for his key home run in semi-final match with Orillia Riversharks.

Martin responded with a three-run 1st inning slam of his own in the Championship encounter with **New York Patsy's**.



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Sharks, Farm Tavern fall by wayside on Saturday

Four teams made it to Championship Saturday, and all were there on merit.

The **New York, NY Patsy's**, a combination of former Broken Bow Travelers stars, coupled with players of unquestioned talent and obvious size and power, had an incredible week, reeling off five straight victories to earn a berth in the Championship match. Included in the run was Friday night's memorable 4-0 shutout whipping of defending Champ County Materials. The **Orillia, ON Quaker Riversharks**, the team conceived, born and nurtured to win, just did that, advancing to the semi-final match with a great week, posting 4 consecutive wins before back-to-back losses to Patsy's & County. And **Madison, WI Farm Tavern**, perennial participants in final day match-ups, won three in a row, before losing a thriller 3-2 to Orillia. The Farm Tavern bounced back to eliminate Saskatoon Aspen Black Sox 4-3 Friday night, before finally bowing 5-3 to County Materials on Saturday.

Final Day highlights....

County Materials 5 Madison The Farm Tavern 3....

County - 1st - Thomas Makea home run; 2nd - Jeff Goolagong rbi; 3rd - Nathan Nukunuku doubles & scores; 5th - Makea 2nd home run; 6th - Jarrad Martin & Shawn Rychcik singles & Sac Fly rbi by Kris Kiefel - **Total - 5 runs; 8 hits; WP** - Lucas Mata (2-1)

Farm Tavern - 2nd - Todd Budke walk, singles by Keith MacKintosh & Todd Twatchmann, 3 LOB; 4th - Darryl Joy singles; Twatchmann HR; Ryan Wolfe walk; Paul Rosebush single; Colin Abbott doubled; Budke singled - 2 LOB. **Total - 3 runs, 10 hits; 9 LOB.** LP - Dean Holoien (0-1 in relief)



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Marathon County Materials **Zenon Winters** is out at 2nd base as Orillia Riversharks Ian Fehrman relays to 1st base in successfully turning a double play on **Todd Schultz's** ground ball. County doubled Sharks 8-4 in semi-final game.

County Materials 8 Orillia Quaker Riversharks 4...

County-1st - Makea single; Donnie Hale HR; Martin single; Goolagong single; 2nd - Winters single; Makea HP; Nukunuku HR; 5th - Patrick Shannon HR; Martin HR; 6th - Hale single, Martin triple. **Total - 8 runs on 11 hits** - WP Andrew Kirkpatrick (4-0)
Riversharks - 3rd - Andy Jackson single; Stacey McLean single. Ian Fehrman HR; 7th - Derrick Zechman single; Dwight McKenzie single; Mark Coleman single **Total - 4 runs on 6 hits.** LP - Rob O'Brien (1-1)

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SAFE OR OUT?

Saturday's opening game action included a close call in the B-2nd inning of County Materials vs Farm Tavern match-up. **Todd Budke** hit a single and **Manager Rod Peterson** elected to advance the runner with a well-placed bunt by **Darryl Joy**. County defence responded with pitcher **Andrew Kirkpatrick** fielding the bunt and throwing a strike to 2nd base for SS **Nathan Nukunuku** who covers as Budke slides into the bag.

You make the call – **SAFE OR OUT?**

SAFE OR OUT?

In the semi-final game, Orillia Riversharks 2nd baseman Rhys Casley applies the to tag County Materials sliding Jarrad Martin. You make the call – **SAFE OR OUT?**

YOU MAKE THE CALL

Thanks to Superfan **Pat Smith** for his interesting and humorous fastball scenarios that allowed fans to “**Make The Call**” throughout the week. We hope Pat will find time from his new cultural pursuits during the winter in beautiful Erie, PA to dream up fastball plays



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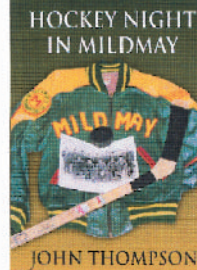
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Musings from the Ball Yard.....

AUCTION SUCCESS

The annual ISC T-shirt Quilt Project, organized by the ISC wives to benefit local charities who work with "special needs" children was once again a success.

This year, the fundraiser was held as an auction, with the quilt on display, originally in the **Molson Refreshment Centre** and during the latter part of the week, near the desk of the raffle draw for the **MTD Yardman Tractor**.

Winning bid was **Duncan Matheson** (the chair for the 2007 ISC Tournament) of Kitchener whose \$550 bid will be divided equally between the **Kitchener Chapter of Special Olympics** and the local charity "Athletes with Special Needs".

Saturday Scores

Predictions on Games

(Projected winner **bold underlined>**)

#76

MARATHON

County Materials 5

vs

MADISON

Farm Tavern 3

#77

ORILLIA

Quaker Riversharks 4

vs

MARATHON

County Materials 8

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

#78

NEW YORK Patsy's 1

vs

MARATHON

County Materials 7

JAY'S PICKS

Saturday's Record

3-0

Total for week

53-25

OPENING WEEKEND AUCTION RESULTS

Local volunteers shared their time and enthusiasm in hosting a 1st-ever auction to benefit the **Carrol Forbes Foundation** and two local children's charities.

Items were on display in the **Molson Refreshment Centre** on Opening Weekend, and attracted a variety of successful bidders. In total **\$2,500+** was raised, divided among the **Carrol Forbes Foundation**, **Children's Wish Foundation** (Kitchener-Waterloo Chapter) and **Family and Children's Services of Waterloo Region**.

Thanks to the following ISC players and officials who made contributions of items to the auction: **Steve Shucker** and **Tom McAvoy** (Ballston Lake Heflin Gremlins); **Gerald Muizelaar** (New York

Patsy's); **Craig Crawford**, **Kyle Bean** and **Doug Gillis** (Midland Explorers); **Pat Shannon** and **Jarred Martin** (Marathon County Materials); **Todd Martin** (Kitchener Hallman Twins); **Ryan Wolfe** and **Colin Abbott** (Farm Tavern); **Michael White** (Orillia Quaker Riversharks); as well as **Paul Barnettson** and the Orillia 'Rama Tournament; **Lucas Mata** and **Nathan Nukunuku** (Marathon County Materials) and **Mark Sorenson** (New Zealand Black Sox).

Special thanks to **Jeremy Manley**, native of Fielding, New Zealand, pitcher with the Pueblo Bandits for his interest in sports collectibles.

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WORLD TOURNEY TEAM AWARDS

1st Place - Champions

County Materials, Marathon, WI

2nd Place - Finalists

Patsy's, New York, NY

3rd Place

Quaker Riversharks, Orillia, ON

4th Place

The Farm Tavern, Madison, WI

Best Dressed

Pueblo Bandits, Pueblo, CO

Sportsmanship -

Frank Porth Memorial Award

Kegel Black Knights, Fargo, ND

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Cleo Goyette Memorial Award

Jarrad Martin

County Materials, Marathon, WI

(BA .467 11/23; 2 HR; 6 RBIs)

OUTSTANDING PITCHER

Leroy Zimmerman Award

Andrew Kirkpatrick

County Materials, Marathon, WI

(5-0 35 IP; 64 Ks; 1.75 ERA)

LEADING HITTER

Gregg Garrity, Keating's
Fitness Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA
(BA .667 - 8/12)

RBI LEADER

Gregg Garrity - (10) Keating's
Fitness Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA

ISC II TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

1st Place-Tavistock, ON Merchants

2nd Place - Palermo, ON Athletics

Tied for 3rd - Perkasio, PA Rise &
Micksburg, ON Twins

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Cory Costello, Micksburg, ON Twins

TOP PITCHER

Ryan Cummings, Tavistock, ON Merchants

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)

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

ISC UNDER 19

1st Place-Baltimore, MD Fastpitch

2nd Place - Stratford, ON Selects

3rd Place - Glanworth, ON

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Michael Chase

(BA .556 (10/18); 11 RBIs)

OUTSTANDING PITCHER

Joe Hinelene

(3-0; 21 innings - 3.86 ERA)

TOP HITTER

Zack Ware

Baltimore, MD Fastpitch

(BA .579-11/19)



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Andrew Kirkpatrick, County Materials

Adam Folkard, Patsy's
Gerald Muizelaar, Patsy's

Catchers

Frank DeGroat, Patsy's
Todd Twachtman, Farm Tavern

Infielders

Todd Budke, Farm Tavern
Patrik Kolkus, Czech Nationals
Keith MacKintosh, Farm Tavern
Jarrad Martin, County Materials
Travis Wilson, Patsy's

Outfielders

Colin Abbott, Farm Tavern
Eduardo Leonardo, Heflin Gremlins
Steve Shucker, Heflin Gremlins
Stacy McLean - Riversharks

Designated Hitter

Gregg Garrity, Keating's Fitness

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Gregg Garrity, Keating's Fitness

Top Batter/RBI leader

ISC All-World First team



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Jarrad Martin, County Materials

Most Valuable Player

ISC All-World First team

SECOND TEAM ALL WORLD

Pitchers

Korrey Gareau, Farm Tavern
Ward Gosse, Kegel Black Knights
Todd Martin, Hallman Twins

Catchers

Chris Shewfelt, Hallman Twins
Patrick Shannon, County Materials

Infielders

Ron White, Hallman Twins
Nathan Nukunuku, County Materials
Chad Boom, Kegel Black Knights
Nick Needham, Quad City Sox
Marc Santilliano, CR Portland

Outfielders

Jeff Goolagong, County Materials
Chris Miljavec, Patsy's
Thomas Makea, County Materials
Ryan Wolfe - Farm Tavern

Designated Hitter

Tim Macumber, Kegel Black Knights

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