



Volume 2 by John Thompson  
Saturday Aug. 12, 2006

## 1,200 Participants Set to play

60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary teams seek to de-throne County Materials

### Opening Night... a great start

Fans who made their way to Peter Hallman Ball Yard to join the 1,200 team personnel to launch the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ISC Championship were treated to a little bit of everything. Barely comfortable in their seats in the upgraded Diamond #1 facilities – (new bleachers and awesome “curb-appeal” overview of Peter Hallman Ball Yard received positive reviews by the opening night crowd), fans witnessed a one-sided outing as home run ball by **Green Bay Townline's** trio of **Josh Johnson**, **Steve Sell** and **Aaron Nehemiah** spanked a first round 8-1 loss on the **Wilkes Barre, PA Keatings Fitness** squad. Inquiring minds wondered – where's the parity?

**Game 2 a thriller, parity was on display** and fans were treated to an awesome encounter between **Jarvis, ON Merchants** and **Pueblo, CO Bandits**. Merchants struck early, scoring in the T-1, but the Bandits countered in B-1. Thirteen scoreless innings later, fastball purists were enjoying two solid mound performances by Pueblo's **Jeremy Manley** and Jarvis' **Andrew Phibbs**. It was a contrasting display of effective pitching, as Manley was ringing up K after K (37 for the match), and Phibbs, not yet 100% recovered from injury, was relying on a rock-solid Merchants' defence to dodge a series of bullets in most innings. In T-15, Merchants' **Adam Dearborn** plated a run for a 2-1 lead, but Bandits countered in the bottom half to square the affair at a pair apiece. Next inning, Bandits score to end the 3 hour affair, winning 3-2.

**Hi-lites** included an endless series of tense moments with runners in scoring position, spectacular defence on

the infield, some questionable base-running, alert “blue-crew” calls in base-running/fielding encounters- and the crowd loved it. **An awesome potion for fastball fever.**

**At 11:00 pm, Game #3**, featuring International Invite **Copenhagen, Denmark Dynamite** and Ontario powerhouse **Orillia Quaker Riversharks** was closer than predicted. Dynamite was thumped by the Czech National team in exhibition play the night before - but perhaps that was an “off-night”. Sharks' manager **Denny Bruckert** handed the ball to **Michael White**, who responded with a tidy five-hitter (and his ISC record setting 70<sup>th</sup> win). For Copenhagen, **Kim Hanasen** and **Jesper Pandura** tamed the Sharks bats by scattering 5 hits as well, but Sharks prevailed 5-2. Dynamite potential was evident when **Rasmus Sorenson** exploded for a two-run tater in B-6.

**In the nite - cap**, which was truly a late-nite cap, wisely moved to PHBY #2 Diamond, the **Aspen Black Sox of Saskatoon, SK** swash-buckled **Abaco Bahamas Texaco Pirates'** pitcher **Dewey Dyck** early in a 15-1 mercy romp.

### TODAY'S FEATURE GAME

**#1 MARATHON, WI County Materials** Vs.

**CZECH REPUBLIC National Team**

*(International Invite)*

Peter Hallman Ball Yard #1

Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 pm



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## Auctions To Benefit CFF & Local Charities

### CHARITY AUCTION TODAY

The host committee's **Molson Beer Tent** will be home to a silent auction Today and Sunday. In addition to items indicated in yesterday's Diamond Dirt, the following ISC Memorabilia have been donated:

From **Michael White**, the winningest pitcher in ISC History (69 wins from 1980-2005) of the Orillia Riversharks – his **game-worn and autographed St. Joseph, MO jersey from the 2002 ISC Championship** here in Kitchener, when he 3-hit the Broken Bow Travelers for 3-0 win for the champion Frontier Casino Players. In throwing 30 consecutive scoreless innings, striking out 44 and giving up but 2 runs (0.32 ERA), Michael was named the tournament's Outstanding Pitcher.

From **Steve Schucker**, outfielder for the Ballston Lake Heflin Gremlins, the **"Steve Schucker Cap Collection"** featuring autographed ball caps from his lengthy career, including "hard-to-come-by" and **scarce caps from the Tampa Bay Smokers** era. Steve was an All-World outfielder with the Ballston Lake Smokers in 1999.

From **Doug Gillis**, pitcher for the Midland Explorers, and winner of 28 mound decisions spanning 1986-2005, an **autographed Explorers' jersey**.

From **Mark Sorenson**, 12 time ISC All-World catcher/infielder spanning 1987 to 2004, and former **Team Captain of the New Zealand Black Sox**, an autographed softball.

As well, **Kitchener Rangers Hockey Club** have chipped in with a framed print of **Michael Richards**, former Team Captain of the 2003 Memorial Cup Champions.

Proceeds to be shared by **Carrol Forbes Foundation** of the ISC and local youth charities – the **Children's Wish Foundation** (thanks **Anne Boehm**) and **Family & Children's Services Foundation** (thanks **Candi Harrington**).

### WANNA GO HOLLYWOOD???

The ISC Streaming team, headed by **Dave Blackburn**, is providing live coverage by internet streaming of many of the games. In previous years, the streaming has been audio only, and with new technology, the ISC is able to provide video broadcasting from Diamond #1.

However, **help is needed** – the cameras are stationary and better coverage could be provided with some assistance from anyone who could volunteer a couple of hours for a game and operate a camera.

As many as 25 games will be broadcast, and this is an opportunity - **no experience necessary** – to get involved. Imagine adding to your resume that you have had **"technical broadcasting experience as a camera operator"**.

**Interested????** – see Dave in the upper level of the office on 3<sup>rd</sup> base side of PHBY #1 (**above Donna's Diner**) or call on his cell phone at 310-266-7803.

### ANSWER - YOU Make the Call, from Page 4

Rule 8:7O & 8:7J


The ball is dead and the runner closest to home plate is also declared out. The batter/runner is awarded 1st base. There are now two out. Had the interference been called prior to the runner from 1st being declared out, and in the umpire's judgment, a double play had been prevented by the interference, the runner would be out and the batter/runner declared out. The runner who had started the play would be placed back at 3rd.

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## Reflections... A Look Back...

### GONE.....

#### BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

ISC players of prominence from the past provided lots of excitement for the fans, and their skills compare favourably with the star fastball players of today.

Remember when **Jody Hennigar**, with or sans his coiffed pony-tail, entered the batters' box with that characteristic "bat swagger" that all-too-often took the next pitch deep. Jody was 5 time All-World, primarily as a DH (1987 & 89 with **Cedar Rapids Teleconnect**; 1992 with **Clearwater Bombers**; and 1997 & 2001 with **Madison The Farm Tavern**... and even in twilight of his career, the innings logged for **Mike Groves' Washington Fedlock Falcons** at ISC and ASA championships.

Remember when **Todd Garcia**, with an ample squat behind the dish, provided a steady target for some of the top hurlers in the game. Todd was All-World as a catcher twice (1992 with **Victoria Legends** and 1998 with the **Tampa Bay Smokers**).

Remember when **Brian Stere** was not a **Waterloo Twin**, and if you do, you have to look back almost two decades as Brian was a long-time main-stay on the roster of one of the longest-running senior teams. Brian was an All-World catcher in 1994, batting .375 for the 9<sup>th</sup> place Twins.

### MEMORABLE GAME

#### From The Past (1998)...

Storyed Sunset Park in Kimberly, WI provided the backdrop for a thrilling ISC Championship game in 1998 when All-World pitching aces **Todd Martin** and **Darren Zack** each boasted 3-0 WL records as the **Tampa Bay Smokers** went undefeated in a half dozen games, beating **Madison The Farm Tavern** 4-2 before a huge fastball crowd. Timely hitting by **Brian Paton** (game-winning rbi), **David Boys** (2x3 and a HR), and **Boomer Bush** (2x3) provided the margin of victory for the colourful Smokers.

## TWINS

### ALL-WORLD PLAYERS

The Kitchener Hallman Twins, formerly the Waterloo Twins, have had eleven (11) ISC All-World players don the Twins' colours over the past 17 years.

**CRAIG CRAWFORD** - of **Kitchener, ON** and currently with **Midland Explorers**, two-time All-World catcher in 1999 and 2002.

**TODD MARTIN** - of **Aurora, ON**, now with **Twins**, All-World pitcher in 2005 (6W-1L, 55 Ks and 1.48 ERA) - also 6 other All-Worlds with 3 other teams.

**MIKE PIECHNIK** - of **Victoria, BC** now with **CR Portland, OR**, All-World Pitcher for **Twins** in 2002, (5W-1L, 65 Ks and 0.93 ERA). Also 8 other All-World selections with 6 other teams.

**TREVOR READING** - originally of **Clifford, ON**, All-World outfielder in 1992 (batted .545 and 1994 (batted .353), now retired from senior ball.

**JEFF SEED** - of **Portland, ON**, All-World in 2002, as an infielder batting .364, now retired from senior ball.

**BILL SIMMONS**, of **Smithville, ON** currently with **Twins**, All-World in 2005 as an outfielder, batting .450.

**ADAM SMITH**, of **Hagersville, ON** now with **Jarvis Merchants**, playing 2<sup>nd</sup> base, in 2001, batting .583, and 2003, batting .368. 3 other All-Worlds with 2 other teams.

**BRIAN STERE**, of **Tavistock, ON**, as a catcher in 1994, batting .375, now retired from senior ball.

**AL TAYLOR**, of **Kitchener, ON**, currently retired, All-World in 1993, as an outfielder batting .389.

**RON WHITE** of **Sebringville, ON**, currently with **Twins**, in 2005, batting .364 with 9 rbis)

**DAN YANTZI**, of **Waterloo, ON**, in 1993, as a pitcher (4W-2L, 59 Ks, 1.23 ERA), one other All-World.



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## Musings from the Ball Yard.....

### TWINS' THOUGHTS

*Who's your most memorable team-mate or opponent?*

**OF Ted Kosciuszka** states -

"Former team-mate **Darren Zack** of the Toronto ('96) and Oshawa ('99) Gators was the greatest pitcher and ambassador with the fans, and a hell of a team-mate."

**Infielder Evan Boyd** reflects that "I have known **Paul Koert** (current Twins team-mate) for 15 years and as former team-mates for **Owen Sound Selects** for the 2003 ISC Worlds in Kimberly WI. I have never seen a performance like that from any pitcher. He threw every game for us. Every game was close - one-two run games, he took maybe nine solid line-drives off his body and never quit. He single handedly dragged our team to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish."

**Outfielder Greg Miller** states - "Owen Sound's southpaw **Brad Underwood** - a Hall of Famer - he could pitch a no-hitter and hit a homer to win the game." (*Editor's note - Brad will be inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame Sunday morning*)

### YESTERDAY'S FRIDAY SCORES

**Green Bay 8** vs Wilkes Barre 1  
**Pueblo 3** vs **Jarvis 2** (16 innings)  
**Orillia 5** vs Copenhagen 2  
**Saskatoon 15** vs Abaco 1

### JAY'S PICKS

Predictions for today's World Tourney Games

(Projected winner **bold underlined**)

(Record to date 3-1)

9:00 **Moorhead** vs Benton Harbor  
9:00 **Ballston Lakevs** Bloomington  
11:00 **Denmark** vs Houston  
11:00 Ashland vs **Vancouver**  
1:00 **Midland** vs Davenport  
1:00 **Massapequa** vs Aurora  
3:00 Yucaipa vs **Innerkip**  
3:00 Elkhart vs **Portland**  
5:00 **Marathon** vs Czech Rep.  
5:00 **Fargo** vs Whittier  
8:00 Vandalia vs **Kitchener**

## 50/50

Check this section daily for the winning 50/50 numbers  
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### YOGIS.....

quotes of NY Yankees' **Yogi Berra**, who was also famous for fracturing the English language in peculiar ways..

During his playing days, in reference to his batting- "Slump- I ain't in no slump...I just ain't hitting."

Analysing what it takes to be a good ball player - "Ninety percent of this game is mental - the other half is physical."

Possibly referring to time zone changes - "It gets late early around here."

### DIAMOND DIRT

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### YOU

### MAKE THE CALL

(Thanks to Superfan and former umpire Pat Smith)

**Let's confess!** Everyone at the ballyard is also an umpire. So, **YOU MAKE THE CALL!**

The play.... There are runners on 1st and 3rd with none out. The batter hits a ground ball which is fielded by the 2nd baseman who tags the runner from 1st out. The runner attempts to illegally jar the ball loose to prevent a double play and interference is called by the base umpire.

**Question:** What is the result of the play?

**Answer:** See page 2

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