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ISC II Tournament of Champions- Year #5

ISC II event- successful growth

Much progress has been made since the inaugural ISC II Tournament of Champions in Budd Park in 2002. The tournament has visited three cities south of the border – **Appleton, WI** in 2003; **Fargo, ND** in 2004 and last year in **Chippewa Falls, WI**. While Ontario has dominated the silverware, excellent teams from the USA are hoping to make their mark at the 5th anniversary tourney. From twenty teams in 2002, to 7 pools of 5 teams this year, rivalries have been formed and competition will be keen. In fact, half of the top ten seeds are US based teams.

Perkasi Rise has veteran **Mike Smith** to lead the pitching corps and provide stability to the team, while Millington Up-to-Date Painting and the Lumberkings of Bakersfield, CA have full intentions of making the final four.

Bob McGowan and **Blair Setford**, ISC Commissioners and local volunteers ISC II Chair **Rick Boyd**, **Ben Blackwell** and **Larry Cox**, among others, have worked long and hard to prepare for this week's event. Six days and 93 games loom – with solid planning and organization in place, the good weather forecast, and the enthusiasm of all participants, it should be another outstanding event.



The South Perth Men's Fastball League officially started in 1969 with teams from Harmony, Conroy, St. Pauls, St. Marys, Sebringville, Mitchell, Fullarton and Avonton. Conroy was the inaugural champion. Rostock Royals, St. Marys Lumber Kings and Mitchell Mets all took turns winning back-to-back titles but never were able to three-peat.

In the 1990s, the back-to-back run continued **St. Marys Staffen's Selects** repeated in 1992-93, followed in 1995-1996 by the **Mitchell Mets**, and 1997-1998 by the **Sebringville Sting**.

In 2002, the league approved a tournament format to declare the end of season championship, and winners have been:

2002- Sebringville Sting
2003- K-W Pride
2004 – Sebringville Sting
2005 – Bridgeport Braves

In 2006, there are 18 teams participating in the league, separated into four geographical divisions:

Smith Division - Fullarton A's, Mitchell Mets, Monkton Muskrats and Sebringville Sting

Egli Division -Hickson Reds, St. Marys Gunners, Tavistock Merchants, and two Shakespeare teams, the Colts and Falcons
Arand Division Moorefield Dukes, Milverton AW Millwrights, Linwood Chiefs, Harriston Mercurys and Elora Brewers

Thomson Division Bridgeport Braves, Breslau Jr. Badgers and two Elmira teams, Cubs and Juniors.

Notable participants in the league over its long history include **Dave Goetz**, Rostock; **Don Rae**, St. Marys and Mitchell; **Brian Stere**, Tavistock and Sebringville; **Ron White**, Sebringville; and **Jody Eidt**, Sebringville and Mitchell.

The playoff tournament is set for **Friday-Sunday Sept. 15-17 2006**
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ISC II – On the basepaths... ..

BRAVES BRIEFS

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

Coach/Former Pitcher Larry

Cox states – “One of my most memorable players is a current team-mate **Sam Forbes**. Now into his fifties, Sam is known to almost every player and fan in every ball park he walks into... partly because of his skills on the field but just as importantly, because of the class, sportsmanship and humor that he brings to the park. No other player has left a legacy of being so well respected by team-mates, fans, opponents, and officials.”

Infielder Mike Kelly recalls **Colin Abbot**, a fellow native of Newfoundland – “He could hit anybody!”

Infielder Rob Weiler

narrowed it to three – enjoyed playing with all three Schnarr brothers – Jim, Jodie and Jay. I am adopted brother to the family. I loved playing against them and now with them. They can change the game at any time.

TODAY'S GAMES

11:00 K1 Reading vs Orangeville
11:00 K2 Harriston vs Kingston
12:00 B1 Oswego vs Ashland
12:00 B2 Palermo vs Grande Prairie
1:00 K1 Thomson vs Waterdown
1:00 K2 Yakima vs Glencoe
2:00 B1 Ottawa vs Toronto
2:00 B2 Millington vs Hermann
3:00 K1 Harrisburg vs Port Elgin
3:00 K2 Stittsville vs Sydney
4:00 B1 Elora vs Marshall
4:00 B2 Tavistock vs Orrville
6:00 **B1 OPEN CEREMONIES**
7:00 B1 Bridgeport vs Bakersfield
7:00 B2 Grande Prairie vs Alvinston
7:30 K1 Thomson vs Fitz Harbour
7:30 K2 Mitchell vs Oswego
9:00 B1 Elmira vs Denver
9:00 B2 Micksburg vs Orangeville
9:30 K1 Stittsville vs Kitchener
9:30 K2 South Lebanon vs Ottawa

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday afternoon

In round robin play – tiebreakers may be needed

Friday

Morning semi-finals and **afternoon** Championship game will be played at Peter Hallman Ball Yard in Kitchener

Check map in program

ISC II PROFILE



SHAUN WINSHIP

Glencoe Astros
Hgt – 6'1" Wgt – 210 lbs
Bats R Throws R
Birth – April 1, 1978
Residence- Strathroy, ON
Shaun played his minor ball in Popular Hill, advancing to junior ranks with quality teams in Fingal and Owen Sound; a two-year sojourn in New Zealand, with Hutt Valley and currently with Glencoe Astros. He and team-mates have won 6

provincial championships; a member of ISC Tournament of Champions winners Harriston Mercurys in 2004; awarded Thomas League playoff MVP (2004).

BEHIND THE SCENES

ISC II volunteers who have and will continue to work hard for the Tournament of Champions include:

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Sunday Aug. 13, 2006

A great fastball day – where would you rather be???

Who can beat Marathon???

What will it take to knock off Marathon, WI **County Materials**, the defending ISC Champs who have assembled, or more correctly, retained, an awesome lineup? 31 other teams will try to do what only two teams have done this year – beat the Marathoners.

There are **contenders** who will claw their way through the preliminary rounds to Thursday and Friday, but rest assured that the road to the 2006 ISC trophy-ware is directly through **Marathon, WI**. Teams who are destined to meet the County “multi-national” lineup will need one or more of their “multiple- lives” to remain in the hunt.

The others, **pretenders**, have their own ambitions, be it improving on last year’s record, or simply striving to remain in the tourney as long as possible.

Contenders include the hometown host Kitchener Hallman Twins, who batted around in the opening inning to stake hard-throwing **Todd Martin** with a comfortable 6-0 lead on the over-matched Vandalia, IL. **Jody Eidt**, followed by **Chris Shewfelt** powered round-trippers for the Twins’ hi-jacking of The Freight. **Dave Bailey** almost made it a three-homer Twin inning, stroking a triple to right, thus initiating a base-running demonstration by the veteran catcher/DH. Twins now meet California’s **Team Rainey** (surprisingly easy winners in a 6-0 whitewashing of the Black Knights of Fargo)..... Who’s to say who was actually the winner in the tournament’s highlight game of the opening two days when **Pueblo, CO Bandits** (announced appropriately on Saturday as the tourney’s best dressed team) beat Jarvis

Merchants Friday night 3-2 in sixteen innings. The win gives the Bandits a chance to prove their moniker and “steal” one from the powerhouse **Marathon County Materials** – game time is 3:00 pm. At the same time on Diamond #2, the scrappy **Gremlins** will battle the **Vancouver Grey Sox**.... An incentive for Sunday’s games – all winning teams have Monday off - some even enjoy two days sabbatical.

ISC Streaming efforts were successful on Saturday as **Dave Blackburn** and **Ron Chambers** worked with recently recruited volunteers serving as camera operators. In listening to the play-by-play, confirmation was provided that the pair received e-mails from various corners of the world from fastball enthusiasts following the action with available technology.

Congratulations to Hall of Fame inductees who were honored with more than 250 people attending the Hall’s Induction Breakfast at the Delta Hotel. Inductees included Saginaw Michigan’s **Art Gillis**, in town with family; Owen Sound southpaw **Brad Underwood**, who was renewing acquaintances at PHBY last evening; west coaster **Greg Sepulveda** and his fan club (more correctly his proud family) and California’s **Ed Klecker**. (see **today’s insert** in Diamond Dirt for info on the inductees) .

TODAY'S FEATURE GAME

KITCHENER Hallman Twins Vs.

WHITTIER, CA Team Rainey

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Sunday August 13th - 7:00 pm



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Auctions feature fastball memorabilia

CHARITY AUCTION

Last chance today

Additions to the **Charity Silent Auction** being held again today in the **Molson Refreshment Centre** (beer tent in fastball lingo), include:

From several members of **Team Canada** who competed in Christchurch, New Zealand in the 2004 International Softball Federation Championships (silver medalists behind the gold medal winning host Black Sox) – an autographed Team Canada cap from slugger **Colin Abbot**, and a similar lid from Colin's team-mate with The Farm Tavern – **Ryan Wolfe**. Kitchener native (and Midland Explorer catcher) **Craig Crawford** donated a gem of a souvenir – a softball autographed by all members of Team Canada 2004.

New York Patsy's pitching ace **Gerald Muizelaar** was generous in donating his game-worn jersey from his **Amsterdam Broken Bow Spirit** days when he won back-to-back Outstanding Pitcher awards

As well, other items mentioned yesterday include St. Joseph Frontier Casino Players game-worn jersey from **Michael White** and jerseys from Midland, MI pitcher **Doug Gillis** and Kitchener Hallman Twins pitcher **Todd Martin**.

The auction runs from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm at which time, all items will be provided to the highest bidders.

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** and **Kayla Courtage** and volunteers).

This and that... former ISC Executive Director **Milt Stark**, scheduled to make presentation at Hall of Fame breakfast for **Greg Sepulveda**, is unable to be at this year's event due to health problems. We wish Milt the best and look for his return to Kitchener in August 2007.... Also missing from the park is **Paul Hutcheson**, a passionate volunteer who serves as a score-keeper, a task he has performed with accuracy and professionalism for many years – **get well soon Hutch!**..... Great to see in the ball yard are a pair of residents from Kitchener's Weber Street Emmanuel Village – **Rev. Willis Hunking**, who provided "Grace" for the Hall of Fame breakfast this morning, PLUS long-time well-respected umpire **Wilda Widmeyer**, formerly of Fergus... between the good Reverend, and **Wilda's hubby Sade**, who passed away two summers ago and is watching fastball from preferred box seats in Heaven, there is reason to believe the pair may be responsible for our excellent weather, including the forecast for the next few days.

ANSWER - YOU Make the Call, from Page 4

Answer: Rule 8:4D

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Reflections... A Look Back...

GONE.....

BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Remember when **Bruce Casselman**, of the Ottawa area, crouched behind the dish to receive bullets fired by Darren Zack in the hey-days of the Toronto Gators. Bruce was selected All-World in 1993 (BA .300) when Gators went 8-1 in Kimberly, WI and won the ISC Title - and again in 1994 (BA .273) when Gators finished 6-2, second behind All-Car in Summerside, PEI.

Remember when **Doug Middleton**, a quiet tactician on the mound, efficiently and effectively closed the doors on opposing batters. Doug was All-World four times, the most recent here in Kitchener in 2002 (4W-2L, 56Ks, 0.76 ERA) as part of the ISC Champion St. Joseph, MO Frontier Casino Players; in 2002, with St. Joseph Meierhoffer, he was 4-0, 38 Ks and 0.42 ERA and in 1995, with the Topeka Travelers, he was perfect at 5-0, 63 Ks and a 1.50 ERA.

Remember when **Terry Challis** was a giant killer and especially a Twins killer, with the surprising "pop" in his bat, and speed on the base-paths. Terry was All-World five times, including a great run of three years when he homered twice and collected 5 rbis each year (2000-01-02) and batted above .300 (.545 in 2001); and a M.V.P. award in 1993 (BA .455).

MEMORABLE GAMES

From The Past (1969)...

ISC Hall of Famer Ty Stofflet could have sued his team-mates for lack of support (offence) in the 1969 ISC Tourney in Rock Island, IL as his Philadelphia, PA Sal's Lunch team scored a meager seven runs in five games. Stofflet supplied the "D" from the mound, winning 5 games, all by shutouts (one perfect game and a pair of one-hitters), striking out 86 batters in 42 innings (average of more than 2 per inning). One of the best pitching performances in ISC history as Sal's Lunch, Philadelphia, PA won the ISC title.

Around the horn...

A tip of the hat to Opening Ceremonies Chair Vic Degutis who staged a marvelous event in welcoming the 32 teams to the 60th anniversary ISC Championships. Don Cameron effectively set the tone and maintained the pace and the teams (especially veteran players) enjoyed the quick dismissal to provide more time for

socializing....Purolator was able to "Git'r done" with the ball delivery and Graham Snyder, no stranger to fastball settings, tossed the opening pitch with a bit of Elmira "giddy-up" – methinks a rise –ball on the outside black of the plate.... And a classy touch to wish Tom McAvoy, the venerable Gremlin himself, a Happy Birthday from his many friends, fans and compatriots in the park.... Thanks MPP John Milloy for spearheading whatever it takes to allow fastball fans to enjoy a cool Molsons in the outfield stands – a nice addition to the 2006 hospitality for which our community is famous..... Roy Stout ISC Game Controller for many of the 60 ISC Championships, is training four assistants in the art of keeping he tournament well-paced (impossible to be on time with extra inning games a certainty each day). "Roy's Roster" includes local baseball icon Bob McKillop, ISC Hall of Famer Dan Yantzi, long-time fan John MacTavish and Glenn Moeser, from glory days of the Waterloo CHYM's. Good job!



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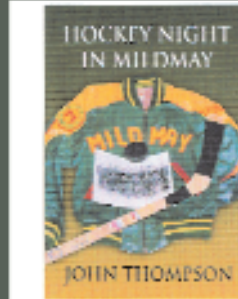
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Musings from the Ball Yard.....

TWINS' THOUGHTS

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

Coach Steve Kreuter reflects that – "I've had the pleasure of pitching to many great catchers over the years – **Randy Wicke, Bentley Ehgoetz, Dave Bailey**, etc. but pitching to and learning the game from **Glen Shackleton** during my early years of senior ball molded my career more than anyone else. You had a complete "trust" feeling pitching to Glen – like sitting back in a big easy chair and hitting your spots, making batters hit the pitch you want them to hit. It's not the number of strike-outs in a game, but the number of "quality" strikeouts in certain situations that is important."

Infielder Ron White states "The most memorable is **Brad Underwood**. Undy could throw a no-hitter and hit a home-run in the bottom of the seventh to win. When he was playing, you wanted to watch to see what he would do – Thanks, Undy!"
(Editor's note – Brad was inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame this morning – see Diamond Dirt insert for more)

YESTERDAY'S

Saturday Scores

Moorhead 1 Benton Harbor 0
Ballston Lake 6 Bloomington 3
Denmark 4 Houston 0
Ashland 2 **Vancouver** 3
Midland 3 Davenport 4 (8 inns)
Massapequa 8 Aurora 0
Yucaipa 5 **Innerkip** 0
Elkhart 4 **Portland** 2
Marathon 5 Czech Rep. 1
Fargo 0 Whittier 6
Vandalia 0 **Kitchener** 6

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions for today's World Tourney Games

(Projected winner **bold underlined**)

(Record to date 10-5)
1:00 Oshweken vs **Madison**
1:00 **Saskatoon** vs Green Bay
3:00 **Marathon** vs Pueblo
3:00 Heflin vs **Vancouver**
5:00 **Orillia** vs Moorhead
5:00 **Massapequa** vs Davenport
7:00 Whittier vs **Kitchener**

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Saturday August 12
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YOGIS.....

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

Possibly referring to smaller crowds in some ball parks – "If they don't want to come, you can't stop them."

When asked what time it is, Yogi responded – "What? You mean right now?"

When asked what makes a good manager of a baseball team, Yogi replied – "A good ball club."

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YOU

MAKE THE CALL

(Thanks to Superfan and former umpire Pat Smith)

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Jose Canseco is playing RF with one out and the tying run on 3rd base. The batter hits a high fly ball to deep right-center field near the fence. Canseco calls for it. **Deja-vu!!** The ball hits off the top of his head and is about to go over the fence for a steroid-enhanced homerun. But the centerfielder, who had seen highlights of Jose's career, leaps and makes the catch. The runner on 3rd scores. When the laughter subsides, the defensive team appeals that the runner left when the ball struck Canseco's head before the catch was made.

Question: Does the run count?

Answer: See page 2



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