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Competition gets serious – few upsets in World Tourney play

Host team suffers surprising loss

Fans, enticed by perfect fastball weather, and optimistic of continuing success for the host Kitchener Hallman Twins, flocked to Peter Hallman Ball Yard on Sunday evening to encourage the Twinkies in their second-round match-up with Team Rainey from Whittier, California.

Both teams sent their aces to the mound and both hurlers provided their mates with stellar performances. However, in what would be termed an up-set, the family affair Rainey squad played impeccably to take advantage of opportunities and eke out a 2-1 win. **Bricklin Anderson**, 31 of Victoria, BC, not hugely recognized in eastern Canada for his obvious skills, used the opportunity to showcase his wares. Matching up solidly with his battery-mate, he tossed few fat pitches (save the 7th inning offering to **Chris Shewfelt** who deposited it over the fence for the Twins lone). With a variety of pitches, he rang up 10 strikeouts and was well deserving of the victory. Twins' **Todd Martin** scattered eight hits, but "nibbers" resulted in runs. Flame-throwing **Don Scott** in relief, was impressive, garnering four strikeouts in six batters.

The result relegates Twins to the bracket of teams with losses, and they will play Tuesday at 11:00 am against the winner of **CR Portland** and the **Ohsweken Redmen**. A loss relegates the Twins to having only a single life, and they would play again on Tuesday at 7:00 pm - a win will advance them to a Wednesday afternoon 3:00 pm match.

Six teams perfect at 2-0

Joining Team Rainey with perfect 2-0 records are teams who, quite simply, expected to be there. This provides some great match-ups for games scheduled in the undefeated bracket on Tuesday & Wednesday. **County Materials** have yet to give up a run and will meet **Saskatoon Black Sox** on Tuesday at 5:00 pm. This could be termed a Black Sox vs Black Sox encounter, as the County Materials squad features no less than five **New Zealand**

National Team Black Sox Kiwis on its roster, not coincidentally the first five hitters in the batting order.

Team Rainey will have their mitts full when they face the **Massapequa, NY Patsys**, a team capable of destroying any pitcher's confidence (Tuesday at 7:00 pm).

The **Orillia Quaker Riversharks** have provided Manager **Denny Bruckert** with optimism, their hot bats scoring 11 runs in two games to provide breathing room to a competent pitching staff. The Sharks meet the west coast **Vancouver Grey Sox** in Wednesday's 7:00 pm prime-time game on PHBY #1.

Four other teams with 1-0 records will clash tonight – **Yucapia SoCal Bombers** meet **Denmark Circle Tap** at 5:00 pm and **Elkhart Albaugh** face **Madison the Farm Tavern** at 7:00 pm.

ISC QUILT UNIQUE AUCTION ITEM

The ISC wives of commissioners, specialists and staff organize an annual fundraising for the Special Olympics program. The prize is a "one-of-a-kind" quilt made from donated fastball T-shirts that have been collected by ISC Treasurer Charlie Smith, and produced by Charlie's daughter Susan. All proceeds are donated to the Kitchener area Special Olympics. What a great initiative!

The quilt is on display in the Molson Refreshment Centre and bids will be accept during the week. Currently, the auction bid is about \$150 which is a "huge bargain" for this unique collectible item, and of course, all proceeds to a great cause.

TODAY'S FEATURE GAME

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Taking care of business... and yourself

Health Performance (Part I)

The very nature of our pass times whether related to employment or athletics invite overuse injury. Thus, it follows most of us will be faced someday with the prospect of managing this injury or aggravation.

Overcoming the emotional and physical challenges of an injury require that you become a winner in both the mental and physical game of injury recovery. Here are some keys to making a positive recovery from any injury more likely.

Learn the Rules - Educate yourself about the injury and the healing process by talking to your health care team. The more understanding you have about the nature of your injury the more you can become an active participant in the recovery process and learn what's necessary to avoid recurrence.

Everyday in practice I see individuals forced to acknowledge whether they like it or not, that there is a distinct difference between the physical stress of their chosen activity and their orthopedic limit, a.k.a. how much their body can handle before it breaks down. This is often the hardest concept for some to understand, and indeed has been the first clue to many that they are not made of steel or a real life superhero.

Fortunately, from the perspective of on-going injury prevention and performance enhancement, almost all injuries can be prevented by correcting biomechanical issues and working to eliminate common muscle imbalances which often develop secondary to repetitive strain through the appropriate implementation of Active Release Techniques® (ART®), Physiotherapy, Chiropractic, and/or Massage Therapy.

Chris Kraemer, DC, CSCS

Dr. Kraemer is a founding partner at Dearborn Health Performance & Wellness Centre in Waterloo



In 2001, a Developmental Clinic to provide instruction to youth fastball players was initiated at the ISC Tournament in Eau Claire, WI. The following year, in Kitchener under the leadership of **Pete McIlwraith**, and co-ordinated by ISC Commissioner **Tom Crouch**, the clinic was taken to a higher level and re-named the "Bridge to the Future" Fastball Skills Clinic.

This year, Crouch and many ISC players, and McIlwraith, ably assisted by Host Committee member **Duncan Matheson** and local fastball enthusiast **Larry Lynch** and local volunteers, will host the event that will surpass all clinics in the past.

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Reflections... A Look Back...

GONE.....

BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Remember when **Steve Price**, of the Ballston Lake Heflin Gremlins, was a two-way threat – a competent pitcher, he could also beat you with his bat, witness his All-World Selection with the Gremlins in 1998, posting a mound record of 2 wins and a loss, with an impressive 39 Ks in 17th innings, while being named to the All-World squad as a designated hitter, exploding for 5 'taters and 15 rbis, and batting a torrid .563

Remember when **Marty Kernaghan**, originally of Calgary's Alberta Brake and Clutch (ABCs) in mid-eighties, and more notably with the great Sioux City teams for the next decade, could steal game with stellar defensive plays at shortstop o a timely hit (named the 198 MVP at Kimberly with Alberta finishing 3rd.) In eleven seasons, Marty's teams finished in the top four at an amazing 9 times. Marty was inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame in 2002 here in Kitchener, and is an eight time All-World player (1984-95).

Remember when **Hayden Smith** was toeing the mound and mowing the batters down for Denmark Circle Tap. Hayden was an All-World selection in 1996 when he pitched all of the Tap's games, forging a 6W-2L record, with 51 Ks in 40 innings and an ERA of 1.47.

MEMORABLE GAMES

From The Past (1994)...

ISC Hall of Fame Manager **Russ Boice** felt retribution had occurred when Green Bay's **Colin Abbott** launched a fly ball past Toronto Gators' outfielder **Brian Paton** that was the key hit in a 2-run 7th inning rally that gave All-Car the 1994 title 5-4 in Summerside, PEI. Other notables in the 7th ining rally were catcher **John Becker's** (currently Marathon County Materials manager) one-out single that ignited the rally, and left fielder **Shawn Rychick's** (currently also with Marathon) triple that tied the game. **Darren Zack** (currently with Ohsweken Redmen) had started the game on the mound for the Gators, but left the game due to a shoulder injury, and was replaced by **Mike Sedore** who was later by **Brad Baker** who was the 7th inning victim of Green bay's heroics.

Winning Pitcher for Green Bay All-Car was **Brad Underwood**, who was dominant on the mound, and had a typical day I the batter's box, going 2 for 3, and driving in the first three Green Bay runs.

Around the horn...

Kudos to the **Kitchener Krush** Senior ladies fastball team who chalked up three victories yesterday in the Canadian Senior Women's Softball Chmpionships in Perrot, Quebec. In the morning, the Krush defeated **Winnipeg Lightning** 3-0 to advance to the semi-final where they shut out **North Delta Fire, BC** 2-0. In the Championship Game, Kitchener did our community and province proud, thumping **Calahoo Erins** of Alberta 5-1 – obviously solid pitching backed by great defence and timely hitting wins championships. **Way to Go Krush!!!!**

GOLF WITH THE MAYOR

Kitchener Mayor **Carl Zehr** invites two ISC guests to "Golf with the Mayor" tomorrow, Tuesday August 14 at 9:00 am **Rockway Golf Course** the jewel in the heart of the city. A draw will be made from all golfer/entrants from a ballot box located in the Souvenir Tent. The draw will be made today, **Monday August 14 at 3:00 pm.**



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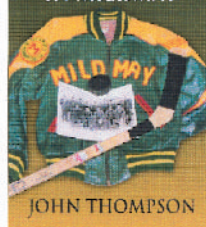
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Musings from the Ball Yard.....

TWINS' THOUGHTS

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

Catcher/DH Dave Bailey confirms that the epitome of loyalty and leadership is displayed by long-time Twin, **Brian Stere** who retired in 2005 following a 16-year career as a dominant hitter, competent catcher and team leader. "We began our men's ball careers together playing for Tavistock and we're great friends."

Share your most memorable game or on-field moment:

Outfielder Dale Levy recalls winning a Gold medal at the Senior Canadians in Saskatoon, and hitting two-run homer to tie the game in a NAFA match-up with Team Rainey.

Outfielder Bill Simmons states that "In my first game, and my first at-bat, I hit a home-run batting right handed. My career has gone downhill since."

Infielder Evan Boyd recalls two personal encounters – "My first at-bats against Darren Zack and Brad Underwood, two Canadian Legends."

YESTERDAY'S

Sunday Scores

Madison 9 Ohsweken, 1
Saskatoon 5 Green Bay 3
Marathon 7 Pueblo 0
Ballston Lake 1 **Vancouver 8**
Orillia 6 Moorhead 0
Massapequa 5 Davenport 2
Whittier 2 **Kitchener 1**

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions for today's World Tourney Games

(Projected winner **bold underlined**)

(Record to date 16-6)

9:00 – Copenhagen vs **Benton Harbor**
9:00 – Bloomington vs **Ashland**
11:00 – **Innerkip** vs Houston
11:00 – **Portland** vs Ohsweken
1:00 – Czech Republic vs **Jarvis**
1:00 – Bahamas vs **Wilkes Barre**
3:00 – Aurora vs **Midland**
3:00 – **Fargo** vs Vandalia
5:00 – Denmark vs **Yucaipa**
5:00 – Loser #25 vs **Loser #26**
7:00 – Elkhart vs **Madison**
7:00 – **Loser #27** vs Loser #28
9:00 – **Loser #29** vs Loser #30
9:00 – **Loser #31** vs Loser #32

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YOGIS.....

Quotes, or attributed quotes of
NY Yankees' **Yogi Berra** ...

Explaining the intricacies of baseball, Yogi stated –
"Ninety percent of this game is half mental."

Good advice from Yogi regarding fan mail – "Never answer an anonymous letter."

View provided by Yogi about economics of baseball salaries – "A nickel ain't worth a dime anymore."

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Question: Does the run count?

Answer – See page 2



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ISC II Tournament of Champions- Year #5

Open Day features Classic fastball

By Blair Setford & Jim Flanagan

Great competition on Opening Day of play at the **ISC II Tournament of Champions** at **Budd Park** in Kitchener and **Kinsmen Park** in Cambridge. It was a gala affair as all 35 teams were on hand for the 6:00 pm Opening Ceremonies...well organized with a multitude of classic fastball encounters played on four diamonds. Great sightlines at the venues, perhaps none better than the outfield "grassy knoll" on Budd #1.

For sheer drama, you can't beat an extra-innings come-from-behind walk-off home run and that's exactly what the **Waterdown, ON Hammer** got from **Kyle Davis** in the bottom of the 9th inning to beat **Thomson, IL Area Merchants** 5-4.

Corey Costello throws a **PERFECT GAME** striking out 20 as **Micksburg, ON Twins** beats **Orangeville, Resolve**

Kings 9-0 ... **Shawn Samson** throws a one-hit shutout for **Oswego, NY** to beat **Ashland, OH Merchants** 4-0 ... **Sean Kelly** works out of a bases loaded jam in the 7th to preserve a 1-0 win for **Marshall, MI Rice Creek Lightning** over **Elora, ON Wellington Brewers** ... **Eric Steinbeck** wins another marathon for **Hermann, MO Black Gold**, an 11-inning affair 5-4 over **Millington, MI Up-to-Date Painting** ... **Peter Dobbin** 4x4 with a walk in **Palermo, ON Athletics** 11-3 win over **Grande Prairie, AB Pride**... **Jim Schnarr** of the host **Bridgeport, ON Braves** tosses 10 strikeouts to beat **Bakersfield, CA Lumberkings**.... **Regan Manley** throwing high 70s mph (mid-120s kph) for **Denver, CO Colorado Rage** vs **Elmira, ON Cubs**, striking out 19 in loss to defending champion Cubbies, who got a 1-hit shut-out performance from last year's Top Pitcher **Casey Halstead**, who K'ed 13.

Broadcast streaming of many games is available on **SportsJuice** on ISC website.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

Reading (1-0) 1 Orangeville (0-1) 0
Harriston (1-0) 8 Kingston (0-1) 5
Oswego (1-0) 4 Ashland (0-1) 0
Palermo (1-0) 11 Grande Prairie (0-1) 3
Waterdown (1-0) 5 Thomson IL 4
Glencoe (1-0) 1 Yakima (0-1) 0
Ottawa (1-0) 2 Toronto (0-1) 0
Hermann (1-0) 5 Millington (0-1) 4
Port Elgin, (1-0) 9 Harrisburg (0-1) 2
Stittsville (1-0) 8 Sydney (0-1) 2
Marshall (1-0) 1 Elora (0-1) 0
Tavistock (1-0) 11 Orrville (0-1) 0
Bridgeport (1-0) 3 Bakersfield (0-1) 1
Alvinston(1-0) 7 Grande Prairie (0-2) 1
Thomson vs Fitzroy Harbour
Mitchell vs Oswego
Elmira (1-0) 6 Denver (0-1) 0
Micksburg (1-0) 9 Orangeville (0-2) 0
Stittsville vs Kitchener
South Lebanon vs Ottawa

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ISC II – On the basepaths... ..

BRAVES BRIEFS

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

Pitcher Jim Schnarr relates

"As big a superstar as there is in our game, **Darren Zack** from the Toronto Gators (and other teams) because despite his status, he treated everyone as his equal. Darren always had time for the kids and the many adoring fans, and holds many of the pitching records and is also one of the biggest people to ever play this game."

Infielder Sam Forbes simply states that his outstanding team-mate included **Al Staats** of the Cambridge Gores in the Intercity Fastball League and opponent, **Brad Underwood**, pitcher from Owen Sound, the most recent inductee into the ISC Hall of Fame.

Infielder Travis Murdock had high praise for former opponent and current team-mate **Jay Schnarr** stating "When we were younger we had good battles – it was almost like you were good friends but hated each other – what a player he turned out to be."

All-Star Game...

An offensive affair

The bats were on fire at the first annual **PROforma All-Star Challenge Cup** played at Peter Hallman Ball Yard on Thursday evening. The game featured the stars of the **South Perth Men's Fastball league** against their counter-parts from the **Golden Horseshoe League**. While 5 runs scored by the Golden Horseshoe league is usually sufficient to win a fastball game, it was not enough as the South Perth runners crossed home plate for more than a baker's dozen, winning 14-5. **Bridgeport Braves Jodie Schnarr**, (Perth's MVP) belted a two-run 5th - inning homer into centre field seating. Winning pitcher **Danny Martin**, of the **Elmira Juniors**, tripled in the same inning. **Burke Thomson** of the **Waterdown Alexander Keith's**, was named the GHFL game MVP. **Ken Doucet** of **PROforma** presented the **PROforma Challenge Cup** to **George Nahrgang**, president of the victorious South Perth team in a post-game ceremony.

TODAY'S GAMES

9:00 B1 Harriston vs Millington
10:00 B2 Palermo vs Harrisburg
10:00 K1 Toronto vs Orrville
11:00 B1 Kingston vs Perkasi
Noon B2 Bakersfield vs Thomson
Noon K1 Fitz Harbor vs Waterdown
1:00 B1 Denver vs Micksburg
2:00 B2 Ashland vs Yakima
2:00 K1 Grande Prairie vs Port Elgin
3:00 B1 Tavistock vs Sth Lebanon
4:00 B2 Reading vs Elmira
4:00 K1 Kitchener vs Marshall
5:00 B1 Oswego vs Glencoe
6:00 B2 Sydney vs Elora
7:00 B1 Perkasi vs Hermann
8:00 B2 Fitzroy Harbour vs Bridgeport
9:00 B1 Port Elgin vs Alvinston

BLUEWATER FASTBALL LEAGUE

The Bluewater Fastball League has been in operation since 1982 and current teams are : **Owen Sound Crunch** (2005 champions), **Owen Sound Selects** (Midget team), **Port Elgin Blue Devils** (2005 ISC II Finalist) , **Clifford Lumber**

Jacks, Howick Hitman, Belmore Stingers, Chepstow Aces and the Warton Busmen. The 2-time champion ISC-II Tournament champion **Harriston Mercurys** were a fixture in league from 1982 when they were the **Clifford Four Aces** until 2004.

The league has an abundance to talented players who have enjoyed success at the ISC II, including. **Jeremy Creeden, Daryl McKinnon, Greg Thede, Ryan Dudgeon, Rob Fawcett and Scott Smith.**

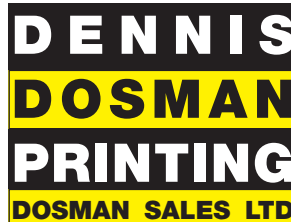
Others include : Chris Eadie, Tim Cox, Tony Lisk, Chris Mink and Andy Jackson.

Volunteers **Pete Spitzig** (Chepstow Aces), **Dave Eadie** (Belmore Stingers), and **Louie Zettel** (Coach/Manager - Chepstow Aces) have served for the entire existence of the league and their commitment is greatly appreciated.



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