

## ISC Passes Half-Way Point

### “Sweet Sixteen” remain after tonight

#### Vancouver-Orillia Match-up

Prime time game should be a thriller



Grey Sox Derek Mayson

Timely hitting

(Photo Courtesy Dave Thomson, Vancouver Grey Sox website)

With a day's rest and identical 2-0 records, Orillia Quaker Riversharks and Vancouver Grey Sox should be poised for a fastball display extraordinaire.

The Sox, led by Infielder **Derek Mayson's** HR/4-rbi performance, earned two-days' rest with a one-touchdown 8-1 decision over fans' sentimental favorite Heflin Gremlins. On Saturday, Sox nipped Ashland MVD 3-2.

The Riversharks were consistent in easily disposing of Copenhagen Denmark Dynamite Friday 5-2, and Moorhead MinnDak Millers 6-0 on Sunday.

Pitching match-ups will be the pre-game scuttlebutt for the fans, with Sox's **Rick Smith** (1-0) and **Nick Underhill** (1-0) well rested, and other Sox pitchers not yet having received any innings. Orillia, also deep in pitching, has had

excellent performances from **Michael White** (1-0) (his ISC record 70<sup>th</sup> career on Friday) and **Frank Cox** (1-0) with **Rob O'Brien** and **Andy Jackson** both waiting the call. For depth, O-Bee and A. Jay are both excellent sticks and one will likely be on the line-up card in the DH role.

#### Battle of Wisconsin

ISC Championship Saturday usually involves the Madison WI, Farm Tavern. The highly touted #2 seed will have all it can handle this afternoon at 5:00 pm with its cross-state rival Denmark, WI Circle Tap (Seeded #10). Both teams have not been seriously tested in their opening pair of matches, and today's game is pivotal to success. Tradition, built-in rivalries, pride and Wisconsin bragging rights all play a factor in this game. In the mid-west, teams know how to play the game and strategy for the war and not the battle will be obvious. The pitching match-up could feature a pair of Canadians, hard-throwing hurlers from BC—The Farm's **Korry Gareau** & **Collin McKenzie** for The Tap. Winners today advance to the quarter-finals in Thursday's prime-time doubleheader and enjoy the luxury of rest for pitching arms and time for recovery for injuries. Losers today will have to win six (6) in a row for the 2006 title, while winners have half that work-load with but a single game for each of the next 3 days... what a tremendous incentive!

#### TODAY'S FEATURE GAMES

**MADISON** The Farm Tavern (#2) vs  
**DENMARK** Circle Tap (#10) - 5:00 pm  
**ORILLIA** Quaker Riversharks (#3) vs  
**VANCOUVER** Grey Sox (#6) - 7:00 pm



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## Around the parks – World Tourney and Tournament of Champions



ISC II Host Team Bridgeport Braves **Rob Weiler** (right)  
high-fives team-mates including #32 **Ron McWhirter**  
Photo by **Andy Bader, Mitchell Advocate**

## ISC NAMES INDUCTEES FOR 2007

### Kitchener's Larry Lynch joins Dan Yantzi

The International Softball Congress named five softball veterans, including Kitchener's own **Larry Lynch**, a sports aficionado if there ever was one, for 2007 induction in the ISC Hall of Fame.

Lynch joins Waterloo's **Dan Yantzi**, who was inducted in 2002, and will be recognized for his 32 years of participation in softball, including 19 years as a competitor in ISC leagues, and 16 appearances as a team Manager in the World Tournament, including eight "top-ten" finishes.

Other inductees include players **Peter Meredith**, 7 time all-world pitcher primarily with the Salt Lake City Larry Miller Toyota Teams and Catcher **Tim Wahl**, 8 time All-World member with teams in Bellevue WA; Sioux City, IA; Madison, WI; & Decatur, IL. Also inducted from Ontario is **Lloyd Simpson** of Owen Sound. Simpson is generally regarded as the visionary who introduced ISC brand softball to Ontario in the seventies, and he will be recognized in the "Builder" category.

The fifth inductee is **Bob Tomlinson** of Minnesota, for his years of service as a commissioner and fastball enthusiast who promoted the sport with his newspaper, the Fast pitch Chronicle.

The Induction Ceremony will be held Sunday August 12, 2007 right here in Kitchener as the community hosts the ISC tourney for a 2<sup>nd</sup> successive year.



Shortstop **Lyle Sawyer** of the Abaco, Bahamas Texaco Pirates waits for the throw as shortstop **Dave Martin** of the Wilkes-Barre,

PA Keatings Fitness Center steals second base.

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Do your joints ache or get stiff or swell after activity? It's possible you may be experiencing the first signs of osteoarthritis.

This type of arthritis is more commonly referred to as the "wear and tear" type of arthritis. The most common factors that may predict whether someone may develop OA are genetic and past injury. There are many things that can be done to improve symptoms and keep people going. These include Physio or Athletic Therapy for strengthening, diet and exercise for weight management, bracing and orthotics for alignment and support, and various medications including cortisone injections.

Another type of injection is called viscosupplementation and actually isn't classified as a drug. In joints that are wearing out, the joint fluid is thinner. Viscosupplementation is essentially the thick part of normal fluid which is injected back into the joints. It could be thought of as a "lube job". Many people have found that these injections help them

stay active and lessen or take away aching and swelling. If you have any of these symptoms, it is worth talking with your physician to determine if you have OA, and which treatments you could benefit from. No one likes to be slowed down!

**Marin J. Duke, MD, CCFP, LMCC, Dip Sport Med (CASM)**

(Dr. Duke is the team physician for the Kitchener Rangers and practices locally at Dearborn Health Performance & Wellness Centre in Waterloo.)

## GONE.....

### BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Remember when **Boomer Brush**

strutted to the plate late in a game as a pinch hitter, or in his regular DH spot in the line-up. If the game was "on-the-line", Boomer's stick is what turned a game around, igniting rallies and change the pace of the match. In 1997, with the 4<sup>th</sup> place Tampa Bay Smokers, he batted a torrid .533 with 6 rbis to claim a spot in the All-World outfield. In 1998, the Smokers claimed the ISC Championship, and Boomer was a catalyst, with 2 homers, 7 rbis and a memorable .500 batting average. Six years later, following the Smokers to Canada where they became the Calgary Diamonds, Boomer was named an All-World DH (3 homes, 5 rbis, BA .316, for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time as Diamonds finished in 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### MEMORABLE GAMES From The Past (1996)

In 1996, in beautiful Sunset Park in Kimberly, WI, there was a "shot" and while it wasn't the shot "heard round the world", it was a shot that stunned the huge crowd at the ISC title game. **Green Bay All-Car Roadrunners** scored twice in the first to provide starting lefty **Mike Piechnik** with an early cushion over the **Tampa Bay Smokers**. In the 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Jason Hanson** stroked a homer off Piechnik, who was replaced by Michael White in the 5<sup>th</sup> with the game tied 2 apiece. In the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup>, with one man aboard, White had a favorable 0-2 count on Hanson, when White pulled a muscle. He was replaced by **Michael Gaiger**, a fireballer who had limited action and threw lightning (8Ks in the 5 innings). Fans were barely comfortable back in their seats following a stretch while Gaiger tossed his obligatory 5 warmup pitches, when Gaiger "rocked and fired" and Hanson uncoiled. The fly to deep left field was tracked by All-Car outfielder **Shawn Rychcik**, who even climbed the outfield fence to corral the ball, but it was well over the fence. An automatic, walk-off home run and the Smokers were 1996 champions.



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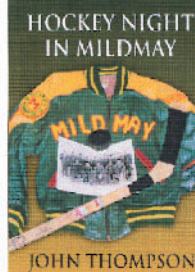
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# Musings from the Ball Yard.....

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO?

Bellevue, WA Seafirst  
**Calgary, AB Diamonds**  
Can - Am Windmillers  
**Decatur, IL Pride**  
Green Bay, WI All-Car  
Roadrunners  
**Long Beach, CA Painters**  
St. Joseph, MO Frontier  
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## WHEN DID YOU LAST SEE?

- ❖ triple play
- ❖ beer for \$1.00
- ❖ good sacrifice bunt
- ❖ wooden bat
- ❖ softball stirrups
- ❖ Jack Fireman???

## Tuesday Scores

Bloomington 1 **Green Bay** 2  
Copenhagen 0 **Pueblo** 7  
Portland 1 **Kitchener** 6  
**Innerkip** 4 Davenport 3  
Wilkes Barre 4 **Ballston Lake** 11  
**Czech Republic** 4 Moorhead 6  
**Jarvis** 3 Bahamas 0  
Aurora 1 vs **Yucaipa** 2  
**Fargo** 4 Elkhart 7  
**Midland** 10 Vandalia 1  
**Marathon** 3 Saskatoon 0  
Copenhagen 0 **Bloomington** 5  
**Massapequa** 3 Whittier 0  
Davenport 9 **Portland** 8  
Czech Republic 8 **Wilkes Barre** 6  
**Aurora** 1 Fargo 9

## JAY'S PICKS

**Predictions-Today's Games**  
(Projected winner **bold underlined**)

(Record to date 33-17)

11:00 - Ashland vs **Bloomington**  
11:00 - Ohsweken vs **Davenport**  
1:00 Jarvis vs **Czech Republic**  
1:00 **Midland** vs Fargo  
3:00 Pueblo vs **Green Bay**  
3:00 Innerkip vs **Kitchener**  
5:00 Denmark vs **Madison**  
5:00 Moorhead vs **Heflin**  
7:00 **Orillia** vs Vancouver  
9:00 **Yucaipa** vs Elkhart

## 50/50

Sat. Aug 12 - #1799

Sun. Aug.13 - #2459

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Mon. Aug.14 - #3689

Dave Faller- \$159.50

Tues. Aug.15 - #

## YOGIS.....

Yogi was told by the wife of the Mayor of New York that he looked cool in his summer leisure suit, and he replied - "Thanks, you don't look so hot yourself."

Referring to pacing during a game, Yogi advised - "You give 100% in the first half of the game, and if that isn't enough, in the second half you give what's left."

## 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!

In today's 5:00 pm game, Circle  
Tap is on defence when Farm  
Tavern's **Ryan Wolfe** leads off  
with a single. On the first pitch to  
**Paul Rosebush**, Wolfe attempts to  
steal 2nd base. As CT catcher **Jeff**  
**Wartman** prepares to throw, the  
umpire's mask falls off and strikes  
Hansen on his throwing arm.  
Undaunted, Hansen's throw beats  
Wolfe to the base and the umpire  
calls him out. Veteran skipper **Rod**  
**Petersen** sprints to home plate and  
argues the umpire's interference  
should have resulted in a dead ball  
& the runner should be placed back  
at 1st.

**Question:** What happens to  
the "Big, Bad, Wolfe?"

**Answer - See page 2**



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## ISC II Tournament of Champions- Day #4

### Final Day of Pool...

### Single Elimination Looms

By Blair Setford & Jim Flanagan

### Pitchers racking up Ks...

The assault on the "strike-out record book continued on Tuesday. Leading the way is **Corey Costello** of the **Micksburg, ON Twins**, who, on the heels of his 20-strikeout perfect game vs Orangeville, Costello struck out 20 again, tossing a no-hitter against ++**Reading, PA Bob Hoffman's Garage**, with only a walk spoiling another perfect game... Not content with that, Costello came back at 5 pm to strike-out 15 against the defending champion **Elmira, ON Cubs** in a 3-0 win. Costello has 55 strikeouts in three games This set up a potential 3-way tie for first in Pool A .

**Thomson, IL Area Merchants**, facing elimination unless they could beat the host **Bridgeport, ON PROforma Braves** did just that with a 3-2 victory on the strength of **Jonas Mach's** 16-strikeout, 5-hit performance. Jonas now has who now has 66 strikeouts in 4 games pitched... **Kitchener , ON Phoenix Outlaws** clinched first place in pool F finishing 4-0 in the round

robin with an upset 6-5 win over **Elora Wellington Brewers** ... Setting up action Wednesday, **Alvinston Indians** can wrap up first place in pool D with a win over **Palermo Athletics**, but a Palermo win forces a three-way tie for first ... **Colorado Rage** can force a three-way tie for first in pool A if they can beat **Orangeville Resolve Kings**. The winner of **Waterdown & California** (1 pm on [www.ballparkradio.com](http://www.ballparkradio.com)) will finish in second in pool B ... a **Hermann Black Gold** win over **Harriston Mercurys** (11 am on [www.ballparkradio.com](http://www.ballparkradio.com)) coupled with a **Perkasie Rise** win over **Millington Up-to-Date Painting** (9 am on [www.ballparkradio.com](http://www.ballparkradio.com)) could set up a three-way tie for first in pool C ... **Mitchell, ON Mets** will win pool E while **Glencoe, ON Astroes** will finish second ... Needing wins to have a chance to qualify are **Ashland**, playing **Mitchell**, and **Oswego CPI** playing **Yakima JRW**... the winner of **Elora-Stittsville** will likely advance to the playoffs while the loser will go home ... in pool G, **Ottawa's** win over **Tavistock** would set up a 3-way tie with those teams and **South Lebanon TNT** if the latter can beat Toronto

### TUESDAY'S SCORES

**Glencoe 4** Ashland 2  
**Micksburg 4** Reading 0  
**Mitchell 1** Yakima 0  
**Orangeville 4** **Elmira 9**  
**Marshall 7** Stittsville 3  
**Alvinston 4** Harrisburg 2  
Toronto 0 **Tavistock 8**  
**Kitchener 6** Elora 5  
Perkasie 1 **Harriston 3**  
Orrville 0 **South Lebanon 7**  
**Denver 3** Reading 0  
Waterdown 0 **Bridgeport 6**  
**Port Elgin 10** Palermo 6  
**Hermann 5** Kingston 4  
Harrisburg 2 **Grande Prairie 3**  
**Bakersfield 15** Fitzroy Harbour 2  
Elmira 0 **Micksburg 3**  
Glencoe 0 **Mitchell 2**  
Sydney 5 **Kitchener 6**  
Bridgeport 2 **Thomson 3**  
Tavistock 0 **Ottawa 3**  
Kingston Millington

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## ISC II – On the basepaths... ..

### Oshawa City District Fastball League

The Oshawa City and District Fastball League is one of the oldest organized softball bodies in Ontario and one of the first to enlist under the banner of the Ontario Amateur Softball Association (O.A.S.A.). In 2006, the League marks its 80<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

The leadership and help given to the neighbouring communities has proven a wise and far-sighted move as they continue to provide executive and teams and are the backbone of today's league.

Several players and umpires were able to achieve national and international success because of the support given by the City to minor fast pitch facilities and programs. Today, many of these players and umpires continue to hone their skills

and enjoy competition in the Oshawa City and District Fastball League.



League volunteer Sylvia Ryan poses with world-class short-stop Chris Jones, who plays in the OCFFL as well as having played with senior clubs such as Gators, Spirit and Twins.

Current teams include:

**Aurora Shoeless Joes**  
**Bradford Sox**  
**Cobourg Rebels**  
**Lake Simcoe Lightning**  
**Lake Scugog Lumber Jacks**  
**Markham Majors**

**Newmarket Mud Hens**  
**Newmarket Stingers**  
**Oshawa Double B Juniors**  
**Oshawa Churchill Ravens**  
**Scarborough Royals**  
**Scarborough Wolverines**  
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**1:00 pm**

Waterdown, ON Hammer vs  
Bakersfield, CA California  
Lumberkings

**4:00 PM (if necessary)**

tie-breaker

**Playoffs**

**7:00 pm & 9:00 pm**

First round playoff games

### TODAY'S GAMES

9:00 B1 Millington vs Perkasie  
9:00 K1 South Lebanon - Toronto  
10:00 B2 Alvinston vs Palermo  
10:00 K2 Orangeville vs Denver  
11:00 B1 Hermann vs Harriston  
11:00 K1 Elora vs Stittsville  
Noon B2 Ashland vs Mitchell  
Noon K2 Marshall vs Sydney  
1:00 B1 Waterdown- Bakersfield  
1:00 K1 Ottawa vs Orrville  
2:00 B2 Yakima vs Oswego

### TIE BREAKER(S)

**4:00 pm**

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### PLAYOFF ROUND

7:00 B1 – Wildcard vs Pool A-2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 B2 – Pool B-3<sup>rd</sup> vs Pool G-3<sup>rd</sup>  
7:00 K1– Pool F-3<sup>rd</sup> vs Pool C-2<sup>nd</sup>  
7:00 K2– Pool E-3<sup>rd</sup> vs Pool D-2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 B1 – Pool D-3<sup>rd</sup> vs Pool E-2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 B2 – Pool C 3<sup>rd</sup> vs Pool F 2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 K1 – Wildcard vs Pool G-2<sup>nd</sup>  
9:00 K2 – Wildcard vs Pool A-3<sup>rd</sup>

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Semi-finals (9:00 & 11:00) and  
Championship Game (5:00)

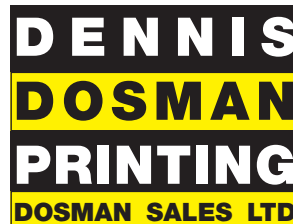
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