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ISC & Host Committee Building a "Bridge to the Future" for softball and kids



Photo courtesy Tom Szczerbowski of www.iscphoto.com The "Bridge to the Future" Skills Clinic held earlier this week attracted close to 300 youth softball players for skills clinics with players from the ISC Tournament.





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Kitchener's task - not impossible from Loser's Bracket

Host Twins back on track

Martin, Simmons lead by example....

Following the Sunday evening loss to Whittier, CA Team Rainey, the host Hallman Twins realized that they had an uphill battle ahead – early relegation to the losers' bracket, requires a team to **get** together, and **put** together a roll, gather some momentum, taking each game as it comes.

Twins launched their potential streak with a tidy 4-1 win over rival Innerkip Eagles before an appreciative Wednesday mid-afternoon crowd, who were comfortably basking in the sun and enjoying the Twins battle.

Todd Martin and catcher **Chris Shewfelt** were an effective battery with Martin scattering four hits, striking out 9 and working out of jams with a cool demeanor when challenged.

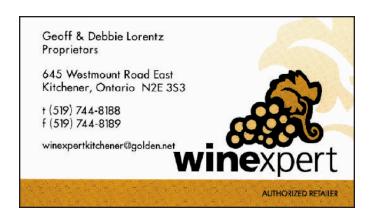
Lead-off batter scrappy **Bill Simmons** collected a pair of hits and scored three of the Twins four runs.

Twin now advance to a "two-a-day" schedule, meeting league rival Jarvis Merchants at 9:00, and with a win, advancing to a 1:00 pm encounter with the Vancouver Grey Sox.

Shewfelt displayed his team value, handling catching chores for Martin, and chipping in with a home run that "left in a hurry" over the centre field bleachers!



Twins lead-off specialist Bill Simmons – a "tough out" – scores three runs. Photo courtesy Andy Bader – Mitchell Advocate









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Winner's Side - "Final Four" Look Familiar

It may not be perfect, and it's certainly not rocket science, but the ISC Ranking Committee must have done it's homework.

Following last night's action, with Orillia Quaker Riversharks, on **Rob O'Brien's** effective 4-hit/11-K pitching performance and **Pat MacKintosh's** 2 hits, handily disposing of the Vancouver Grey Sox (#6 seed).



Pat MacKintosh collects a pair Photo courtesy Riversharks website and the Madison, WI Farm Tavern spotting cross-state rival Denmark, WI Circle Tap (#10 seed) an early 3 run lead before roaring back to win 5-3, the four un-defeated teams are included in the top five rankings. **The Farm Tavern (#2 seed)** and **Riversharks (#3 seed)** meet this afternoon at 5:00 pm, followed at 7:00 pm by **County Materials (#1 seed)** hosting **Patsy's of New York** (#5 seed).

Who's missing from the top five??? None other than host **Kitchener Hallman Twins** who are facing an uphill battle resulting from the surprising 2-1 loss to Whittier Team Rainey on Sunday. The loss would not be termed an upset, but at the least it was wake-up call resulting from a team not ranked in the top 16.

At this point, Twins, who play 1st thing this morning against league rival Jarvis Merchants, must win 4 games to get to Final Day Saturday, plus 2 more to get to the Championship game, undoubtedly against defending Champion County Materials. By contrast, the four teams poised undefeated in the winner's bracket, need but 2 wins to reach Saturday, and then will play just once on Sunday (4:00 pm) for the ISC 2006 Championship.1

YOU MAKE THE CALL

Question: What is the ruling? Answer: Rule:2D2

Hale is out. Makea forfeits his at bat. The officially listed 2nd batter in the line-up, Nathan Nukunuku, now bats.

FROM YESTERDAY

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: Rule 8:6F

Stop Huffing and Puffing, Rod---Wolfey is out! If he had not been put out at 2nd, he would have been sent back to 1st base as a result of the umpire's interference.







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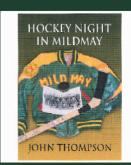
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Musings from the Ball Yard.....

AROUND THE HORN

Bidding is heating up on the ISC "one of a kind" quilt that is on display. The quilt is being sold with proceeds to Special Olympics - current bid is \$550 - a bargain for this fine piece of ISC memorabilia... Sue Sherry, the hardworking volunteer secretary and member of Host the Organizing Committee Executive, doffed her sling on Thursday to attend the ISC Ladies Luncheon...In addition to professional ISC Tournament unique souvenirs, support for the Host Kitchener Hallman Twins can be displayed by purchasing Twins Caps/Tshirts at the Corbett's Sports display near the Molson Refreshment Tent as well a variety of creative Quaker Riversharks items are also available The ISC Under 19 tournev Peter commences at Ball Hallman Yard featuring future ISC stars.

Wednesday

Scores

Ashland 1 Bloomington 5 Ohsweken 4 Davenport 0 Jarvis 4 Czech Republic 3 Midland 2 Fargo 5 Pueblo 3 Green Bay 5 Innerkip 1 Kitchener 4 Denmark 3 Madison 5 Moorhead 2 Ballston Lake 16 Orillia 4 Vancouver 1 Yucaipa 8 Elkhart 7

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions-Today's Games (Projected winner <u>bold underlined</u>) (Record to date 41-19) #61 -9:00 Fargo vs <u>Green Bay</u> #62 - 9:00 Jarvis vs <u>Kitchener</u> #63 - 11:00 Ballston Lake vs <u>Ohsweken</u> #64 - 11:00 Bloomington vs <u>Yucaipa</u>

#65 – W#61 vs <u>Denmark, WI</u> #66 – <u>W#62</u> vs Vancouver BC #67 – W#63 vs Whittier, CA

5:00 – <mark>Orillia</mark> vs Madison 7:00–<mark>Marathon</mark> - New York, NY

9:00 - W#64 vs Saskatoon, SK

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YOGIS.....

In preparing for games, "In theory there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is."

In the pennant race stretch run, Yogi observed – "It's tough to make predictions, especially about the future."

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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 tonight's game, County Materials' Coach John Becker submits his line-up card and Don Hale leads off for County Materials with a sharp single. Thomas Makea stands in at the plate, but before a pitch is thrown the NY Patsy's defensive team appeals that Makea should have batted first. The umpire consults his line-up card and the official Paul scorer Hutcheson and discovers the appeal is correct.

Question: What's the ruling? Answer – See page 2 <u>Yesterday's answer</u> <u>also on Pg 2</u>





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ISC II Tournament of Champions- Day #5

Field cut to 16

By Blair Setford & Jim Flanagan

For the first time ever, a tie-breaker was held. Reading, PA Bob Hoffman's Garage, led by Scott Emerich and Art Devoe defeated the Toronto, ON Champion Indians 6-1 to secure the third and final wild card spot in the 24-team single-elimination playoff bracket ... not to be outdone, Devoe and Bob Hoffman's went on to defeat Denver, CO Colorado Rage 1-0 in a first round playoff game to set up an all-Pennsylvania second round match-up against Perkasie, PA Rise ... Todd Uhrig, of Elora Wellington Brewers, pitched a perfect game against Hermann, MO Black Gold in a 7-0 first round playoff win ... Black Gold was without their ace Eric Steinbeck who had to leave the tournament yesterday due to a death in the family ... Bakersfield, CA California Lumberkings upset Ottawa, ON Team Easton Thunder 2-1 on a Jon Nimmo two-run HR in the 6th ... Lumberkings' pitcher Darren Strang tossed a tidy two-hitter for the win Palermo, ON Athletics got 14 strikeouts from Gord Scott and a massive home run onto



Gord Scott-Palermo Athletics Photo by Andy Bader, Mitchell Advocate Homer Watson Blvd. from Glenn Inglehart to eliminate Glencoe, ON Astros in the final round robin games, CPI need to win to make the playoffs got 1-0 victory over Yakima, WA JRW & Associates ... JRW gave up only five runs in four games, but never scored a run during pool play ... Ashland, OH Merchants, needing to beat Mitchell, ON Mets to make playoffs, did so with a 3-2 win - **Dan Duemo** got the save for winner **Scott Hershey** ...

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

Millington 0 Perkasie 3 South Lebanon 3 Toronto 0 Alvinston 5 Palermo 4 Orangeville 1 Denver 4 Hermann 8 Harriston 1 Elora 7 Stittsville 1 Ashland 3 Mitchell 2 Marshall 5 Sydney 0 Waterdown 5 Bakersfield 4 Ottawa 3 Orrville 4 Yakima 0 Oswego 1 TIE BREAKER(S) Reading 6 Toronto 1 PLAYOFF ROUND Reading 1 Denver 0 Bakersfield 2 Ottawa 1 Elora 7 Hermann 0 Oswego 4 Port Elgin 5 (8 inn)

Palermo4Glencoe1Harriston5Marshall1Wildcard vsPoolG-2ndWildcard vsPoolA-3rd



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ISC II – On the basepaths... ...

St. Thomas & District Fastball League

According to a reliable source, the four team St. Thomas City League began in the mid 1940s.

In the 60's and 70's the League enjoyed its best years, numbers-wise, when fastball was in its glory days. The League was truly an Elgin County and St. Thomas and District League and operated with an 8 - 12 team "A" Division and a 6-10 team "B" Division. Most of the teams were sponsored by St. Thomas and area businesses or industries. The "and District" part of the name consisted of teams from surrounding communities such as Aylmer, Port Stanley, Shedden and Union.

The St. Thomas and District League co-existed alongside

the Southwold Fastball League, (10-15 teams), the Yarmouth Fastball League, (8-10 teams) in any season and the very competitive Memorial Fastball League.

The more competitive St. Thomas and District League became the feeder system for area teams in the Memorial League. Rules regarding player movement between teams in these leagues was very strict and both leagues were able to survive despite the restrictions.

In the mid - seventies with the introduction of slo-pitch to the area, talented and average players began to drift toward slo-pitch and the teams began to dwindle. By 1992, the St. Thomas and District League was the only league remaining in Elgin County.

Since that season, the League has operated from 7-14 including "A" and "B" division the early nineties. The St. Thomas and District Fastball League is а survivor. It continues to be one of the most competitive leagues in Ontario and more than holds its own against the best from other leagues throughout Ontario and the Proof States of the competitiveness within its own League is that in the past five seasons, five different teams have laid claim to the League Play-off Championship.

In 2002, the Alvinston Indians claimed the inaugural ISC II Championship in Kitchener. The following season, Shedden Mission claimed bronze at the ISC II World's in Appleton, WI and in, 2004, Highgate Rock claimed the OASA Int "C" Crown. Alvinston the Masters' Provincial Championship and Union Storm the OASA Senior title

This year, In 2006, the league has seven teams – Alvinston, Aylmer, Blenheim, Glencoe, Morpeth, Shedden and St. Thomas.

TODAY'S GAMES PLAYOFF ROUND

OPENING ROUND #79- 9:00 am - B1 Reading vs Perkasie #80-10:00 am-B2 Bakersfield vs Kitchener #81 - 11:00 am - B1 Elora vs Tavistock #83-12:00noon-B2 Palermo vs Elmira #82-1:00 pm-B1 Port Elgin vs Bridgeport #84 – 2:00 pm – B2 Harriston vs South Lebanon #85 - 3:00 pm - B1 W77 vs Mitchell #86 – 4:00 pm – B2 W78 vs Alvinston

QUARTERFINALS

#87 - 5:00 pm - B1 W#79 vs W#80 #88 - 6:00 pm - B2 W#81 vs W#82 #89 - 7:00 pm - B1 W#83 vs W#84 #90 - 9:00 pm - B1 W#85 vs W#86

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Semi-finals (9:00 & 11:00) and Championship Game (5:00) Will be played at Peter Hallman Ball Yard

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