

Championship countdown

New offensive bullies emerge...Patsy's Paste County Materials

The largest crowd of the week enjoyed a day of good ol' fastball at Peter Hallman Ball Yard. Of the ten games scheduled for "getaway day" (for teams eliminated from the event) seven went down to the last batter with the score differential being two runs or less.

The day started with a 9-inning roller-coaster of emotions as **Fargo, ND Kegel Black Knights** defeated **Green Bay, WI Townline** 4-3 on a bases-loaded 2-out and 2 strike unt hit by **Tim Macumber**. And the day got better as the sun rose, peaked and set on the 'Yard – with perfect weather conditions accenting the pristine conditions on the fields.

Attendance by knowledgeable softball fans was on the upswing for the 1:00 pm match-up between host **Kitchener Hallman Twins** and the **Vancouver Grey Sox**. The host Twins added another "W" to their momentum building march to the weekend, as fireballer **Don Scott** came oh-so-close to a no-hitter. Scott was staked to an early lead, and was throwing with confidence, completing six innings of one-hit pitching. Todd Martin in relief in the 7th, got two quick outs before dishing up a home run to keep fans on the edge of their seats before retiring the side. The Twins 2-1 win eliminated the 6th seeded Sox.

Attendance increased for the Championship round doubleheader, and there was a buzz in the air as four undefeated teams squared off in the double-header that relegated two teams to the Losers' Bracket.

In the 7:00 pm game, fan sentiment was behind the **Patsy's of New York, NY**, who brought their behometh line-up to the Yard, to do what few have done in the past few years – beat the #1 seeded defending champion **Marathon, WI County Materials**. **Gerald Muizelaar**, dominant pitcher since the turn of the century, toed the rubber for the Patsy's, and **Argentina's Lucas Mata** was on the mound for County. The pitching match-up was superb and the game was scoreless through 4 innings. In the 5h, Muizelaar

enjoying a 1-2-3 outing. In B-5, crafting a one-hit performance of his own, Mata was rudely greeted by Patsy catcher **Frank DeGroat** who hit a line drive homer over the centre field bleachers. Next batter Daniel Milne punctuated the statement with his own towering moon-shot to left centre and the Patsys had all they needed with a 2-0 lead. Mata gave way to Andrew Kirkpatrick who struck out the side. In the 6th, Patsy's doubled their output, confirming the statement that "everything starts with two out" as a walk to **Brad Rona**, two wild pitches/passed balls, an error and Degroat's 2nd hit of the game, doubled the score to 4-0. Fans, conscious of County's reputation of being the big bullies on the block, were appreciative of the new "Kids on the Block" from Manhattan, who did some spanking of their own.

Final – Patsy's 4 County Materials 0 (con't page 2)



Kitchener Hallman Twins Grant Baechler slides safely into 2nd base as host Kitchener Hallman Twins started their march through the Loser's Bracket with a 4-1 win over rival Innerkip Bright Cheese House Eagles.

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Quaker Riversharks devour Farmers

Earlier, **Orillia Quaker Riversharks**, the team assembled to build a winner, did just that as pitcher **Frank Cox** of Owen Sound effectively scattered 5 hits in leading the Sharks to a 3-1 win over the #2 seeded Farm Tavern of Madison, WI.

The Farm took a 1-0 lead in B-4 on a **Rob Gray** single, eventually making his way to 3rd Base to score on a **Todd Budke** sacrifice fly.

In T-5, Sharks got Cox all he needed, as **Pat MacKintosh** led off with a home run, and **Pat Graham** and **Stacey Mclean** singled, with Sharks taking advantage of some loose Farm-yard defensive chores to score three in the inning.

Graham and Mclean, along with Townsend native **Ian Fehrman** each had two hits for the Sharks, while Gray and **Keith MacIntosh** split four of the Farm's total five hits.

The win sets the stage for a classic Friday night match-up with "big-time city" Patsy's testing the resolve of Orillia's small-town roster. Both teams realize that the win Friday night is strategic, with the victor advancing to the Championship final on Saturday at 4:00 pm. Tonight's loser will have to win a semi-final match at 2:00 pm Saturday prior to the championship game.

Look for Patsy's young Aussie sensation **Adam Folkard** to toe the rubber for New York, while Sharks could counter with **Michael White** (all-time ISC career wins leader), or the versatile and effective **Rob O'Brien**, himself no stranger to closing weekend mound performances.



Pat Graham – 2 key hits in Orillia Rivershark's

5th inning feeding frenzy

Photo courtesy Orillia Riversharks website

TODAY'S FEATURE GAME

**ORILLIA Quaker Riversharks (#3) vs
NEW YORK Patsy's (#5) - 7:00 pm
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MAKE THE CALL

(Thanks to Superfan and former umpire Pat Smith)

Let's confess! Everyone at the Ball-Yard is also an umpire. So,

YOU MAKE THE CALL!

Well, it is every longtime Waterloo/Kitchener fan's dream matchup. The score is 1-0 in favor of the Twins over the Larry Lynch led Saskatoon nine. Saskatoon loads the bases with none out in the bottom of the 7th. Coach Lynch inserts his smartest base-runner at 3rd-himself. Abbot is on 2nd and Costello is on 1st. The batter sends a fly ball to deep right-center field. The wily Lynch holds his spot on the bag waiting for first contact by the fielder. Abbot also decides to tag and advance to 3rd with the winning run. However, Costello, takes off from 1st when the ball is struck. Centerfielder, Levy, loses the ball in the sun and it falls at his feet. Just then, Coach Lynch develops a severe cramp and falls in a heap on top of 3rd base. Unaware of his

coach's misfortune, Abbot slides into third, followed immediately by Costello who leaps on top of both of them yelling "Aaaabot". The ball is thrown to Jody Eidt who sees the "Lynch mob" all clinging desperately to 3rd base. He yells to his uncle, Doug, "Who's on 3rd?" to which Doug replies, "I don't know!" Jody tags Abbot and Costello. Coach Lynch rolls off the bag and asks, "Why me?" Now, Jody offers his sympathy as he applies the tag. The three umpires huddle up.

Question: What the heck is going on here?

Answer – See bottom of page 3
(Yes, it's there!!!)

AROUND THE HORN...

Memories of '06 tourney.... Tons of photos are available at the ISC Photo tent adjacent to the Molson Refreshment Centre. Hundreds, and possibly thousands of photos are available from the week and can be viewed on-line and are available to

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Answer: Rule 8:3E

Sorry, Saskatoon, all three are out! Abbot and Costello for attempting to occupy the base legally entitled to Coach Lynch and Larry, the big wimp, for then leaving the base he legally possessed and being tagged while the ball was still live.

Closing: Did you get this one right? I hope you went eight for eight in the tournament and are all named "Most Valuable Umpire" this week. Thanks to Pat for some thought-provoking and fun scenarios.



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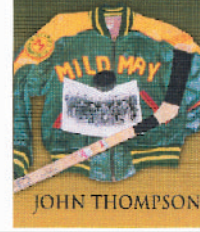
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Musings from the Ball Yard.....

UMPIRE DISSES

A collection of favorite
baseball slang that adds
colour to the game.

"Hey ump – is that a dinner
plate? Apparently it has no
corners!"

"I've seen better calls at a
square dance."

"It's a strike zone, not an end
zone!"

"What were you – a lookout for
Pearl Harbour?"

"Can I pet your seeing-eye
dog after the game?"

"I thought only horses slept
standing up."

"That was a strike in any
bowling alley!"

"When your dog barks twice,
it's a strike!"

"You couldn't make a call in
a phone booth."

"I've seen potatoes with better
eyes!"

"Leave the gift-giving to
Santa!"

"Have they stopped printing the
rule books in braille?"

"How about asking the fans?
Do you want to use another
lifeline?"

**Tomorrow- The Umpire
Strikes Back!!!!**

Thursday Scores

Fargo 4 **Green Bay** 3
Jarvis 0 **Kitchener** 2
Ballston Lake 2 **Ohsweken** 0
Bloomington 2 **Yucaipa** 8
Fargo 3 **Denmark** 2
Kitchener 2 Vancouver 1
Ballston Lake 1 **Whittier** 0
Orillia 3 Madison 1
Marathon 0 New York, NY 4
Yucaipa 2 **Saskatoon, SK** 3

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions-Today's Games
(Projected winner **bold underlined**)
(Record to date 46-24)

#71 11:00 Fargo vs **Kitchener**
#72 1:00 Ballston Lake vs
Saskatoon, SK
#73 3:00 – W71 vs **Marathon**
5:00 ISC II CHAMPIONSHIP
#74 7:00 – New York Patsy's
vs **Orillia Quaker Riversharks**
#75 9:00 w72 VS **Madison**
The Tavern

SATURDAY

#76 12:00 W73 VS W75
#77 2:00 pm W76 vs L74
#78 4:00 pm – W74 vs W77

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ISC II Tournament of Champions- Day #6

Championship Friday

By Blair Setford & Jim Flanagan

And then there were four - The Sweet 16 was narrowed down to the **Final Four** in ISC II on Thursday night as **Micksburg, ON Twins Corey Costello** entered the record book for most strikeouts in a tournament ... Costello came into his quarter-final game tied with **Jonas Mach** of the **Thomson, IL Area Merchants** at 85, erasing the old record of 80 ... after striking out the first batter of the game, the ball was removed from play and Costello eventually pushed the record to 98 and counting as he struck out 13 as **Micksburg, defeated Ashland, OH Merchants 2-0** ... **Gord Scott** of **Palermo, ON Athletics** scattered three hits and struck out nine in a 1-0 win over **South Lebanon, PA TNT** ... **Perkasie, PA Rise** reached the semis with a 3-1 win over **Kitchener, ON Phoenix Outlaws** with Rise pitcher **Ben Blonde** allowed only two hits to get the win ... **Ryan Cummings** picked up two wins on the day for **Tavistock, ON Merchants**, tossing a no-hitter (his second of the tournament) at **Elora, ON Wellington Brewers** in second round action

before knocking out **Port Elgin, ON Blue Devils** on a one-hitter (also his second of the tournament).... Earlier in the day, Port Elgin's **Scott Christie** tossed a complete game 5-2 gem to knock out the host **Bridgeport, ON PROforma Braves** ... **Jeremy Tracy** had a monster home run and picked up the win for TNT over **Harriston, ON Mercurys** ... **Tim Dubois** has the game-winning RBI in the 9th as Kitchener knocked out the fan-favourite **Bakersfield, CA California Lumberkings** ... **Brad Pender** keys a Micksburg rally from down four to rebound against **Alvinston, ON Indians** to win 5-4 ... **Highlight of the day:** Trailing 5-0 into the sixth, Palermo rallies for 8(!) runs against the defending champion **Elmira, ON Cubs** ... **Gord Scott** re-enters the game after reliever Chad Reed pinched a nerve in his shoulder and strikes out the final batter with the bases loaded to preserve a 8-5 win.

THURSDAY'S SCORES PLAYOFFS- 2nd Round

Perkasie, PA 8 Reading, PA 1 (6)
Kitchener, ON 2 Bakersfield, CA 1 (9)
Tavistock, ON 3 Elora, ON 0

Palermo, ON 8 Elmira, ON 5

Port Elgin, ON 5 Bridgeport, ON 2

South Lebanon, PA 4 Harriston, ON 3 (8)

Ashland, ON 5 Mitchell, ON 2

Micksburg, ON 5 Alvinston, ON 1 4

QUARTERFINALS

Perkasie, PA Rise 3 - Kitchener, ON

Outlaws 1

Tavistock, ON Merchants 2 Port

Elgin Blue Devils 0

Palermo, ON Athletics 1 South

Lebanon, PA TNT 0

Micksburg, ON Twins 2 Ashland, OH

Merchants 0

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Tavistock, ON Merchants

11:00 am Micksburg, ON Twins

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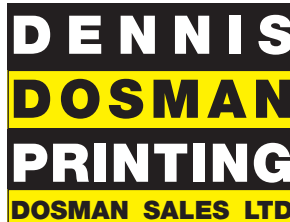
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