

Volume 5 by John Thompson

Tuesday Aug. 15, 2006

Twilight doubleheader key games

– late week “double-life” at stake

Winners advance with 2 lives

The scheduling gurus of the ISC and host committee are throwing a party tonight, with a highly charged doubleheader slated for 5/7 pm on PHBY Diamond #1. Pitchers take heed – these line-ups are not for the faint of heart!

Game #1 features the juggernaut **Marathon, WI County Materials**, who score early, pouncing on opposing pitchers for an opening-inning run in each of their two games to date. In 11 innings of batting, the County lads have 12 runs and 17 hits. For Saskatoon, as veteran local coach **Larry Lynch**, in his second year as a Saskatoon Coach declares, “This is the test – this is definitely what it’s all about.”

Game #2 provides opportunity for the Massapequa Patsys to strut their stuff. Rest assured, the “Patsys” are not at all like their team moniker. The New York City based squad, entering the tourney seeded 5th with long-term experience in modified play, bring large strike zones to the plate. However, this line-up doesn’t look at a lot of pitches. These are first-rate New York swingers – waiting the count for free passes to first base only twice in two games - **Brad Rona**, with typical Kiwi patience and **Jeff Hooks**. Meanwhile, taking it deep with Home Runs and 2 rbis each were **Louie Joglar**, **Frank DeGroat**, **Landy Rodriguez** and former Waterloo Twin **Adam Lalonde**, he of the “cannon in the outfield” fame. Offence to date – 13 innings, 13 runs scored on 22 hits. Team Rainey enjoyed a moment of glory in its well- deserved Sunday win over the Hallman Twins... another tall order awaits!

Classic Mound Battle... Hard-throwing **Rob Schweyer** of Moorhead, MN MinnDak Millers twirled a fancy one-hitter in the Opening Round... and his team needed it.



MinnDak's Rob Schweyer fashions one-hitter

TODAY'S FEATURE GAME

MARATHON, WI County Materials vs

SASKATOON, SK Aspen Black Sox

P Ball Yard #1 Tuesday August 15^h - 5:00 pm

With opposing pitcher **Paul Algar** tossing a two-hitter in his new uniform with the Benton Harbor, MI Planggers Furniture, it wasn't a case of friendly “Miller Time” in the batters box. Schweyer's efforts were rewarded as the Millers eventually scored in the fast-paced (1 hour, 35 minutes) match. Algar, a surprise addition to the Planggers' line-up, is back following the serious line-drive incident of earlier this summer.



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Use Your Brain to Heal Your Body - Many psychological techniques can help boost the body's healing process and quicken recovery. Each day, take time to try and focus your mental energy on images of your injured area healing and getting back to normal.

Keep Believing, Embrace the Challenge - Last but not least, remember that a setback is an opportunity for a comeback! Many top executives and world famous athletes'

Chris Kraemer, DC, CSCS

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ANSWER - YOU Make the Call, from Page 4

Question: What is the ruling? **Answer:** Rule 8:1D

Even though the batter did not reach 1st base safely, the manager of the offended team is given the option of accepting the result of the play or having the batter be awarded 1st base with only those runners who are forced to advance by that ruling doing so. (*Gee! I wonder what the manager should do in this case???*)

(Editor's Note – This was a rule change that our “You Make The Caller” author proposed and was accepted by the ASA rules committee many years ago. Prior to that, the manager had no option and the run would not have scored on that play. Way to Go Pat!)

YOU Make the Call, from YESTERDAY

There are runners on 1st and 3rd with one out. The batter hits a deep fly ball to left field. The runner on 3rd waits until the ball is caught and then runs home. The runner on 1st, thinking the ball would not be caught, left on contact. Seeing the catch made, he starts back to 1st but stumbles on the way. The ball is relayed to the 1st baseman who is standing on the bag before the runner touches the base. Meanwhile, the runner from 3rd has touched home plate before the ball reaches the 1st baseman.

Question: Does the run count? **Answer:** "Points of Emphasis" Tag-ups. **Yes - run counts.** This is considered a "Time Play" and not a force out, even though the 1st baseman did not have to tag the runner. If the appeal (live ball or dead ball) is the third out, any runs scored ahead of the legal appeal will count.

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Reflections... A Look Back...

GONE.....

BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Remember when **Bill Boyer** was a near "automatic" to be penciled in as an All-World outfielder for the first half of the 90's when his Sioux City team was the dominant force in the ISC. After his initial All World selection in 1985 as a member of the Belleyue, WA Pay & Pak, Bill was named A-W outfielder 4 times between 1990-95. Not coincidentally, the Sioux City team's success mirrored Bill's accomplishments, with six top-three finishes – two each of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Most fans agree that Bill called it quits too early.

Remember when **Jason Hansen**, provided the constant banter of incessant infield chatter, ("Come on Mahtee, Mahtee" for pitcher **Marty Grant** - or perhaps even **Todd Martin**) with a distinctive twang that is "oh-some-memorable". Not only could Jason "talk-the-talk", he was quite capable to "walk the walk". In 1996, with the champion Tampa Bay Smokers, Jason found some "pop in his bat" with 3 HRs and 6 rbis to complement his fine infield play and was named 1st team All-World. Five years later, now with the New York/Tampa Bay Smokers, he batted .500 for a 2nd All-World selection.

MEMORABLE TOURNEYS

From The Past (2001)

Twice a bridesmaid at the "show". But in Eau Claire, WI in 2001, **Doc Simmons** and the **Broken Bow NE Travelers** were not to be thrice-denied.. A strong pitching tandem of **Gerald Muizelaar** (5W-0L, 55 Ks, 0.44) and **Rob Schweyer** (3W-0L, 26 Ks and 0.00 ERA), both named as 1st team All-Worlds, provided the pitching, with Muizelaar drawing the Championship game assignment. The opposition was provided by **Rod Peterson's Madison, WI The Farm Tavern**, accustomed to competing on the final day, and Madison quickly went up 1-0 in T-1. Travelers countered in B-1 with 3 runs, and that's all they needed. Doc and the 'Bow had their long-sought-after championship.

Other Broken Bow players who received First Team All-World honours were Catcher **Darren Box** (BA .400; 3 HR, 11 rbis); Infielder **Ron Head** (BA .391; 4 HR; 10 rbis); Outfielder **Ryan Wolfe** (BA .458; 2 HR; 6 rbis), while 2nd team recognition included infielder **Jarrad Martin** (BA .458 and 6 rbis) and DH **Mike Schweiger** (BA .500; 3 HR and 6 rbis).

Around the horn...

Great patience and understanding by all teams in the rain delayed Day #3. To expect nine days of sun without rain would require an extreme dose of good luck, or hosting the event in the Sahara or Mojave.... Diamond #3 proves to be a great asset as the two last scheduled games on Tuesday would have had to be played in the "wee-wee hours of the morning- not conducive for any of the stakeholders – players, fans or officials. The two games **Jarvis vs Bahamas (1:00 pm)** and **Midland vs Vandalia (3:00 pm)** are now scheduled for today on Diamond #3.... Sports Juice broadcasts at Budd Park with the **Jim and Blair show** were easy to listen to, and provided valuable up-date information... Great Job at AI's Fastball and the ISC Website in providing accurate schedule changes and partial scores – **well done AI!**

Volunteers are superb...

Host Committee volunteers are drawing rave reviews for their personable style, enthusiasm and knowledge... great training ad organization by volunteer Coordinators **Sandy Quahl and Dave Schnarr**.... A piece of pie a day from **Donna's Diner** provides opportunity for variety for each day of the tourney - 9 days & more flavours – **PRICELESS!**



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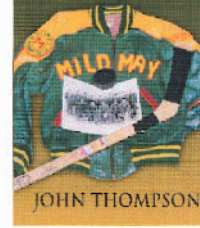
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Musings from the Ball Yard.....

TWINS' THOUGHTS

What is the most exciting aspect of fastball?

Outfielder Bill Simmons

states "I like bean-balls, diving catches, turned double plays, collisions at the plate, the drag bunt, the walk-off home run, the pickle, the double steal, grass stains, dirt stains, blood stains, flat rise-balls, the head-first slide and the clicking of spikes on concrete. But, I like winning the most!"

Infielder Jody Eidt suggests that it's "The challenge of facing a top pitcher and working as a team to play well enough to beat him. This can bring a team together as well as anything."

Outfielder Ted Kosciuszka feels that "It's the close games – every hit, run, sacrifice, catch and throw counts and matters."

Infielder Evan Boyd confirms that "Playing with good and fun team-mates. My two best years of fastball were Owen Sound '03 and Twins '05. Both teams weren't the most skilled, but everyone really got along and we played really well as a team. Both teams had a lot of fun off the field as well!!!!"

Monday Scores

Copenhagen 2	Benton Harbor 0
Bloomington 2	Ashland 0
Innerkip 4	Houston 1
Portland 2	Ohsweken 1
Czech Republic 4	Jarvis 0
Bahamas 0	Wilkes Barre 7
Aurora 6	Midland 5
Fargo 6	Vandalia 0
Denmark 4	Yucaipa 2
Benton Harbor 0	Ashland 2
Elkhart 4	Madison 8
Houston 1	Ohsweken 3
Jarvis 4	Bahamas -Ppnd
Loser #31	vs Loser #32 - Ppnd

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions-Today's Games
(Projected winner **bold underlined**)
(Record to date 22-12)

9:00 am	Bloomington vs Green Bay
9:00	Copenhagen vs Pueblo
11:00	Portland vs Kitchener
11:00	Innerkip vs Davenport
1:00	Wilkes Barre vs Ballston Lake
1:00	Czech Republic vs Moorhead
1:00	Jarvis vs Bahamas
3:00	Aurora, IL vs Yucaipa
3:00	Fargo vs Elkhart
3:00	Midland vs Vandalia
5:00	Marathon vs Saskatoon
5:00	L37 vs L38
7:00 pm	Massapequa vs Whittier
7:00	L39 vs L40
9:00	L41 vs L42
9:00	L43 vs L44

50/50

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YOGIS.....

Advice from Yogi for rookies spending time on the bench – "You can observe a lot by watching."

Observation from Yogi about how baseball is changing – "The future ain't what it used to be."

At a dinner in an Italian restaurant, Yogi was asked how many slices should be cut in his pizza, and he replied – "You better make it four – I don't think I could eat eight."

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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, imagine **Aspen's Tex Lessard** is on 3rd base with the score tied in the bottom of the 7th. As the batter, **Saskatoon's DH Trevor Ethier** swings, the catcher, **County Materials' Pat Shannon**, tips his bat. The umpires signals and announces "catcher's obstruction". Nevertheless, Ethier drives the ball to deep left where it is caught. The runner legally tags and beats the throw to home.

Question: What is the ruling?

Answer – See page 2

Yesterday's answer as well.



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ISC II Tournament of Champions- Day #2

Rain delay nuisance, but show "must go on".....

By Blair Setford & Jim Flanagan

A 3.5 hour rain delay at 3 pm forced games to be shifted in order to avoid midnight start times ... In golf, Saturday is moving day and at the ToC, Monday is positioning day as several teams eyed first place in their respective pools (and a first-round bye for the 24-team single knockout playoff)... In pool E, Glencoe Astros (2-0) rode a three-hit 15-strikeout performance by **Shaun Winship** to a 6-1 win over Oswego CPI ... In pool G, Tavistock Merchants (2-0) have yet to allow a run, defeating South Lebanon TNT 3-0 behind the pitching of **Cam Struth** and **Steve Cook** ... full standings are available at www.ballparkradio.com ...

ISC II strikeout record in jeopardy? The ISC II strikeout record for a tournament is 80 in 45" innings by **Keith Potter** (Zeeland, MI) in 2002. **Jonas Mach** has 50 strikeouts in 22 innings so far but a 1-2 record means his Thomson, IL Area

Merchants team will need to win their next game against Bridgeport to qualify for playoffs to give Mach a shot at the record ... tune in to ballparkradio.com Tuesday at 7 pm to see if Mach and Thomson are in the hunt .

Strikeout Carnage: Regan Manley of the Colorado Rage has 34 Ks in 14 innings ... Micksburg's **Corey Costello** - 20 vs Orangeville (perfect game, won 9-0); Thomson's **Jonas Mach** - 20 vs Waterdown (8 innings, lost 5-4) and 19 vs California Lumberkings (lost 2-1); Colorado Rage's **Regan Manley** - 19 vs Elmira (lost 6-0).

PERFECT RECORDS Ontario teams are dominating the first half of the Pool Play with 9 of 10 teamssporting 2-0 records from the Trillium Province: (A) - Elmira; (B) Bridgeport & Waterdown (C) - Perkasi, PA & Harriston; (D) Alvinston & Palermo; (E) Glencoe; (F) Kitchener and (G) Tavistock

BROADCAST SCHEDULE TODAY

1 pm Perkasi vs Harriston
3 pm Port Elgin vs Palermo
5 pm Elmira vs Micksburg
7 pm Bridgeport vs Thomson

MONDAY'S SCORES

Harriston 2 Millington 0
Palermo 3 Harrisburg 2
Toronto 3 Orrville 1
Kingston 2 **Perkasi** 4
Bakersfield 2 Thomson 1
Fitzroy Harbour 2 **Waterdown** 5
Denver 8 Micksburg 0
Ashland 2 Yakima 0
Grande Prairie 2 **Port Elgin** 3 (8 inn)
Tavistock 3 South Lebanon 0
Reading 1 **Elmira** 2
Kitchener 6 Marshall 3
Oswego 1 **Glencoe** 5
Sydney 0 **Elora** 7
Perkasie 8 Hermann 2
Fitzroy Harbour 2 **Bridgeport** 6
Port Elgin 1 **Alvinston** 3

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ISC II – On the basepaths... ..

BRAVES BRIEFS

What is your most memorable or special "on field" moment?

Infielder Travis Murdock

recalls "When I used to pitch, I remember my first game in the KFL Men's league when I was 18 years old – I threw my first no-hitter and went four for four at the plate- talk about a good impression."

Pitcher Jim Schnarr remembers

winning the 1986 Canadian Junior Men's Fastball Championship with the North Fredericksburg (Napane) Juniors in St. John's Newfoundland.

Coach Larry Cox has

memories of throwing his first no-hitter at each 18.. He states "After the game I discovered that I had a dime in my shoe...ever since then, every important game or personal event in my life I've put a dime in my shoe for good luck."

Infielder Rob Weiler, in a

display of team spirit, stated that "Every game is "special" playing in Bridgeport."

Golden Horseshoe

Fastball League

By Blair Setford

While the Golden Horseshoe Fastball League was formed in 2003, it includes a rich history of fastball spanning back more than 35 years. In 2006, the GHFL includes:

Hamilton Hawks ('05 Finalists);
Millgrove Smoke,
Mississauga Arrows,
Morrison A's,
Niagara Snappers ('05 Champs)
Niagara Falls Fury,
N. Falls Cool Hand Luke's,
N. Falls Beam Me Up Scotties;
St. Catharines R.H. Chili Pepper;
Waterdown Hammer,
Waterdown Coyotes, and
Waterdown Alexander Keiths

In 2005, GHFL All-Stars played the World Champion Australian Junior Men's team at Kerr Park in Niagara Falls and the league has established an annual All-Star Challenge (**PROForma Cup**) with the South Perth Men's fastball League. GHFL teams have competed at both the ISC II Tournament of



Blair Setford & Dan Duemo
Co-founders of the GHFL

Dan has been named the Top Pitcher in the GHFL for the past two years. Blair serves as President & web administrator and plays for & helps manage the Mississauga Arrows.

Champions (Niagara Snappers and Waterdown Hammer) and the Ontario Challenge Cup.

The GHFL web site at www.ghfl.ca is the most popular men's fastball site in Ontario, with more than 155,000 page views last year.

TODAY'S GAMES

9:00 B1 Glencoe vs Ashland
9:00 K1 Micksburg vs Reading
10:00 B2 Mitchell vs Yakima
10:00 K2 Orangveill vs Elmira
11:00 B1 Marshall vs Stittville
11:00 K1 Alvinston vs Harrisburg
Noon B2 Torotno, vs Tavistock
Noon K2 Kitchener vs Elora
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 Perkasio vs Hermann
8:00 B2 Fitzroy. Harbour vs Bridgeport
9:00 B1 Port Elgin vs Alvinston

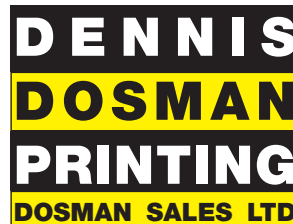
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