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John Thompson, Editor

Fastball Fever–Fun For Fans For Final Four

Fastball's Final Four – and what a quartet of quality teams & skilled players advanced to the “Saturday Show”.

Madison WI Farm Tavern (ISC-ranked #6 and DD #4) – Rod Peterson, one of the icons of ISC history, who annually builds a contender has the formula – this year he re-tooled and while considered a bit of an under-dog, The Farm Tavern is in the driver's seat. Pitcher **Korry Gareau (4-0)** is enjoying an excellent tournament with solid support from **Rob Schweyer**, and both pitchers have adapted well to newcomer **Jesse Delorit** behind the dish. Full marks for a perfect “5 and 0” week to date – and an impressive win last night over SoCal.

Palm Springs, CA SoCal Bombers (ISC-ranked #4 and DD co-favorite) – the rapidly improving west coast squad (9th in 2006; 10th in 2005) will re-group for today, following a revolving door parade to the mound last evening. **Lucas Mata** will be the “go-to” guy and get the starting assignment.

New York, NY Patsy's (ISC-ranked #2 & DD co-favorite) – the “new kid on the block”, 2006 ISC Bridesmaid and current 2007 ASA Champions. How did they lose a game this week? Should a re-match occur with The Farm, the “bog-dog” bats may be barking louder.

Clifton Park, NY Broken Bow Gremlins (ISC-ranked #1 and DD #3) – more appropriately named the Travelers in the team's earliest hey-days in mid-America Cornhusker Country, re-located to the Empire state. Late season surge by Doc's boys and splendid play of this cast of defending Champion Marathon WI County Materials team

Bragging rights – ignoring the rankings resulted in Diamond Dirt being 100% perfect in predicting teams for the final four. We'll still stick with our original prognostication for SoCal as Champs, with The Farm as runners-up. The Farm has appeared in Championship Day final four 11 of the last 12 years (counting this year) with two Championships (1997 & '99) and three runners-up – (1998, '01 & '05).



Broken Bow Gremlins score on a neat slide into **Orillia Riversharks** catcher **Sean O'Brien** while pitcher **Frank Cox** provides coverage



Gremlins pitcher **Andrew Kirkpatrick** from Canberra Australia pitched in ISC Championship games the last two years, winning both for **Marathon, WI County Materials**.



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ISC TRIVIA

Yesterday's - One player pitched four (4) perfect games in ISC tournaments – he played in this year's event. **Who is it?**

Answer - Perfect games are elusive as pitchers need "S&S" - their "stuff" to be working and their "staff" to provide solid defence. In the ISC history book, only 31 pitchers have twirled a "perfect game" - that rare event of facing the minimum number of batters. Twenty-five of these pitchers have one no-hitter each, while four pitchers **Jimmy Moore, Kevin Herlihy, Mark Smith and Paul Algar**, each have two perfect games. **Michael White** has three perfect games which is amazing. What is truly astounding is that the golden southpaw arm with the most perfect games is **Mike Piechnik**, covering a span of 22 years: - Madison WI '85; Sioux City IA '93; Philadelphia PA '98 and Waterloo ON 2002.

KNOW YOUR SUDS!

Yesterday's Question - Molson advertising introduced **Joe Canada in 2000** with the tag line "**I Am Canadian**". This tag line was discontinued in 2005, replaced by a new advertising tag line - "**It Starts Here**". That was used for two years and in 2007 was replaced. What is the current Molson's tag line in its advertising campaign?

Answer - The new tag line for Molson's marketing and advertising is "**True Canadian Taste**".

THANKS TO ROGERS SPORTS TELEVISION management and crew for taking the fastball tournament to the masses locally and throughout Ontario. Good sports television programming and many favorable comments and positive feedback have been received.

PATSY'S PLOT SOME STRATEGY



The **New York, NY Patsy's**, who recently won the ASA 2007 Championship, are looking to carve another notch in their bat. Team chemistry and communication is important to ensure success, as demonstrated by Manager **Phil Rogers** (#1) in a mound conference with catcher **Frank DeGroat** (left) **Brad Rona** (#15 - 3B) and **Jeff Hook** (#25 - 1B).

MYSTERY OF THE BACKSTOP CAMERA - who is the owner of the camera behind home plate? Is it a device of deception, part of a clandestine operation to steal opposing teams' signals, provide your batter with additional info. Nope - the truth be known it is ISC TV streaming equipment, to assist the broadcast crew in taking the 61st annual ISC championships 'round the world' via the internet.

Authority figures, both local and international, are encouraged to cease and desist from harassment and public inquiry into the moral fibre of Meadville Mogul Tim.



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I don't care if I never get back.
Let me root, root, root for the home team,
If they don't win it's a shame
For it's 1, 2, 3 strikes you're out,
At the old ball game."**

OK – you've got the words...

.Championship Day we want the
neighborhood to hear you.

Is it Worth it? This year a new game
ball has been introduced for ISC play - the
Worth Restricted Flight ball that is designed
to reduce the chance of injury caused by the
impact between the former poly core centre
and the new high tech bats in use today. It
reduces the number of home runs hit (oh
really??) reserving them for those with the
strength or bat speed to hit it out of the park.
Good for the pitchers, a challenge to the
hitters. ISC executive director **Ken
Hackmeister** says the Worth C120WISC
has been developed for the ISC and that
it has also been adopted by NAFA and
ASA as their official ball. Softball Canada
has also adopted this safer ball.

From Dennis Dosman.

JOHNATHAN BAKER

. It is through the eyes of the game's up-
and-comers that provide a true
appreciation of the future for this
magnificent game of fastball.

Growing up in the long shadow cast by
ISC fastball greats, is K-W's own
Johnathan Baker. In 2006 Johnathan
wowed the audience with his speech at
the 2006 Hall of Fame Breakfast.

More than half of Johnathan's dozen years have been
spent playing and perfecting his game. Johnathan's
passion is as big as the game itself. Even if the majors
don't call him, Johnathan wants to have a future in
sport as a trainer or physiotherapist.



Picture by Jackie Taylor

It was in pursuit of this dream that provided
Johnathan to one of his biggest opportunities
of his life: throwing the opening pitch at the
2007 ISC Fastball Tournament.

The ISC Tournament has a special place in
Johnathan's heart. "I was so excited when the
tournament was coming to Kitchener last year. I
wrote my grade five class speech about it. To be
invited to throw the first pitch for the ISC II was

awesome. And that's cool."

Next time the ISC comes to Kitchener,
Johnathan hopes to be part of the
volunteer team or—even better—playing!

From Candi Harrington

BALL PLAYERS STOP AT NOTHING



Outfield fences took a beating this
week with many collisions and
contacts, and a well-timed run-
through as demonstrated by an
Innerkip Eagle outfielder.

BALL PLAYERS CAN FLY



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Ryan Wolfe, outfielder for the **Orillia
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SCOREBOARD

(Game # - Team - R-H-E)

#71 – Orillia 3-5-1

Innerkip 2-4-0

Ian Fehrman 2x3 (HR), Blair Ezekiel (HR), Pat Humphries (HR), Steve Running (HR)

WP – Robbie O'Brien

LP - Dan Skillings

#72 – Albaugh 5-8-0

Vancouver 2-6-1

(8 innings)

Tom Owen 2x3, Brian Abrey 2x4, Karl Gollan (HR),

Phil Perkins (HR)

WP - Karl Gollan (4-0)

LP – Nick Underhill (5-1)

#73 - Broken Bow 9-10-2

Orillia 2-7-0

Jarrad Martin 2x2 (HR-2), Nathan Nukunuku 2x3 (HR),

Ryan Wolfe (2x2), Paul Walford HR, Steve Mullaley (HR)

WP–Andrew Kirkpatrick (3-0)

LP – Frank Cox (2-2)

#74–Farm Tavern 10-12-0

SoCal 3-4-2

Colin Abbott 3x3(HR),

Evan Potskin 2x2 (HR),

Jason Hill 2x2

WP – Korry Gareau (4-0)

LP – Sean Whitten (1-1)

#75 – Patsy's – 8-7-0

Albaugh 0-2-1

Travis Wilson 2x3 (HR), Louie Joglar 2x3, Cory Christensen 2x2, Daniel Milne (HR)

WP – Gerald Muizelaar (3-0)

LP - Phil Perkins (0-1)

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions for

Saturday's Games

(Record to date **55-20**)

(Projected winner **bold underlined**)

4th Place Game

2:00 – Broken Bow vs **Patsy's**

3rd Place – Semi-final

4:00 – Winner 2:00 pm vs **SoCal**

Championship Final

6:00 – **Winner of 4:00 pm** vs

The Farm Tavern

(Last year's predictions – **50-25**
plus 3 for 3 correct on Final Day)

50/50

Wednesday August 15

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Thursday August 16

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Ron Ewashkiw, Calgary, AB

Friday August 17

#722840 - \$91

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CHUCKER CHALLENGE

Daily Achievers

Youth/Ladies/Men/Player

Wednesday (km/hour)

Cody Ferguson - 86

Kristen Jacques, Owen Sound - 94

Gerald Martin, Mike Plant - 102

Denise Foxton, Ayr - 89

Jordan Smith (McDermott's of
Baltimore) - 116

Thursday

Alex McKay - 80

Kristen Jacques – Owen Sound - 91

Andrew Pike, Waterloo – 113

Mitch Townsend – 121

Friday

Eric Fairless – 74

Katie Burke - 86

Joel Langeford – 102

Mitch Townsend - 107

Chucker Challenge, a speed of
100 km/hr is approximately the
same as **60 miles/hour**

STREAMING

On behalf of producer **Dave Blackburn**, assistant **Roseanne Allan** and broadcasters **Ron Chambers** and **Ferdinand Nelissen**, thanks to the volunteer camera crew for ISC TV streaming of 20 World Tournament games – **Tim Barraglouh, Jesse Burkham, Gord Dearborn, Craig**

Donaldson, Robert Gray, Kristen Jacques, Dave (Crazy) LeBlanc, Todd McCabe, Charlie Smith and Tom Stasik and special thanks to **Jessica Allan** (Assistant to the Assistant). A huge thank you to **Charlie Maidment**, for his dedication and his provision of his own equipment for the first base-line birds-eye view.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Elmira Squirt Lazars who won the OASA Ontario Championship last weekend defeating Stouffville 7-4 on its home host field...good athletes on this team, with 5 of them enjoying a banner year as OMHA hockey Champs in April defeating new Tecumseh (Alliston) in final), enjoying the memorable fire-truck ride on Elmira streets.

RAFFLE DRAW

Today is the final day to purchase raffle tickets for the colourful **ISC quilt**, and fabulous seats in the **Troy Glaus Suite** at the Blue Jays games. Tickets on sale near entrance to Diamond #1, courtesy ISC Ladies. **Draw prior to Championship Game**

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ISC II Play-Offs – Championship Day at the Yard – who will prevail?

American Invasion (aka Damn Yankees!)

The days of Ontario domination at the ISC II Tournament of Champions has ended (for this year, at least) as five of the seven pools were won by American teams, six of the “Elite Eight” were from south of the border and three of the Final Four come from below the 49th.

A howling wind seems to have blown in a changing of the guard at the ToC as the eight American teams in the tournament flexed their collective muscles and pushed most of the Ontario teams to the sidelines.

The upsets started in the first playoff game as wildcard Port Elgin Blue Devils finally woke up their slumbering bats and mercied the **Harriston Mercury's 9-1** before falling to **A-1/Taylor Farms** from California. It took A-1/Taylor nine innings to outlast the scrappy **Ashland Merchants** team 5-3 after Ashland eliminated the upstart **Rockwood Rush**. Rockwood had earlier turned out the lights on **Pennsylvania Power** 3-2.

Another wildcard, **Jarvis Rock**, ended the hopes of the **Elora Wellington Brewers** with a walk-off two-run HR by **Brian Auld** and were

then knocked out by **South Lebanon T.N.T.** The final wildcard, **Keating's Fitness**, eliminated **Wyevale Tribe** and Shakespeare Falcons, before getting dumped by T.N.T. in the last quarter-final of the night.

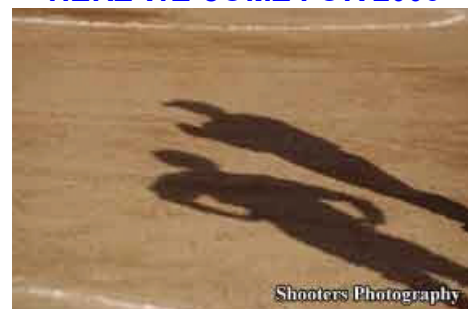
Cutro Professional Inspections got a walk-off HR from **Shaun Winship** to eliminate the host **Bridgeport PROforma Braves** before getting raked by the **Niagara Snappers** in the second round. The Snappers, in an all-GHFL quarter-final, triumphed in a 1-0 nail-biter to end the hopes of last year's finalist **Palermo Athletics**. Ontario's last hope, **Niagara iSnappers**, will play T.N.T. in the semi-final.

California Lumberkings woke up their slumbering bats late in the game to eliminate **Glencoe Astros** 3-1 after Glencoe had disposed of **Alvinston Indians** 2-0. The Lumberkings would go on to eliminate **Hoffman Rise** 3-0, setting up an all-California semi-final match-up against **Castro Valley A-1/Taylor**.

Possible MVP candidates include **Jeremy Tracy** of T.N.T., **Trevor Falk** of Niagara and **Jeff Twist** of A-1/Taylor while Top Pitchers include **Tracy**, **Jeff Van Hooser** of Ashland, **Corey Costello** of Niagara, A-1/Taylor's **Dave Drotzman** and **Mike Egerdeen** of the Lumberkings.

All three of the ISC II games on Championship Saturday can be heard at www.ballparkradio.com with both semi-finals starting at 9 am.

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Today the shadows are drawing longer on this final day of the **61st Annual ISC World Tournament** and the **6th Annual** (has it been that many summers already?) **Tournament of Champions**.

Good news – the location has now been confirmed for the 2008 event: ISC II Tournament of Champions will be held in **Appleton, WI** the sister city of **Kimberly WI** who is hosting the ISC event for a record 11th time. Kimberly, WI is also the home of the ISC Hall of Fame.


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(Game # - Team - R-H-E)

Friday Scores-1st Round

#71 - Port Elgin 9

Harriston 1

#72-Rockwood - 3-10-1

Ephrata 2-8-0

WP - Jamie Taylor (2-1)

LP - Hihgh Merlin (0-2)

#73 - Tavistock 3-6-0

Ottawa 2-4-0

WP - Ryan Cummings (2-1)

LP - Dan Bradley (1-1)

#74 -Glencoe 2-7-1

Alvinston 0-2-0

WP - Ian Knott (3-1)

LP - Ryan Swift (2-1)

#75- Oswego 2-6-0

Bridgeport 1-4-0

WP - Shaun Winship (2-1)

LP - Ben Blonde (1-1)

#76 - Waterdown 5-7-2

Kitchener 4-5-2

WP - Tim Neil (1-0)

LP - Scott Leonhardt (1-2)

#77 - Jarvis 4-9-0

Elora 2-8-0

WP - Dave Martin (2-2)

LP - Nic Goetz (1-2)

#78 - Keatings 6-10-0

Wyevale 2-5-2

WP - Rob Fawcett (1-2)

LP - Jason Giffen (1-3)

2nd Round

#79 - Castro Valley 2-5-0

Port Elgin 0-3-0

WP - Dave Drotzman (3-0)

LP - Steve Ketchell (2-2)

#80 -Ashland 7-11-1

Rockwood 5-9-3

WP - Jeff Van Hooser (4-0)

LP - Jamie Taylor (1-3)

#81 - Perkaspie 4-4-0

Tavistock 1-4-2

WP - Rich Haldane (2-0)

LP - Steve Cook (0-1)

#82 - Bakersfield 3-7-0

Glencoe 1-3-0

WP - Mike Egerdeen (3-0)

LP - Ian Knott (3-2)

#83 - Niagara 7-9-0

Oswego 1-3-1

WP - Cory Costello (2-0)

LP - Shaun Winship (3-2)

#84 - Palermo 8-9-1

Waterdown - 0-1-0

WP - Gord Scott (3-1)

1-hitter

LP - Rod Fevreau (1-1)

#85 - South Lebanon 7-10-0

Jarvis 2-5-0

WP - Jeremy Tracy (4-0)

LP - Brent Fehrman (0-1)

#86 - Keatings 3-5-0

Shakespeare 2-9-0

WP - Tim Tummins (2-0)

LP - Fred Follings (2-1)

Quarterfinals

#87 - Castro Valley 5-13-0

Ashland 3-5-0 (10 inns)

WP - Dave Drotzman 14K (4-0)

LP - Jeff Van Hooser 10 K - 4-1

#88 - Bakersfield 3-6-0

Perkasie 0-3-0

WP - Darren Stang (2-0)

LP - Mike Smith (2-1)

#89 - Niagara 1-7-1

Palermo 0-4-1

WP - Cory Costello (3-0)

LP - Gord Scott (3-2)

#90 - South Lebanon

Keatings

UNDER 19 RESULTS

Friday Scores

#8-Baltimore 7-13-0

Glanworth, ON 2-6-0

WP - Joe Hineline (2-0)

LP - Jake McKillop (1-1)

#9-Newmarket 18-12-1

St. Mary's 1-0-6

WP - John McPherson (1-0)

LP - Ben Hodgins (0-2)

#10 - Richmond 4-9-0

Waterloo, ON 3-5-1

WP - Morgan McNeill (1-0)

LP - Matt Fromm (0-2)

#12 - St. Marys 4-8-2

Richmond 2-9-3

WP - Shaun Wettlaufer (1-0)

LP - Ryan Ferrish

CLOSING NOTES

Corrections from the "Dirt"

a) Hall of Fame program - **Jimmy Moore** was/is and will continue to be an American and not a Kiwi as related in the Tim Wahl profile. *Apologies.*

b) Converting miles per hour and **kilometers per hour** and vice-versa., for comparing pitching speeds 60 mph = about 100 kmh and 80 mph = 125 kmh

d) "Erie Tim?" - who's he? Perhaps Meadville Tim!

e) **Numerous typos** - we do know how to spell - sometimes though we don't type so gewd!

VOLUNTEERS

Duncan's Committee has worked diligently to serve our guests in the Park - kudos to Ross McLean and the parking crew, the efficient workers at the Preston Kinsmen food booth, the city parks crews, good...thanks ball shaggers... games controllers, security and scorekeepers announcers - all very professional and enthusiastic at all ISC World and ISC II facilities.

