

Volume 2 - June-July 2007  
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## ISC 2007 CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNEYS

### Enthusiastic return to Kitchener, Cambridge

#### KITCHENER, ON – June 2007

Kitchener Fastball Promotions and partners are putting the finishing touches on plans for the 2007

**ISC Championships.** This year's tournaments marks back-to-back hosting – 2006 and 2007 - and the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in six years that the events have been held in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo.

The ISC World Tourney, scheduled for Peter Hallman Ball yard in Kitchener for nine days from Friday August 10 to Saturday 18 will crown a new champion, with the defending champion **County Materials of Marathon, WI** disbanding following a stint as three-peat champions. Early season predictions suggest that as many as eight or nine teams have legitimate shots at claiming the title, notably the #1 ranked **Orillia Quaker Riversharks** and the host **Kitchener Hallman Twins**.



Action under the lights at Peter Hallman Ball Yard

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#### ISC II TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

The 2006 ISC II Champions, **Tavistock, ON Merchants** will have strong competition in bids to be de-throned, notably from powerhouse **Niagara, On Snappers**. The overall field has improved, and last year's finalist **Palermo, ON Athletics** have been leap-frogged in early rankings by no fewer than five teams.

The 35 team event is slated for **Tues. Aug.14- Sat. Aug. 18.**

#### HOST PARTNERS

Resources and 600 volunteers are provided by the following sports groups and service clubs, under the leadership of Kitchener Fastball Promotions to strive for excellence in customer satisfaction.

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- \* **Kitchener Minor Girls Softball Association**
- \* **Preston Kinsmen**

#### ISC 2007 RANKINGS

(June 5/07 \* -1<sup>st</sup> place votes)

#	TEAM	PTS
1.	ORILLIA Riversharks	16 *9
2.	NEW YORK Patsy's	28 *2
3.	BROKEN BOW Gremlins	36 *1
4.	KITCHENER Twins	48
5.	MADISON Farm Tavern	61
6.	SASKATOON Aspen	87
7.	SO CAL Bombers	91
8.	DENMARK Circle Tap	93
9.	VANCOUVER Grey Sox	110
10.	MINNDAK Millers	115
11.	GREEN BAY Townline	138
12.	ELKHART Albaugh	145
13.	JARVIS Merchants	160
14.	MIDLAND Explorers	168
15.	PORTLAND DeMarini	171
16.	PUEBLO Bandits	200
17.	BLOOMINGTON Stix	214
18.	ST.THOMAS Centennials	218

#### ISC II 2007 RANKINGS

(June 1/07 - \* 1<sup>st</sup> Place votes)

1.	NIAGARA, ON Snappers	26 *7
2.	TAVISTOCK, ON Merchants	37 *4
3.	PERKASIE, PA Rise	50
4.	ELMIRA, ON Cubs	69
5.	OSWEGO, NY CPI	70
6.	BAKERSFIELD, CA L'kings	74 *1
7.	PALERMO, ON Athletics	77
8.	SOUTH LEBANON, PA TNT	98
9.	OTTAWA, ON Team Easton	121
10.	ELORA, ON Wellingtons	131



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# “Kiwi” Test Series vs Team Canada

## Premier world players to compete in SW Ontario

**Team Canada**, perennial Pan Am Gold medalists will lock horns with the defending International Softball Federation World Champions, the **New Zealand Community Trust Black Sox**.

The six-game “test series” will renew a keen rivalry that has developed over the years between the two power-house men’s national teams. New Zealand beat Canada 9-5 in the gold medal game in the 2004 world championships, hosted in Christchurch, NZ.

**New Zealand Coach Eddie Kohlhase** stated that “this test series provides us with the opportunity to play against the best competition in the World. The Black Sox hold our traditional foes Canada in the highest regards and we are absolutely excited at the prospect of playing quality international softball.”

**Canadian Coach Mark Smith** shared “The test series against New Zealand provide the opportunity to measure ourselves against the World #1. Much like our team, New Zealand is in the preparation phase for the **2009 World Championships (hosted in Saskatoon, SK)**. This event represents a tremendous opportunity for both programs to evaluate performances.”

## TEST SERIES SCHEDULE

**Thursday June 14 – 7 and 9 pm**

Orillia Tudhope Park (close to Rama Casino)

**Friday June 15 – 7 and 9 pm**

Sebringville Community Park

**Saturday June 16 – 6 and 8 pm**

Kitchener Peter Hallman Ball Yard

## NEW ZEALAND BLACK SOX ROSTER

**Pitchers** – Jeremy Manley (Hutt Valley), Heinie Shannon (Auckland), Michale Gaiger (Canterbury)

**Catchers** – Patrick Shannon (Auckland), Stephen Ratu (Wellington), Jonathan Munden (Auckland)

**Infield** – Jarrad Martin (North Harbour), Travis Wilson (Canterbury), Nathan Nukunuku (Auckland), Brad Rona (North Harbour), Tyson Byrne (Hutt Valley)

**Outfield** – Stacy McLean (Wellington), Thomas Makea (Wellington), Daniel Milne (Canterbury), Gus Leger (Auckland), Rhys Casley (Hutt Valley), Donny Hale (Auckland)  
Many of these Kiwi national team members will be participating on various club teams in the 2007 ISC World Club Team Championships in Kitchener.

## OTHER DOUBLEHEADERS

The Black Sox will also play exhibition double-headers against local club teams:

**Mon. June 11**

Vs

Jarvis Merchants  
in Jarvis

**Tue. June 12**

vs

Kitchener  
Hallman Twins  
in Tavistock



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## 4<sup>th</sup> annual Monkton World Fastball Invitational

### Top ranked teams to provide exciting competition June 28-July 1

Monkton, Ontario....

The 4th annual **Monkton World Fastball Invitational Tournament** is scheduled for the Canada Day Weekend (June 28-July 1) on the single diamond in beautiful Monkton, Ontario.

**Tournament Chair Brian Baillie** and his committee of local volunteers and service club members are all set to stage another action-packed weekend of community events.

The roster of scheduled teams includes the seven top-ranked ISC teams, and is easily the early season preview for the ISC World Tournament to be held in Kitchener in August.

Competing teams include:

**#1 ranked Orillia Quaker Riversharks**, fresh off its tournament title at the 2007 Legends Tournament in Woodstock.

**#2 New York Patsy's** – the powerhouse team that surprised many at the 2006 ISC

**#3 – Broken Bow Gremlins** – a collaborative effort between the past world champion **Broken Bow Travellers** and the competitive **New York Heflin Gremlins**.

**#4 – Kitchener Hallman Twins**, host of the 2007 ISC, and return of veteran ISC Coach **Larry Lynch**.

**#5 – Madison, WI The Farm Tavern** – a team with a fresh look assembled by veteran manager **Rod Peterson**.

**#6 – Saskatoon Aspen Interiors** – a rapidly improving scrappy squad that could move into the top five.

**#7 – So Cal Bombers** – if this west coast team plays to potential, it will be among the top 3 in final ISC seedings.

**#13 - Jarvis Merchants** – local team that has added the pitching arm of **Brian Urquhart** and could break the top 10.



Jody Eidt - Twins Infielder  
Two-time ISC MVP 2003-04

### MONKTON INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE

#### Thursday June 28

7:15 – Opening Ceremonies

7:30 – Kitchener vs Saskatoon

9:30 – Madison vs Jarvis

#### Friday June 29

1:00 – Orillia vs Jarvis

3:00 – So Cal vs Saskatoon

5:00 – Twins vs NY Patsy's

#### 7:00 EASTON H. RUN DERBY

8:00 – Gremlins vs Madison

#### Saturday June 30

8:00 – So Cal vs NY Patsy's

10:00 – Gremlins vs Jarvis

12:00 – Gremlins vs Orillia

2:00 – Madison vs Orillia

4:00 – Twins vs So Cal

6:00 – Saskatoon vs NY Patsy's

8:00 – Playoff #P1 – A3 vs B2

#### Sunday July 1

8:00 – Playoff #P2 – A2 vs B3

10:00 – Semi – A1 vs winner #P1

12:00 – Semi – B1 vs winner #P2

2:00 Championship Final

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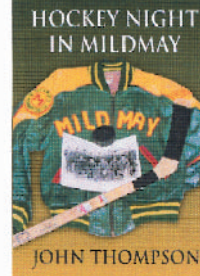
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## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual WORLD SERIES OF FASTBALL

Orillia celebrates decade of fastball excellence – July 13-14-15

Orillia, Ontario...

A decade of superior fastball competition will be celebrated in Kitchener Park in Orillia for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary **WORLD SERIES OF FASTBALL**, scheduled for Friday-Saturday-Sunday **July 13-14-15, 2007**.

Not only will the city on the shores of Lake Simcoe host this prestigious event, but the host team **Orillia Quaker Riversharks** head into the event as the #1 ranked ISC team.

**Paul Barnetson**, the hard-working sports promoter has co-ordinated this fan friendly event since its inception, and can now be justifiably proud of helping to field a competitive local team.

The Riversharks could be the first Canadian-based team to capture this prestigious tournament, a feat that will not come easily with the 10 team event featuring the "cream of the crop" (with the top 6 ranked teams) of senior men's fastball.

### WORLD SERIES PAST CHAMPIONS

- 2006 – Marathon WI County Materials
- 2005 – Madison, WI The Farm
- 2004 – Marathon, WI County Materials
- 2003 – Marathon, WI County Materials
- 2002 – Broken Bow NE Travellers
- 2001 – Decatur, IL Pride
- 2000 – No winner declared
- 1999 – Madison, WI The Farm
- 1998 – Heflin, NY Gremlins



Sharks Catcher Sean O'Brien  
Appointed Team Canada Captain

### WORLD SERIES TEAMS (and rankings)

#### CANADIAN DIVISION

- RIVER SHARKS #1**  
Orillia, ON
- HALLMAN TWINS #4**  
Kitchener, ON
- ASPEN BLACK SOX #6**  
Saskatoon SK
- GREY SOX #9**  
Vancouver, BC
- MERCHANTS #13**  
Jarvis, ON

#### AMERICAN DIVISION

- PATSYS #2**  
New York, NY
- GREMLINS #3**  
Broken Bow, NY
- FARM TAVERN #5**  
Madison, WI
- EXPLORERS #14**  
Midland, MI
- BANDITS #16**  
Pueblo, CO

[www.city.orillia.on.ca/worldseries](http://www.city.orillia.on.ca/worldseries)

### RANGERS VS MEDIA

On Thursday August 9, at Peter Hallman Ball Yard, the **Kitchener Rangers Hockey Club** will field a team for an exhibition slo-pitch game with local media. Rangers and the community have been awarded the Canadian Hockey League Mastercard Memorial Cup for May 2008, and an opportunity exists for volunteers to become involved – check the website:

[www.kitchenerangers.com](http://www.kitchenerangers.com)



The same evening, the **Kitchener Hallman Twins** will host the **St. Thomas Evergreen Centennials** in a pre-tourney match-up.



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