



Volume 3 – Friday - Saturday

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Fastball Fever is everywhere

Kitchener-Cambridge host to 61st annual ISC Championships

Welcome back, good things come in threes...

A decade ago it was built, the past several years it has been improved and enhanced, and today Peter Hallman Ball Yard welcomes 32 of the finest fastball teams in North America to the 61st annual **International Softball Congress World Club Team Championship**. 2007 tourney chief, Chairman **Duncan Matheson** and hundreds of volunteers have been working diligently, many on little sleep, the past two weeks in anticipation of hosting the most memorable ISC Championship possible.

Once again, the weather gods are smiling favorably and it appears that the next nine days will be blessed with an abundance of sunshine (up go the suds sales) to provide the ultimate playing conditions for these world class athletes. Many fastball people who are “in the know” acknowledge that the playing conditions on the diamonds and between the lines on the Hallman fields at this great facility are among the best in the world. The infield clay that is groomed before each game, provides for the ultimate consistency in true bounces, and the green grass beyond the infield are a dream come true for outfielders who patrol the pastures... easy on the knees, and much more accommodating going to one’s left or right for the diving catch.

And a big tip of the ball cap to **Mar-Co Clay Products** for the excellent centre-field ISC host logo – another touch of what makes an ISC tourney in Kitchener just that much more special – well done! Kudos to **Dave McLelland** and s volunteers & **city staff** – the Ball Yard looks fantastic!!!

The thirty-two teams competing this weekend, will be joined by the 35 ISC II Tournament of Champions squads on Tuesday and on Thursday, six enthused Under 19 teams will tangle in a three-day affair. In total, 73 teams with more than 1,300 players and personnel, will call Kitchener and Cambridge home this week. The welcome mat is out – **Gemutlichkeit** all round!

ONTARIO SOFTBALL ICONS TO BE INDUCTED -

Two of softball’s most passionate people will be inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame on Sunday at the Hall of Fame Induction Breakfast (7:30 am at the Delta Hotel). The class of ’07 includes Kitchener own **Larry Lynch**, a 30-year veteran of senior fastball, and the late **Lloyd Simpson**, the ISC pioneer who introduced “the show” to Ontario in the 1970’s. Other inductees include two truly accomplished players – veteran pitcher **Peter Meredith** of Salt Lake City, UT and catcher **Tim Wahl** of Grayland, WA. The 5th inductee is journalist **Bob Tomlinson** of Poynette, WI, founder of the Fastpitch Chronicle.

Tickets available - The breakfast will enjoy larger attendance this year and a limited number of tickets (\$20/person) are available for fans at the Souvenir Booth (until event is sold out!)

ROGERS TELEVISION BROADCASTS GAMES

Two games this weekend will be taped and re-broadcast later the same evening:

Friday August 10th – Elkhart IA Albaugh vs St. Thomas ON Evergreen Centennials

Saturday August 11 – Ashland OH Mets vs Kitchener ON Hallman Twins

Catch the action locally on **Rogers Cable 20** – scheduled broadcast time is 9:00 pm.



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ISC 2007 Team Rankings

Committee composition – 9 US & 4 Canadian; 7 Managers, 2 players and 4 specialists/administrators

TEAM	1st Place	POINTS		EARLIER RANKINGS		
	Votes		Final	June 21st	June 5th	May 1st
BROKEN BOW, NY Gremlins	8	20	1	3	3	3
NEW YORK, NY Patsy's	2	32	2	2	2	2
ORILLIA, ON Quaker Riversharks	2	38	3	1	1	1
PALM SPRINGS, CA SoCal Bombers	0	39	4	7	7	7
KITCHENER, ON Hallman Twins	0	52	5	4	4	5
MADISON, WI The Farm Tavern	0	76	6	5	5	4
FARGO, ND MinnDak Millers	0	97	7	6	10	10
DENMARK, WI Circle Tap	0	97	8	8	8	8
SASKATOON, SK Aspen Interiors	0	115	9	9	6	6
VANCOUVER, BC Grey Sox	0	118	10	10	9	9
GREEN BAY, WI Townline	0	138	11	11	11	14
PORTLAND, OR Demarini	0	142	12	13	15	15
MIDLAND, MI Explorers	0	146	13	12	14	13
ELKHART, IA Albaugh	0	169	14	14	12	12
JARVIS, ON Merchants	0	180	15	15	13	11
DAVENPORT, IA Quad City Sox	0	191	16	16	19	18
BLOOMINGTON, IL Stix	0	216	17	18	17	20
PUEBLO, CO Bandits	0	221	18	17	16	17
AURORA, IL Dolan and Murphy	0	225	19	19	21	21
INNERKIP, ON Eagles	0	234	20	20	20	19
ST. THOMAS, ON Evergreen Centennials	0	239	21	21	18	16
ASHLAND, OH Mets	0	274	22	22	23	22
BENTON HARBOUR, MI Plangger's	0	278	23	24	24	24
ELKLAND, PA Fastpitch	0	280	24	23	26	27
THOMSON, IL Area Merchants	0	289	25	25	25	28
DES MOINES, IA Midwest Stampede	0	296	26	26	28	29



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OPENING DAY ODDS – Pick your favorites...

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OPENING DAY AUGUST 10
ODDS TO WIN THE 61ST ANNUAL
ISC CHAMPIONSHIP
(Listed pitchers in brackets)

YUCAIPA So Cal Bombers – 3-2
(Mata, Peebles, Tilley, Whitten)

#4 seed has built momentum over last two seasons, and especially this summer; intends to play on Championship Saturday, Lucas Mata wants the ball in Game #78)

NEW YORK Patsy's – 3-2
(Folkard, McClinton, Muizelaar, Rea, Scheller)

#2 seed recently won ASA Championship –anything less than an appearance in the championship match will be disappointing; each year Aussie phenom Adam Folkard takes it a step higher and veteran Gerald Muizelaar seeks to regain ISC ring.

BROKEN BOW Gremlins – 2-1
(Kirkpatrick, Manley, Price)

#1 seed led the charge at end of season; an easy pick based on playing experience from nucleus of 2006 Champion Marathon, WI County Materials; Andrew Kirkpatrick winning pitcher last 2 final games.

MADISON The Farm Tavern – 3-1
(Gareau, Gervasutti, Schweyer)

#6 seed has undergone a face-lift, but venerable Rod's squads have only missed final four once ('04) in the last decade.

ORILLIA River Sharks – 7-2
(Brand, Cox, O'Brien, Maccumber)

#3 seed was the early-season talk of the fastball world based on roster; other teams narrowed the gap and leap-frogged over this potentially strong squad that aims to improve on last year's 3rd place.

KITCHENER Hallman Twins – 5-1
(Koert, Martin, Scott)

#5 seed has same mound crew as last year and requires timely hits to win the close ones; fans pulling for Twins playing on Saturday, but the Thursday-Friday schedule could be gruelling.

SASKATOON Black Sox – 6-1
(Ethier, Holoién)

#9 seed capable of great games, and could upset a top ranked team; success on opening weekend needed for a shot at late-week contention and a coup.

FARGO MinnDak Millers – 8-1
(Gosse, Lang, Price)

#7 seed could have everybody fooled –

will shine early in the week, but by mid-week, too many stacked teams to be beaten to seriously threaten for crown.

VANCOUVER Grey Sox – 9-1
(Mayson, Smith, Underhill)

#10 seed can always provide stiff competition for any top team, but there are many solid squads along the way – will contend in the early going, but will they be competitive consistently?

DENMARK Circle Tap – 10-1
(Algar, Bramwell, McKenzie)

#8 seed is a gambler's old bet to place some coin on a long-shot. Classy and experienced squad may finish higher with the welcome addition of respected Kiwi Paul Algar on the mound.

GREEN BAY Townline – 12-1
(Darby, Guerrinieri, Roberts)

#11 seed new mound staff is question mark, but team is talented, enjoys tournament play and proudly carries Wisconsin competitive spirit.

MIDLAND Explorers – 15-1
(Gillis, Joseph, Lynch, Patterson, Sleep)

#13 seed has augmented mound staff, but loyalty to dependable players may keep Explorers out of top ten. Well organized and classy squad has always been a fan favorite.

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Musings from the Ball Yard.....

TWINS THOUGHTS

*Favorite childhood memory,
first job and long-term
ambition of Twins personnel:*

Infielder Blake Miller recalls:

"my father pitching to me everyday;
being a golf course attendance and
aspiring to be a helicopter pilot"

Pitcher Todd Martin remembers:

"playing ball and watching my Dad
play; working at Santa's village for
\$3.10 / hour and aspiring to be a
hockey player."

New Twin Calvin Miller recalls:

"being a gas attendant, and wanting to
play major league baseball."

Outfielder Matt Lynch shares:

"playing road hockey with brothr and
friends; working as a hockey official
and hoping to become a police officer"

Catcher Chris Shewfelt states -

"ball tournaments; mowing lawns and
wanting to play professional hockey or
baseball."

Coach Doug Eidt remembers

"going to Florida; farming and having
ambitions to become a farmer."

Coach Steve Kreuter recalls -

"playing ball in a small town - with
many older "mentors" now lifelong
friends; working at my father's /
grandfather's creamery in Rostock;
wanting to become a major league
athlete."

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions for
Friday's Games

(Projected winner bold underlined)

(Record to date 0-0)

4:00 Scarborough vs Thomson

6:00 Albaugh vs St. Thomas

8:00 Orillia vs Midwest

10:00 Jarvis vs Saskatoon

Saturday's Games

9:00 Circle Tap vs Elkland

9:00 Quad City vs Elmira

11:00 Minndak vs Rice Creek

11:00 Portland vs Dolan/Murphy

1:00 Farm Tavern vs Innerkip

1:00 Midland vs Napanee

3:00 SoCal vs Bloomington

3:00 Vancouver vs Peterborough

5:00 Plangger's vs Patsy's

5:00 Townline vs Pueblo

8:00 Kitchener vs Ashland

10:00 Broken Bow vs Horse Lake

50/50

Check this section daily for
the winning 50/50 numbers
Thanks for your support!

RANGER RALLY TO WIN; MEDIA FEEL "MANIPULATED"

Kitchener Rangers popular
forward **Justin Azevedo**, in his
debut as a slo-pitch coach
scored a 7th inning knockout
punch, leading his **Ranger
Rascals** to stage a dramatic 7-
run 7th inning to humble a
confident **Media Mob** 14-11.
Leading throughout the game,
Cammy's Crew of media moguls
was unable to stem an offensive
juggernaut as the Rangers staged a
"**Peter DeBoer-like**" late-game
surge. Many individual memories
include CKNX's **Steve Sabourin**
"almost" hitting for the cycle;
heads-up play by The Record's
Christine Rivet in CF; Rangers
Scott Dickie and **Mike Duco's**
soft hands on the infield (Not to be
confused with **Steve Downie's**
"not so-soft" paws at first base),
and the "circle the wagons"
display in the outfield by Record
scribes **Al Coates** and **Jeff Hicks**.
Both teams were well represented
with **Steve Eminger**

(Washington Capitals), **David
Clarkson** (New Jersey Devils)
and Rangers coaching crew of
DeBoer, **Steve Spott** and **Jim
Brown** all displaying savvy
baseball skills in a fun-filled game
enjoyed by a decent mixed crowd
of fastball fans and Ranger
rooters.

Tradition - all slo-pitch players
acknowledge the team-honored
consequences of striking-out in slo-
pitch, usually by a 2-strike foul ball.

Question - so - just how much was
Glenn Pelletier's suds bill in treating
his mates following his three
memorable plate appearances?

Thanks **Rangers** and **Media** for a
fun start to the 61st World
Tourney.

NIGHT-CAP - In game #2,
Hallman Twins tuned up with an
8-2 exhibition win over the Elmira
Cubs. Twins **Derek Shackleton**
and **Chris Shewfelt** went back-to-
back "yard" in a six-run 3rd inning.
Twins pitching staff of **Don Scott**,
Paul Koert and **Todd Marti**
seemed in form, garnering an
abundance of strike-outs, while
Cubs' **Ryan French** was effective
in his 4 innings of work, baffling
at least 4 Twins who were "caught
looking" at third strikes.

