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John Thompson, Editor

“Fastball Fever” is contagious.....

And we hope you get it as 61st annual tournament kicks off successfully

Marching Bands, Motorcycles, Miss Oktoberfest...

The atmosphere was festive at Peter Hallman Ball Yard as Day #2 of the 61st annual International Softball Congress World Club Team Championship was enjoyed under sunny skies (also forecast for the coming week).

Vic Degutis, the ultimate detail planner and Don Cameron, our community’s “voice and choice for sports events” ensured that the Opening Ceremonies went off without a hitch. After Krystal Benesch, Miss Oktoberfest 2005, with golden locks partially hidden under a riding helmet while straddling a motorcycle, provided the ball for ISC Hall of Fame pitcher Peter Meredith on the mound, the ceremonial pitch was quickly completed. Within minutes of the last member of the Preston Scout House Marching Band leaving the diamond, it was Kitchener’s version of Saturday Night Fever - “fastball fever” that is y’all. The hometown Twins delighted a partisan crowd with a first round “W” coming at the expense of the Ashland, OH Mets. Todd Martin got the nod on the mound and responded brilliantly, use an array of fastballs, change-ups and a few “waste tosses” to keep the Ohio midwest boys off balance. It was a relatively easy night for the Twins, who staked Martin to a 3-0 first inning lead. Todd, an 8-time ISC All-World Player twirled his magic in notching 14 strike-outs, several of the “caught looking” - called 3rd strike variety. Twins won 6-2.

Dale Levy provided the offence with a triple/single/walk plus 3 rbis; Evan Boyd and Todd Budke also had 2-hit outings. Jody Eidt had a pair of defensive gems at 2b, and Don Scott relieved Martin in the 6th and was effective in his usual high-velocity style.

PATSY’S POWERFUL PUNCH PUNISHES PLANGGER’S



New York Patsy’s Thomas Makea accepts high fives following his 1st inning lead-off home run over Benton Harbour, MI Plangger’s Furniture. Team-mate and fellow Kiwi Brad Rona (background) welcomes Makea to the Patsy’s roster following dismantling of the Marathon WI County Materials, 2006 champions.

The New York Patsy’s were anything but as they made a first inning statement with 10 runs and their own pasting of the out-matched Benton Harbour Plangger’s Furniture. Patsy’s, ranked #2 coming into the tournament, are DD’s co-favorites to appear in next Saturday’s Championship game. Patsy’s next encounter is Monday at 7:00 pm vs Quad City Sox of Davenport, IA.

SUNDAY’S FEATURE GAME – 6:00 PM

ELKHART, IA Albaugh - KITCHENER Hallman Twins



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Fun at the Opening Ceremonies.....



Krystal Benesch, Miss K-W Oktoberfest 2005, and an accomplished athlete in her own right (ice hockey), waves to the crowd for the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday Night at Peter Hallman Ball Yard.

ISC TRIVIA

Kitchener, with support from Cambridge, has now hosted the ISC World Tournament three times in six years, (2002, 2006 and 2007) - the most by any community in Canada. In 2008, the tourney will be held in Kimberly, WI, no stranger to hosting this prestigious event.

Question #1 – what other Canadian cities have hosted?

Question #2 – which city has hosted the tournament the most times (and how many?)

Answer in tomorrow's Diamond Dirt.



The **Preston Scout House Band** marched in precision to launch the Opening Ceremonies. Sunny skies prevailed throughout Saturday and the 7:00 pm ceremonies were silk-smooth, typical of all aspects of the event that meshed to start the 9-day event.

Top On-Field Memories

Plangger's veteran (and crafty) **Earl Rutledge** taming the **Patsy's** bats with a solid three-inning effort- too little, too late, but none-the-less impressive in a daunting scenario.

Broken Bow's **Jeremy Manley's** 18k 1-0 win over **Horse Lake's** venerable **Darren Zack's** masterful 9k-5-hitter.

Albaugh's **Karl Gollan** helping his own cause with a game-deciding home run, complementing his 4-hit, 7-K mound performance shutting out **St. Thomas** 3-0.

Portland's **Bricklin Anderson** and **Aurora's** **Juan Potolicchio's** 1-0 duel, combining for 21 strikeouts.

Townline's **Betto Guerrinieri's** 15 Ks vs **Pueblo**.



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"Help Wanted" on the bridge....

Registrations for participation in the "Bridge to the Future" skills clinic have hit record numbers with 240 pre-registered (and usually more arrive at the park)..... all wanting to touch shoulders with the best fast-pitch players in the world.

Monday at Wilson Park

9:00 - 11:30 am 115 boys and girls between 9 - 12 years of age

1:00 - 3:30 pm more than 40

Monday at Peter Hallman

6:30 pm - 60 Special Olympians & Athletes with Special Needs looking to be led by ISC players Tuesday night at Peter Hallman 20 teen-aged travel team pitchers & catchers for advanced skills. The success of the clinic depends on the involvement of the ISC players' participation - these youth are the future of our sport.

Everyone Welcome at the park - Spectators welcome to attend and take a peek... you'll like what you see.....
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Kiwi Test Series

Helps Build "The Bridge"

The recent New Zealand vs Canada test series in several communities across southern was a huge success with fans in **Jarvis, Tavistock, Orillia and Kitchener** enjoying the international competition - a prelude to the ISF World Championship scheduled for Saskatoon, SK in 2009. A share of the financial proceeds was provided to the "Bridge to the Future" Clinic with \$500 in equipment donated to the program - good result from a great effort coordinated by KFP's own **Larry Lynch, Ray Alviano, Sue Sherry** and others. **WELL DONE!**

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Question - in what city? and what is the name of the microbrewery.

**Answer in tomorrow's
Diamond Dirt**

ABOUT THE TWINS

Your proudest moment, your perfect day & your favorite retreat:

Pitcher Don Scott - "becoming a father; spending time with my family and Cancun, Mexico."

New Twin Calvin Miller - "still looking for the proudest moment; the beach, the ladies, the beer; anywhere I can relax"

Manager Dave Bailey - "marrying my wife and having our children; on the deck beside my pool with the family; family cottage at Grand Bend"

Infielder Jody Eidt - "becoming a father; 2nd Saturday of the ISC after winning a championship; beach in Longport, NJ"

Infielder Blake Miller - "getting my masters degree in business; golf in the morning and ball at night"

Coach Larry Lynch - "every time my daughter hugs me and says 'Love ya Dad'; sleep late, a hot day at the ball park and a few cold ones; spring training at Clearwater Beach"


Pitcher Todd Martin - "The birth of my daughter Jenna; win the ISC, share it with family, friends and team-mates followed by 18 holes of golf; anywhere south that is all inclusive"

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SCOREBOARD

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

Friday's Games

#1 - Scarborough 7-8-0

Thomson 2-4-0

Anthony Paradiso 2x3; HR - Tim Hatten, Chris Smith, Anthony Paradiso (2) **WP - Andy Skelton** (1-0) LP (Steve Manson (0-1)

#2 Albaugh 3-9-2

St. Thomas 0-4-0

Karl Gollan 2x2(HR); Drew Mattille 1x1(HR); Tex Lessard 3x3, **WP - Karl Gollan** (1-0); LP Trevor Wardell (0-1)

#3 - Orillia 8-10-0

Midwest 0-1-1

Rob O'Brien 2x3; HR-Chris Milhavic; Jeff Ellsworth. **WP - Frank Cox - 1 hit; 10K** (1-0), LP-Kim Hanson (0-1)

#4 - Saskatoon 6-7-0

Jarvis 2-5-2

Bill Simmons 2x3; HR-Pat Mackintosh; Chand Hanson; Allan Phibbs; Ryan Thompson. **WP - Dean Holoien** (1-0); LP Scott Wagar (0-1)

Saturday's Games

#5 - Circle Tap 3-4-1

Elkland 0-1-1

Steve Schucker 2x3; **WP - Colin MacKenzie** (1-0); LP Jason Smith

#6 - Quad City 8-9-0

Elmira 2-8-1

Matt Reinhart 2x3; Chris Mink 2x3; Nick Needham 2x3 - HR-Chris Hammarack; **WP - Al Rebling 11k** (1-0); LP - Casey Halstead (0-1)

#7-Minndak 3-11-1

Rice Creek 0-2-1

Greg Cascaes 4x4; Chad Boom 3x4; **WP - Travis Price - 1-0**; LP - Sean Kelly (0-1)

#8 - Portland 1-4-0

Dolan and Murphy 0-3-0

WP - Bricklin Anderson 10k (1-0); LP - Juan Potolicchio 11k (0-1)

#9 - Farm Tavern 4-5-1

Innerkip 0-1-0

Don Hale 2x3 (HR); **WP - Korrey Gareau 12K** (1-0); LP - Jeremy deBelleva (0-1)

#10- Midland 7-7-0

Napanee 0-3-3

HR - Steve Roberts, Dave Frick; **WP - Grant Patterson** (1-0); LP - Jordan MacDonald

#11 - SoCal 4-5-1

Bloomington 3-3-1

HR-Lanny Rodriguez; **WP - Tony Peebles** (1-0); LP-Matt Tessore (0-1)

#12 - Vancouver 7-8-2

Peterborough 0-2-2

Doug Cain 3x4; HR-Scott Newitt **WP - Nick Underhill** (1-0); LP

Wayne Wells (0-1)

#13 - Patsy's - 11-12-0

Plangger's - 0-1-1

HR-Thomas Makea, Travis Wilson; **WP-Gerald Muizelaar** (1-0); LP Rick Plangger (0-1)

#14 - Townline 4-5-0

Pueblo 0-1-2

HR-Nick Shailes; **WP - Betto Guerrinieri 15k** (1-0); LP - Regan Manley 10K (0-1)

#15 - Kitchener 6-9-1

Ashland 2-3-0

Dale Levy 2x3 - 3 rbis; Todd Budke 2x3; Blake Miller 2x4; **WP Todd Martin 14k** (1-0); LP - Jeff Wilson

#16 Broken Bow 1-5-0

Horse Lake 0-4-0

Jarrad Martin 2x3; Jess Potskin 2x3 **WP - Jeremy Manley 18k** (1-0); LP - Darren Zack 9k (0-1)
(Bottom of 6th-back-to-back singles by Jarrad Martin & Rhys Casley for only run of the game)

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions for

Sunday's Games

(Projected winner **bold underlined**)

(Record to date 15-1)

12:00 Saskatoon vs **SoCal**

12:00 Scarborough vs **Circle Tap**

2:00 Portland vs **Farm Tavern**

4:00 Orillia vs **Midland**

6:00 Albaugh vs **Hallman Twins**

8:00 **Broken Bow** vs Townline

50/50

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Friday Aug.10

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Saturday Aug. 11

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Eric Vopni, Kitchener
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CHUCKER CHALLENGE

The ISC Host Committee is pleased to present the "Chucker Challenge" adjacent to the Kids' Play Area between Diamonds #1 and #2. **Wal-Mart \$25 Gift certificates and Molson Prize Packs** are awarded daily to the fastest speeds clocked on the Chucker Radar Gun. Saturday's winners (speed in kph):

Youth - **Nick Norcott - 81**

Ladies - **Carolyn Henry - 88**

Men - **Jess Potskin - 126**

Players - **Greg Tomasek - 116**

(Inquiry - Jess Potskin is a player!)

Top speeds of the week will be awarded a grand prize - loosen up your throwing arm and try the "Chucker Challenge".

