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John Thompson, Editor

MinnDak & Patsy's undefeated World Tourney at mid point with few upsets

AIR-BORNE DEFENCE FOR PUEBLO

The "Elite Eight", including Fargo ND MinnDak Millers and New York NY Patsy's who won on Monday are undefeated. Four of them will advance to a guaranteed top six finish with wins in their next round. The E-8 include 7 of the top 8 ISC-ranked teams. The Host Twins are the sole team that is MIA, replaced by upstart (#14 ranked) Elkhart IA Albaugh who defeated the Twins 1-0 in 8 innings on Sunday night. Twins, relegated to the "losers" bracket, will require a minimum of eight wins to advance to Saturday's Championship match. The arduous trek begins today at 11:00 am with an encounter with the 18th ranked Pueblo CO Bandits.

FEATURED GAMES

5:00 PM

#1 Broken Bow NY Gremlins vs
#8 Denmark, WI Circle Tap

7:00 pm

#4 Palm Springs, CA Yucaipa
SoCal Bombers vs
#14 Elkhart, IA Albaugh



Pueblo CO Bandits ss Efrain Barraza is airborne on his throw to 1st baseman Mike Kelly as the Bandits beat Benton Harbour MI Planggers 4-1. Pueblo meets the host Kitchener Hallman Twins at 11 am today



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Geography 101 – Elkhart, IA to Horse Lake, AB

Opening Night, and fans of the Evergreen Centennials from St. Thomas scratched their heads and inquired – just who are these guys in the **Albaugh** uniforms? Later the same evening, the well-travelled Gremlins of Clifton Park, NY (by way of Broken Bow NE) were mulling the question, so from where does this **Team Thunder** originate?

Albaugh of Elkhart IA and the **Thunder of Horse Lake AB** are so very far apart and so very different. Yet, there are similarities.

Elkhart is a growing community (between Ames and Des Moines), and residents enjoy a pizza shop, restaurant, three churches, a community centre and a softball complex. The vicinity was originally inhabited by a few Indians who hunted abundant wildlife and in 1846 Isaac Walker Cory arrived and settled an area to be known as Cory Grove. Isaac encouraged his father and brothers back in Elkhart, IN to join him. They did and in 1853, J.W. Cory laid out a town named for Elkhart, IN. Albaugh is a local chemical company.

Horse Lake, population 349 is located in Alberta, about 100 miles north of Grande Prairie. Arguably, Horse Lake First Nations was established when reserves were set aside for the Beaver Indians of Dunvegan. Title to land (which may include a softball diamond) has been in question and a very large gas deposit (Kiskatinaw) underlies a portion of reserve land near Fairview Alberta and about ten years ago Canada and the First Nations reached agreement on compensation. Thousands of miles apart, drawn together through a common love of softball. An example of **International** in the ISC.

ISC TRIVIA

Yesterday's answer - Who are the top four players participating in the 2007 Tournament that have been selected the most times to the ISC All-World team?

Answer –all are pitchers (three Canadians and a Kiwi/US). **Michael White**, originally of NZ and now a resident of the USA, is playing with **Portland Demarini** (ranked #12) – Michael has 10 ISC All-World designations (1984-2004) with eight different cities – Bakersfield CA, Cedar Rapids IA, Aurora IL, Sioux City IA (3), Green Bay WI, Decatur IL, St. Joseph MO and Fargo ND

Southpaw Mike Piechnik, also playing with **Portland Demarini** earned All-World status nine times (1985-2002) with six cities– Madison WI (2), Victoria BC (2), Sioux City IA (2), Green Bay WI, Broken Bow NE & Waterloo ON.

Darren Zack, this year pitching for newcomer First Nation squad from **Horse Lake, AB** also earned 9 All-Worlds, (1992-2004) with four cities Vancouver BC, Toronto, ON (4), Tampa Bay FL, Decatur IL and Marathon WI (2).

Todd Martin of the host **Kitchener Hallman Twins**, has eight All-World selections (1994-2006) in four cities – Napanee ON, Tampa Bay FL (2), Madison, WI (4) and Kitchener, ON

TODAY'S QUESTION

A two-part question:

Where is the 2008 ISC World Championship scheduled to be played, and

Where **might** it be played in 2009?

Answers in tomorrow's Diamond Dirt.



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MONDAY ON THE DIAMONDS

* **Peterborough Murpy Windmillers** staked **Bloomington Stix** to a 2-run lead in the first inning, but rallied to tie the game in the 4th, going to extra innings. Dramatically, at 2 out in B9 **Windmillers Craig Buttar** hit a solo walk-off HR to win 3-2....

* **Pueblo Bandits and Plangger's Furniture** hustled their way through 7 innings in 1 hour and 18 minutes...

* **Ashland Mets** Pit Jeff Wilson, who took a line drive off his pitching arm Friday vs **St. Thomas** appears fine, going 2x3, pitching 2 shut-out innings (save) over **Horse Lake Thunder**.

* **New York Patsy's** managed only 4 hits, but scored 6 runs, led by **Frank Degroat's** pair of HRs and 3 rbis.

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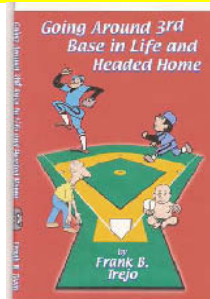
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Monday August 13

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Frank Trejo, a left-handed slap-hitting third baseman from Pheonix, AZ was the leading hitter (13 for 23 .565) for Pomona, CA Bombers, had four All-World Selections (1965-68) and was inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame (1990).

Utilizing this wealth of fastball experience, possessing a self-depracating introspection and a rapier-like wit, Frank has put pen to paper. The result is a biographical memoir complete with social and political commentary. Included are special memories of the record - breaking historic 34-inning **Madison WI Farm Tavern vs Midland MI Valley Mechanical** softball game (August 18-19, 1981) in the ISC tournament at Saginaw, MI.

Frank is a generous and passionate supporter of the **Carrol Forbes Foundation** and is donating proceeds from sale of the book – **“Going Around 3rd Base in Life and Headed Home”** – copies of which are available at the Souvenir Tent. A great read and an affordable (\$15) appropriate gift for softball fans, PLUS, you can support the ISC Forbes Foundation at the same time.

KNOW YOUR SUDS!

Today's Question

In what year did Arthur Guinness establish his beer and lease a brewery?

Answer in tomorrow's DD.

Answer for Monday

When determining alcoholic content of beer, is it % by “volume” or % by “weight”? Is Canadian beer “stronger” than American beer?

Answer - Contrary to rumours, there is confusion in labeling as Americans traditionally measure alcohol by weight, while Canadians use percentage by volume. So, 4% alcohol by weight is “roughly” equal to 5% alcohol by volume!

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SCOREBOARD

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

#23 - Innerkip 13-16-1

Napanee 0-5-4

Dan Skillings 2 HRs and 7 rbis

WP - Jamie Simpson (1-0)

LP - Jordan MacDonald (0-1)

#24 - Peterborough 3-9-1

Bloomington 2-3-2

Brad Meldrum 2x3; Craig Buttar 2x4-walk-off HR with 2 out in bottom of 9th

WP - Scott Evans 14K (1-0)

LP - Mexi Montero (0-1)

#25 - Pueblo - 4-6-1

Plangger's - 1-3-0

Effrain Barraza 2x2

WP - Regan Manley (1-0)

LP - Earl Rutledge (0-1)

#26 - Ashland 5-10-1

Horse Lake 3-10-0

Jeff Wilson 2x3; Eduardo

Leonardo (HR); Robert

Bomberry 2x4

WP - Tom Berube 11K (1-0)

LP - Earl Laforte 7K (0-1)

#27 - St. Thomas 8-14-0

Thomson 5-11-0

Tex Lssard 2x3; Kevin Lynch

2x4; Ted Kosciuszka 2x4 (HR);

Chrjs Wismer 2x4(HR)

Marquise Cody 2x4 (HR); Tim

WP - Don Beecrft (1-0)

LP - Steve Manson (0-2)

#28 - Jarvis 7-9-0

Midwest 0-7-2

HR-Rino Dambrosio, Al

Phibbs, Greg Courneyea

WP - Brian Urquhart (1-0)

KP Kim Hanson (0-2)

#29 - Elmira 6-5-1

Elkland 0-7-2

Matt Reinhart 2x4; HR-Andy

Baechler; Brian Miller 2x2;

WP - Dan Bradley, 9K (1-0)

LP-Greg Garrity, 14 K (0-1)

#30 Dolan & Murphy 5-8-2

Rice Creek 0-3-2

P.J. McKinney 2x2, Mike

Armitage 2x4; Adam Saylor 2x2;

WP - Jonas Mach 15K (1-0)

LP - Sean Kelly (0-2)

#31 - Minndak 10-14-0

Vancouver 5-5-2

Jeff Wandler 3x3 (HR-2);

Lucas Goring 3x5; Rob

Giesbrecht 2x3

WP - Travis Wilson (1-0)

LP-Rick Smith (0-1)

#32 - Bloomington 8-8-2

Napanee 1-3-1

Chris Delorit 3x3(HR); Jason

Loe 2x2(HR)

WP - Matt Terrore (1-1)

LP - Andy Madden (0-1)

#33 - Patsy's 6-4-0

Quad City 1-3-0

Frank Degroat 2x3(HR-2), Bill

Kranz (HR)

WP - Adam Folkard 17Ks (1-0)

LP - Jeff Farion (0-1)

#34 - Plangger's 8-13-1

Horse Lake 5-10-2

Wayne Brown 3x4 (HR); Jeff

Bohne 2x3 (HR); Al Anderson

2x3 (HR); John Giroux (HR)

WP - Earl Rutledge 9K (1-1)

LP Earl Laforte (0-2)

#35 Thomson 4-5-0

Midwest 3-9-0

Steve Manson 2x3 (H-2), Chris

Anderson 2x3 (HR)m Chris

Bohlman 3x4, Penese Iosefo

(HR), Casey Eden (HR)

WP- Roberto Bahler (1-0)

LP- Joe Simoni (0-1)

#36 - Elkland 4-6-1

Rice Creek 3-5-0

Reg Garrity 1x2 (HR), Justin

Cevette 2x3, Brian Miller 2x3

WP- Jason Smith (1-0)

LP Jeff Lovell (0-1)

TV CAMERA

Who does own the TV camera

behind home plate on D-1 and

for which team is "Erie-Tim"

r-e-a-l-l-y scouting? Stay tuned!

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions for

Tuesday's Games

(Projected winner **bold underlined**)

(Record to date **28-8**)

9:00 Innerkip vs **Townline**

11:00 **Peterborough** vs Scarborough

11:00 Pueblo vs **Kitchener**

1:00 St. Thomas vs **Midland**

1:00 Jarvis vs **Portland**

3:00 Elmira vs **Yancouver**

3:00 Dolan & Murphy vs **Quad City**

5:00 **Broken Bow** vs Circle Tap

5:00 Loser #38 vs **Loser #37**

7:00 Albaugh vs **SoCal**

7:00 Loser #40 vs **Loser #39**

9:00 **Loser #42** vs Loser #41

9:00 **Loser #44** vs Loser #43

TV-VOLUNTEERS

URGENTLY REQUIRED

Video Streaming of the games is superb and provides tourney progress for fans unable to attend. Volunteers to staff the cameras are needed, and while experience is helpful, training will be provided for those would like to volunteer but need some practical assistance. Please see **Roseanne** in the **Media Booth** behind home plate on Diamond #1.

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ISC II Tournament of Champions- Year #6

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OPENING DAY AUGUST 13
ODDS TO WIN THE 6th ANNUAL
ISC-II Tournament of
Champions (Listed pitchers in brackets)

#1 - NIAGARA, ON Snappers 3-2
(Costello, Demoe, Duemo)

Deep pitching led by ISC II strikeout king Corey Costello combined with a potent offence 1 through 9 that is the equivalent of Murderers' Row...earned #1 ranking but lingering questions about defence.

#2 - BAKERSFIELD, CA Lumberkings 3-2
(Egerdeen, Gaspar, Strang)

Deep pitching staff anchored by Darren Strang and Mike Egerdeen, played a very tough schedule all year. If they score runs, will be in the final game but can they score when it counts?

#3 - PORT ELGIN ON Blue Devils 3-1
(Banks, Christie, Eadie, Hamilton, Ketchell)

The best hitting team in ISC II. If they can get the pitching to match their sticks, could be in final like they were in 2005. Is Steve Ketchell enough?

#4 - SOUTH LEBANON PA TNT 4-1
(Adams, McClune, Tracy)

Pitcher Jeremy Tracy has led team to the winner's circle all year. If he gets rest during the round robin, will be a force in playoffs.

#5 - OSWEGO, NY CPI - 5-1
(Clark, Samson, Winship)

Won five tournaments and have been building for

the ToC all year. Will need to keep ace Shaun Winship's innings down in the round robin and then score runs in the playoffs.

#6 - KITCHENER ON Outlaws 5-1
(Geehan, Leonhardt, MartinMcGarr, Ross)

A hard-hitting team that flies under the radar most of the time, have outstanding pitching in Dan Martin and Scott Leonhardt. Don't be surprised if they are in the final four.

#7 - OTTAWA ON Team Easton Thunder 8-1
(Bradley, Konkle, Murphy)

With a strong supporting staff and a good hitting lineup, will be threat if Konkle stays focused on the task for 5 days.

#8 - TAVISTOCK ON Merchants 9-1
(Cook, Cummings, Struth)

Defending champions have struggled, times, lost key players including mid- infield, need Cummings to regain 2006 year's form.

#9 - PALERMO, ON ATHLETICS 10-1
(Inglehart, McCall, Reed, Scott)

Came up one run short last year. Does ace Gord Scott have another fantastic tournament in him? After last year, learned to never count these guys out.

#10 - HARRISTON, ON
MERCURY'S 12-1 (Daw, Smith, Vader)

Proved in Innerkip they can play with anyone, but a third title in five years would be a stretch. Ace Scott Smith will be leaned on heavily to get team into the elite eight.

#11 - ELORA, ON
WELLINGTON BREWERS 15-1
(Goetz, Uhrig)

Loads of talent on paper but questions about team chemistry. Followed up top finishes in Niagara and Mitchell with a brutal qualifier. Easy pool means they won't be tested early.

#12 - BRIDGEPORT, ON PROforma
BRAVES 15-1
(Blonde, Harris, Winkworth)

The host team will need lefties Winkworth and Blonde to be effective, or it will be a short week, can't overlook two straight league titles - they do know how to win.

#13 - MORAVIANTOWN, ON
BUCKTOWN BEES 25-1
(Hopkins, Martin)

Terrific run at qualifier with great hitting, but defence is suspect

#14 - WYEVILLE, ON TRIBE - 25-1
(Giffen, McNabb)

Won at Innerkip but that may have been season's peak

#15 - WATERDOWN, ON HAMMER 25-1
(Fevreau, Hathaway, Hurst, Neil)

Neill is capable of carrying team.

#s16- #s 35 - THE FIELD - 40-1

The wonderful aspect of the ISC II is the parity. Don't be surprised if any of the top 15 teams win - or if a dark horse comes from the field to claim the trophy on Championship Saturday.


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ISC II – On the basepaths... ..

BRAVES BRIEFS

Favorite childhood memory, first job and long-term ambition of Host Braves personnel:

Catcher Jason Hoch states – “playing baseball in the Skydome; working at Dutch Boy Food markets and wanting to be a pro athlete.”

Shortstop Jay Schnarr recalls – “sticking a dart in my brother Jodie’s leg; being a paperboy and wanting to be a rock star.”

Infielder Rob Weiler has memories of “corncob fights in his grandparents’ hayloft, delivering flyers at age 10 and wanting to play every day.”

Don Harris remembers – “playing sports, working at a pizzeria and wanting to be a firefighter.”

Coach Rock Boyd recalls – “playing ‘kick the can’; pumping gas and aspiring to be a rock star.”

Veteran Sam Forbes shares “spending the day at the river, mowing lawns and dreaming of playing for the Yankees.”

Outfielder Jodie Schnarr recalls – “growing up with older brother Jim, carrying out groceries at Central Meat Market and wanting to be a professional athlete.”

TODAY'S GAMES

11:30 B1 Wyevale vs Jarvis
11:30 K1 Hamilton vs Carp
12:00 B2 Linwood vs Castro Valley
12:00 K2 Kitchener vs Moraviantown
1:30 B1 Ottawa vs Ashland
1:30 K1 Wilkes Barre vs Quyon
2:00 B2 S.Lebanon vs Ottawa Valley
2:00 K2 Oswego vs Alvinston
3:30 B1 Niagara vs Harriston
3:30 K1 Perkasi vs Rockwood
4:00 B2 Glencoe vs Mitchell
4:00 B2 Hamilton vs Ephrata
6:30 OPENING CEREMONIES AT BUDD PARK
7:30 B1 Bakersfield vs Bridgeport
7:30 B2 Ingersoll vs Kingston
8:30 K1 Blackburn vs Jarvis
8:30 K2 Quyon vs Shakespeare
9:30 B1 Tavistock vs Kitchener
9:30 B2 Port Elgin vs Hickson

ISC II Fastball's success story

Since the inaugural ISC II Tournament of Champions in Budd Park in 2002, has enjoyed huge success.. The tournament has visited three cities south of the border – Appleton, WI in 2003; Fargo, ND in 2004 and Chippewa Falls, WI in 2005 and

of course, back-to-back here in **Kitchener-Cambridge**. While Ontario has dominated the silverware, excellent teams from the US of A have their own objectives of making the “elite eight”, “final four” or “the show” on Championship Saturday to make their mark at this 6th anniversary tourney.

From twenty teams in 2002, to more recently 7 pools of 5 teams, rivalries have formed and competition will be keen. Last year’s popular **California Lumberkings** are highly respected and **South Lebanon TNT** and **Oswego, NY CPI** are both strong contenders for the “final four”

LEADERSHIP IS STRONG

Blair Setford, as a hard-working and dedicated ISC II Commissioner, is passionate about the Tournament of Champions and with a solid working relationship with the host cities volunteers – notably ISC II Chair **Rick Boyd, Ben Blackwell, Larry Cox** and others, who have, and continue to, work long and hard to prepare for this

week’s event The 93 games have been condensed into 5 days – all that can be done has been attended to, and with good weather, positive attitudes and a zest and enthusiasm for keen competition, this year’s event will certainly be another outstanding success..

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(from the Guidebook)

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Thanks for leadership!

