



Volume 7-Wed. Aug. 15/07 John Thompson, Editor

Gremlins, Bombers perfect at 3-0 Host twins blank Pueblo 5-0 - play today at 3:00 vs Aspen

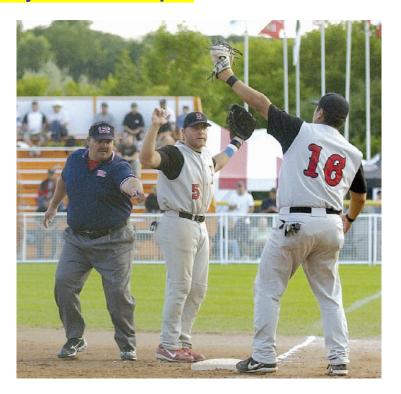
Two of a kind – a weak poker hand, but an awesome pairing in the top half of the tourney bracket as Broken Bow Gremlins of Clifton Park, NY and SoCal Bombers of Palm Springs, CA won closely contested shutouts and now sport perfect, unblemished 3-0 records. Their play to date guarantees each of them to be in the "top six" by the end of the week., and they meet head-to-head on Thursday at 5:00 pm..

Both heavy-weight contenders used solid "D" behind their starting pitchers. The Gremlins top of the order, Kiwi connection of **Pat Shannon** and **Nathan Nukunuku** had a pair of hits each, and with two runs on the score-board, Australian Pitcher **Andrew Kirkpatrick** was not to be denied. The lanky moundsman fashioned a two-hitter, complete with 13 strike-outs to set down the **Denmark WI Cirice Tap** 2-0. Hard luck loser **Colin McKenzie** had a great outing, spreading six hits, in taking the loss.

In the night-cap, SoCal's Argentinian fireballer Lucas Mata toyed with a no-hitter (10 K) through six innings, shutting down Elkhart, IA Albaugh and out-duelling Akbaugh's Terry Luster, eventually winning 1-0. Chad Ghostkeeper was 2 for 3 at the plate for the Bombers. Albaugh mounted a 7th inning rally, with Ben Fjelland's lead-off hit, and left runners on the corners to close out the game.

TWINS ADVANCE – The Host Hallman Twins kept their hopes alive with a solid 5-0 win over the Pueblo, CO Bandits. Todd Budke provided the knockout punch, a 2-out 3-run homer and Don Scott, with Paul Koert in relief picked up the win. Twins play today at 3:00 vs Saskatoon Aspen.

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Palm Springs CA Yucaipa SoCal Bombers infielders Steve Pinnochio (Merced, CA) and Raymundo Parra (Ensenada, Baja, Mexico) communicate following a play in their 1-0 shut-outover Elkhart, IA, Albaugh as Blue Crew makes the call.

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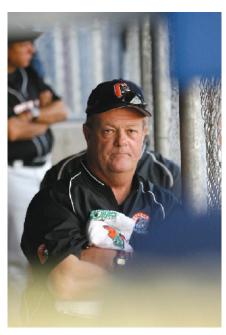
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Fastball - off the field, behind the scenes...



Bob Baird – Trainer Orillia Quaker Riversharks

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ISC TRIVIA

Yesterday's question - A two-part question:

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

(b)Where might it be played in 2009?

Answers

(a) The 2008 ISC World Championship will be played in **Kimberly, WI** for a record 11th time.

It was last played there in 2003 and returns to beautiful Sunset Park, Kimberly August 10-17, 2008. (Kimberly is also the home of the **ISC Hall of Fame**, well worth a visit when you're attending the ISC Tournament).

The 2003 ISC II Tournament of Champions was hosted by Appleton, WI, sister city to Kimberly, however, plans have not yet be finalized for the hosting of the 2008 ISC Tournament of Champions.

(b) Traditionally, bids and applications to host are presented two years in advance, and perhaps there will be a response from the ISC meetings this week. Potential locations would include returning to **Eau Claire WI** (host city in 2005 and 2001), **Fargo ND** (host in 2004), **Minot ND** (has applied in the past) or **Quad City, IA** (notably Davenport).

Another potential <u>future</u> site is **Saskatoon**, **SK**, which is hosting the International Softball Federation (ISF) World "Country vs Country" Championship in 2009.

TODAY'S QUESTION

In the last seven ISC tournament (2000-2006), only three pitchers have shared the seven championship victories in those seven years – who are they?

Answers in tomorrow's Diamond Dirt.



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TUESDAY ON THE DIAMONDS

Ashland's DH **Jeff Wilson** singles to score **Eduardo Leonardo**, who singled, stole 2nd for only run of the game to eliminate Pueblo Bandits .Complete game is played in 1 hour and 14 minutes.

Jarvis Merchants and St. Thomas beat up on opposing pitchers, pounding out 21 hits as Jarvis was the last team standing in an 11-9 win that eliminated the Evergreen Centennials from the tournament.

Elmira Cubs did an admirable job in their debut in the World Tournament, beating Elkland, PA 6-0 before succumbing to Davenport IA Quad City Sox 2-0. Cubs tested the waters in senior, to round out the 32 team field.

Saskatoon's Trevor Ethier tosses a no-hitter with 14ks, allowing but two walks, and having a good day at the plate with a pair of hits, shutting out Ashland, OH Mets 8-0.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

The baseball theme song "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" is often played or sung at major-minor league games, typically during the 7th inning stretch (won't work here at ISC tourney as most games only go 7 innings, occasionally only 5 or 6

innings). Ballpark music performed by an organist debuted at Chicago's Wrigley Field in 1941, and had spread to most other major League Parks by the 1960's.

Personally, I only know the lines of the chorus for this respected baseball theme song. So, for me and others like me, here is the original 1908 Version, written by Jack Norworth, a successful vaudeville entertainer and songwriter who spent just fifteen minutes writing this classic on scrap paper on a train ride to Manhatten, New York.

1908 Version

1st verse -

"Katie Casey was base ball mad Had the fever and had it bad; Just to root for the home town crew, Ev'ry soul Katie blew.

On a Saturday, the young beau Called to see if she'd like to go, To see a show but Miss Kate said, "No, I'll tell you what you can do."

Chorus

"Take me out to the ball game.
Take me out with the crowd.
Buy me some peanuts & cracker jack,
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."

2nd verse

"Katie Casey saw all the games, Knew the players by their first names; Told the umpire he was wrong, All along good and strong When the score was just two to two Katie Casey knew what to do, Just to cheer up the boys she knew, She made the gang sing this song:"

Chorus repeated.

Your homework – memorize these words and perhaps we can sing it on Championship Day here at PHBY.

KNOW YOUR SUDS

In 1786, John Molson started the brewery that nears his surname (now in 7th generation of Molson family leadership) and it is North America's oldest brewing company, and Canada's 2nd oldest company.

Today's Question

Molson's is Canada's 2nd oldest company - what is Canada's oldest company?

Answer in tomorrow's DD. Answer for Tuesday

In what year did Arthur Guiness establish his beer & lease a brewery?

Answer – In 1759, Arthur Guiness first leased the brewery at St. James' gate in Dublin for just 45 pounds sterling per year.





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SCOREBOARI

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

#37 - Innerkip 5-6-2

Townline 6-8-3 Steve Running 3x4, Jamie Baker 2x3, Aaron Neemie 2x4, Wayne Laulu (HR)

WP – Jeremy deBelleval 11K (1-1) LP – James Danby 10K (0-1)

#38 - Peterborough 4-7-0

Scarborough 1-4-0 Scott Evans 2x2, Troy Gilmour 2x4

WP – Wayne Wells 12Ks (1-1)

LP – Andrew Scott (0-1)

#39 - Kitchener 5-7-1

Pueblo 0-5-1 Ron White 2x3; Blake Miller 2x4, Todd Budke (HR-3 rbi) Allan West 2x2,

Peter Merseau 2x3

WP – **Don Scott** (1-0)

LP – Bill Hillhouse (0-1)

#40 – Aspen 8-9-1

Ashland 0-0-2

Trevior Ethier 2x3; Darrell Joy 2x4, Craig Horsewell (HR), Mike Lawton (HR) WP - Trevor Ethier 14K (1-0)

LP – Jeff Wilson (0-2)

#41 - Midland 9-7-0

St. Thomas 3-10-3 Kyle Beane 2x3, Chad Crawford 2x3, Brian Roote 2x4, Chris

Payne 2x4 (HR)

WP – Grant Patterson (2-1)

LP – Steve Langley (0-1)

#42 - Portland 4-9-1

Jarvis 3-5-0

Jesse Duncan & Brian Ree 2x4

WP (relief) Mike Piechnik (1-1) LP – Brian Urquhart (1-1)

#43 - Vancouver 8-7-1

Elmira 0-1-1 Doug Allin 2x3; Rob Giesbrecht (HR)

WP-Nick Underhill 9K (2-0)

LP - Ryan French (0-1)

#44 Dolan & Murphy 2-5-0

Quad City 0-1-0 Brian Tobin 2x3

WP-Juan Potalicchio 11K (1-1)

LP – Al Reblin (1-1)

#45 - Broken Bow 2-6-0

Circle Tap 0-2-1 Pat Shannon 2x4, Nathan

Nukunuku 2x4 WP-Andrew Kirkpatrick 13K (2-0)

LP - Colin McKenzie (1-1)

#46 - <u>Townline</u> 6-11-0

Scarborough 0-3-1 Nick Shailes 3x4 (HR); Aaron Neemia (3x3

WP - Betto Guerrinieri 12K (2-2) LP – Andy Skelton (1-2)

#47 - SoCal 1-7-2

Albaugh 0-1-2

Chad Ghostkeeper 2x3

WP – Lucas Mata 10K (2-0)

LP - Terry Lster (0-1)

#48 - Ashland 1-2-0

Pueblo 0-3-0

Jeff Wilson 1x2 (rbi)

WP - Tom Berube (2-0)

LP - Regan Manley 11K (1-2)

#49 - <u>Jarvis 11-9-1</u>

St. Thomas 9-12-5 Tex Lessard 2x3(HR), Ryan Thompson 2x3, Greg

Courneyea 2x3, Mark Coleman 2x3, Adam Smith (HR)

WP – Scott Wagar (11)

LP - Dan Beecroft (1-1)

#50 - Quad City 2-9-1

Elmira 0-4-1

Darryn Miller 2x3, Chris Mink 2x3, Bill Kranz 2x4

WP – Jeff Farin (1-1)

LP - Casey Halstead (0-2)

JAY'S PICKS

Predictions for

Wednesday's Games

(Projected winner bold underlined)

(Record to date 39-11)

11:00 Bloomington vs Quad City

11:00 Plangger's vs **Jarvis**

1:00 Thomson vs Ashland

1:00 Elkland vs Townline

3:00 Innerkip vs Peterborough

3:00 Kitchener vs Aspen

5:00 Orillia vs The Farm

5:00 Midland vs Portland

7:00 MinnDak vs Patsy's

9:00 Vancouver vs Aurora

CHUCKER CHALLENGE UPDATE

Youth/Ladies/Men/Player Sunday (km/hour)

Nick Norcott.Kitchener - 83

Denise Foxton, Ayr -89

Travis Connor – Stouffville - 107

Monday

Seth Deakin, Woodstock - 81

Brooke Bielema - 100

Chad Milne - 127

Cody Marquise - 127

Tuesday

Nick Norcott, Kitchener - 83 Keisha Jacques – 77

Ian Baer - 104

Check this section daily for the winning 50/50 numbers

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ISC II Tournament of Champions - Opening Day Success

Opening Day at the ISC II Smith retired 14 Snappers in a row at one Tournament of Champions featured several outstanding games marking the close level of competition between Falk. Costello closed the door on the all teams.

At 6:30 pm, the opening pitches were thrown out by Jonathan Baker (youthful speaker from 2006 ISC Hall of Fame breakfast) and Tom Clancy (ISC 2006 World Tourney Chair) following the introduction of the teams, officials and host committee.

A-1/Taylor Farms' Dave Drotzman had the highlight of the day, tossing a no-hitter against Linwood 86ers in a 2-0 victory for the California team which is making its debut in ISC II. The two runs of support are two more than Drotzman received all of last year.

Top-ranked Niagara Snappers needed extra innings to bounce Harriston Mercury's 2-1. After both teams scored a run each in the first inning, pitchers Costello and Scott Smith dominated and kept the offences at bay. Costello finished with 16 strikeouts while for the 3-2 win.

point. Snappers loaded the bases in the t-8th, scoring a run on a sac fly by Trevor Mercury's in the b-8th for the win.

Tavistock opened its championship defence with a nervous 5-4 win over Kitchener Outlaws. The Merchants jumped out to a 5-1 lead and starter Ryan Cummings managed to shut down a furious Outlaw rally in the sixth before Steve Cook came on for the save in the 7th.

Host Bridgeport PROforma Braves took on the California Lumberkings in a re-match of last year's Opening Ceremony game. In front of a boisterous and enthused partisan crowd, Braves jumped out to a 1-0 lead on Jodie Schnarr's leadoff home run. The new and improved Lumberkings took a 2-1 lead in the second inning. Jay Schnarr scored the tying run in the 4th. The Lumberkings took the lead for good in the 5th as 21-year-old Kevin Castillo drilled an RBI single and held on

Jason Giffen and the Wyevale Tribe showed that victory at the Innerkip Qualifier was no fluke as prevailed in a duel with veteran pitcher's "Farmer" Martin of the Jarvis Rock. Giffen spun a one-hitter for a 2-0 win.

Ashland Merchants, playing for their manager Roger Hershey, at home recovering from a stroke, rode the arm of Jeff Van Hooser to a convincing 4-0 win over Ottawa Team Easton Thunder.

Alvinston Indians, winners of the recent Ontario Intermediate Eliminations, overcame a 3-1 deficit to beat Oswego, NY Cutro Professional Inspections 4-3 Other impressive wins came from Port Elgin Blue Devils, Keating's Fitness and T.N.T. as they each pounded out mercy wins ... Hamilton Hawks managed a split on the day, beating Carp I4C Victory 5-3 and dropping a close 3-2 decision to PA Power ... Carp was named the winner of the inaugural ISC II "Best Dressed" Team Award for their black jerseys trimmed in silver and white. Quyon, QC Combat Flyers dropped 2 in their tourney debut.





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ISC II - On the basepaths...

SCOREBOARD

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

Tuesday Scores

#1 - <u>Wyevale 2-5-0</u> Jarvis 0-1-1

WP – Jason Giffen (1-hit) (1-0) LP – Dave Martin (0-1)

#2 - <u>Hamilton 5</u> Carp 3

#3 - Castro Valley 2-5-1 Linwood 0-0-2

WP-Dave Drotzman (0-hit) (1-0) LP – Jeff Murphy (0-1)

#4 - Moraviantown 2
Kitchener 1

#5 – Ashland 4-8-1

Ottawa Easton 0-2-1

WP – Jeff Van Kooswer 11K (1-0) LP – Jeff Murphy (0-1)

#6 - <u>Wilkes Barre 11</u>
Quyon 2

#7- South Lebanon 14-14-0Ottawa Valley 0-2-3

WP- Scott Adams (1-0)

LP – Derick Bulley (0-1)

#8 - Alvinston 4 (8 innings)
Oswego 3

#9 - Niagara 2-2-2- (8 inn)Harriston 1-3-0

WP – Cory Costello 17K (1-0) LP – Scott Smith(0-1)

#10 - Perkasie 10Rockwood 1

#11 - <u>Glencoe 5-8-2 (11 inns)</u> Mitchell 4-9-0

WP – Ian Knott (1-0)

LP - Kevin Gettler (0-1)

#12 - <u>Hamilton 3</u>
Ephrata 2

#13 - <u>Bakersfield 3</u> Bridgeport 2

#14 – <u>Kingston 8-4-0</u> Ingersoll 0-4-3

WP-Ryan Sharpe (1-0)

LP – Scott Brookshaw (0-1) #15 – Blackburn 1 (8 inns)

Jarvis 0

#16 - Shakespeare 3
Quyon 2

#17 – <u>Tavistock 5</u> Kitchener 4

#18 - <u>Port Elgin 9</u> Hickson 0



Opening ceremonies for the 6th annual Tournament of Champions featured the Opening Pitch from ISC 2006 Host Committee Chair **Tom Clancy** and upcoming ball player **Johnathan Baker**, a speaker at the ISC Hall of Fame Breakfast in 2006. Johnathan aspires to be a starting player in the ISC Tournament in the future.

FOLLOW THE GAMES AT HOME

ISC Tournament of Champions Games are Broadcast - 27 of the games in the ISC II Division are available on the internet. A variety of announcers will feature games from Budd Park #1, and are listed in the schedule available in the official tournament program. Games available at

www.ballparkradio.com

