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John Thompson, Editor

## Farm Tavern, Patsy's undefeated

Host Twins on a roll – could play twice on Thursday

The Final Four on the winners' side are impressive and have each carved out identical 3-0 win-loss records – much as expected. Were there surprises? Sure, but only minimally as #6 Madison WI Farm Tavern dominated #3 Orillia Quaker Riversharks 6-1 last night. What was not surprising was the #2 New York, NY Patsy's 9-0 pasting of the #7 Fargo ND MinnDak Millers, as Patsy's juggernaut continued. Patsy's have now scored 26 times in three outings, while allowing a single run.

Broken Bow Gremlins and SoCal Bombers have also done what was expected, and tonight's double-header of the ISC heavy-weights at 5:00/7:00 will be fastball fans' perfect night.

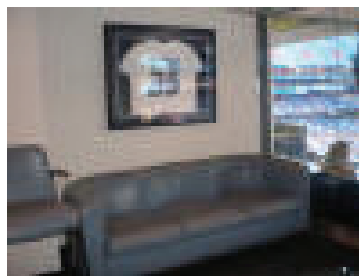
**TWINS IN THE HUNT** – The Host Hallman Twins (3-1) made it two-in-a row with an impressive two-way effort, dispatching the Saskatoon SK Aspen Interiors 3-1 much to the delight of a partisan and supportive home-town crowd. Aspen's Darrell Joy scored in T-1 on a wild pitch, and Twins Jody Eidt countered in B-1 crossing the plate after a passed ball. Eidt and Derek Shackleton each collected two hits, including doubles. Eidt was architect of a timely 6<sup>th</sup> inning double play. Todd Martin got the win, with relief from southpaw Paul Koert. With the score 2-1, 1B Ron White provided the “nail in the coffin” blow with a 6<sup>th</sup> inning solo homer and a two-run cushion. Twins play today at 9:00 am in a re-match with Ashland, OH Mets and with a win, advance to the 1:00 pm match-up against Ontario rival Orillia Quaker Riversharks.

There are still a dozen teams with a single loss in the secondary bracket and they will be eliminated game-by-game today. Four teams will survive until Championship Saturday.

### RAFFLE BENEFITS LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHARITIES

The Ladies of the ISC, spouses of the ISC Commissioners and others, are working diligently to sell raffle tickets with all proceeds going to local children's charities, including the Family and Children's Services Association of Waterloo Region and the local chapter of the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada.

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### THURSDAY'S FEATURED GAMES

5:00 – Clifton Park, NY Broken Bow Gremlins (3-0) vs

Palm Springs CA SoCal Bombers (3-0)

7:00 – Madison WI Farm Tavern (3-0) vs

New York NY Patsy's (3-0)



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## ISC TRIVIA

**Yesterday's** - In the last seven ISC tournaments (2000-2006), only three pitchers have shared the seven championship victories— **who are they?**

**Answers** -The three pitchers who have had success in the ISC Championship games from 2000-2006 are: **Andrew Kirkpatrick** (Marathon WI County Materials 2005 and 2006); **Gerald Muizelaar** (Amsterdam NY Broken Bow Spirit (2003-2004) and Broken Bow NE Travelers (2001)); and **Michael White** (Decatur, IL Pride (2000) & St. Joseph MO Frontier Casino Players (2002).

## TODAY'S QUESTION

**Since 1975**, which of the following three pitchers has been the pitcher of record (winner or loser) of the Most ISC Championship games - **Kevin Herlihy, Michael White or Darren Zack?**

Answers in tomorrow's Diamond Dirt.

## KNOW YOUR SUDS!

### Today's Question

Molson advertising introduced Joe Canada in 2000 with the tag line "**I Am Canadian**". This tag line was discontinued in 2005 and was replaced by a new advertising tag line in 2005. What was that new tag line which was used for two years? **Answer in tomorrow's DD.**

**Yesterday's Question/Answer** If Molson's is Canada's 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest company, (established 1786) what is **Canada's oldest company?**

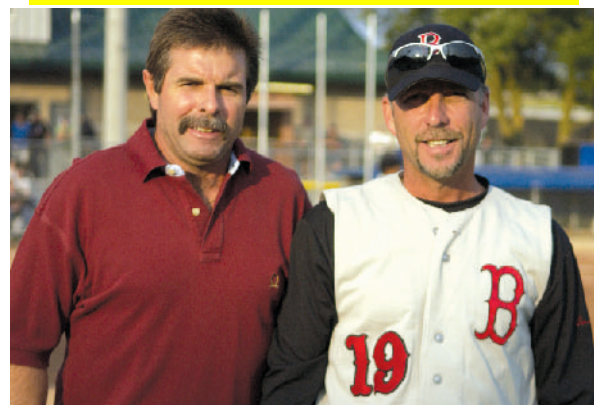
**Answer** – Canada's oldest company is the Hudson's Bay Company, established in London, England on May 2, 1670. It is also the oldest company in North America and at one time was the largest landowner in the world.

## CASEY AT THE BAT

In 1885, George Hearst purchased the San Francisco Examiner and soon thereafter gave the company to his son – **William Randolph Hearst**. The younger Hearst invited **Ernest L. Thayer**, a colleague from Harvard College's Lampoon to write for the Examiner, which he did under the "pen-name" **Phin**.

In the June 3, 1888 issue of the Examiner, Phin authored a poem we now know as "**Casey At The Bat**". The poem initially received little attention, however a New Yorker named **Archibald Gunter** clipped the poem for future use. In August 1888, a comedian **De Wolf Hopper** was performing at the Wallack Theatre and members of the New York and Chicago baseball clubs were in the audience. Gunter shared "**Casey At The Bat**" and the poem became legendary from that day forth. On the following page, **Diamond Dirt** is pleased to present the single most famous baseball poem ever written.

## FASTBALL NOW - HOCKEY SOON



Fastball and hockey seasons almost overlap and both sports were represented at the ISC tourney when veteran NHL Referee **Bill McCreary** of Guelph attended the SoCal-Albaugh game to watch his NHL officiating peer, **Rob Schick**, coach the Bombers. Schick developed his hockey and fastball skills growing up in BC.



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## "Casey At The Bat"

By Ernest L. Thayer ("Phin") - 06-03-1888

Diamond Dirt is pleased to present the most famous  
baseball poem ever written:

The Outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day;  
The score stood four to two, with but one inning to play.  
And then when Cooney died at first, and Barrows did the same,  
A sickly silence fellow upon the patrons of the game.

A straggling few got up to go in deep despair. The rest  
Clung to that hope which springs eternal in the human breast;  
They thought, if only Casey could get but a whack at that –  
We'd put up even money, now, with Casey at the bat.

But Flynn preceded Casey, as did also Jimmy Blake,  
And the former was a lulu and the latter was a cake;  
So upon that stricken multitude grim melancholy sat,  
For there seemed but little chance of Casey's getting to bat.

But Flynn let drive a single, to the wonderment of all,  
And Blake, the much despised, tore the cover off the ball;  
And when the dust had lifted, and the men saw what had occurred,  
There was Jimmy safe at second and Flynn a-hugging third.

Then from 5,000 throats and more there rose a lusty yell;  
It rumbled through the valley, it rattled in the dell;  
It knocked upon the mountain and recoiled upon the flat,  
For Casey, mighty Casey, was advancing to the bat.

There was ease in Casey's manner as he stepped into his place;  
There was pride in Casey's bearing and a smile on Casey's face.  
And, when responding to the cheers, he lightly doffed his hat,  
No stranger in the crowd could doubt 'twas Casey at the bat.

Ten thousand eyes were on him as he rubbed his hands with dirt;  
Five thousand tongues applauded when he wiped them on his shirt  
The while the writhing pitcher ground the ball into his hip,  
Defiance gleamed in Casey's eye, a sneer curled Casey's lip.

And now the leather-covered sphere came hurtling through the air,  
And Casey stood a-watching it in haughty grandeur there.  
Close by the sturdy batsman the ball unheeded sped  
"That ain't my style," says Casey. "Strike one," the umpire said.

From the benches, black with people, there went up a muffled roar,  
Like the beating on the storm-waves on a stern and distant shore  
"Kill him! Kill the umpire!" shouted someone on the stand;  
And it's likely they'd a-killed him had not Casey raised his hand.

With a smile of Christian Charity great Casey's visage shone;  
He stilled the rising tumult; he bade the game go on;  
He signaled to the pitcher, and once more the spheroid flew;  
But Casey still ignored it, and the umpire said "Strike two."

"Fraud!" called the maddened thousands, & echoed answered fraud;  
But one scornful look from Casey, and the audience was awed,  
They saw his face grow stern and cold, they saw his muscles strain,  
And they knew that Casey wouldn't let that ball go by again.

The sneer is gone from Casey's lip, his teeth are clenched in hate;  
He pounds with cruel violence his bat upon the plate.  
And now the pitcher holds the ball, and now he lets it go,  
And now the air is shattered by the force of Casey's blow.

Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright;  
The band is playing somewhere, and somewhere hearts are light,  
And somewhere men are laughing, & somewhere children shout;  
But there is no joy in Mudville – mighty Casey has struck out.  
"Phin"

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## SCOREBOARD

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

### #51 - Quad City 6-9-0

Bloomington 3-6-1

Bruno Matroni 2x2, Rodney Doak 3x3, Chris Delorit 1x3 (HR)

WP - Al Rebling (2-1)

LP - Matt Tessore (1-2)

### #52 - Jarvis 8-10-0

Plangger's 0-2-1

Bob Gillow 2x3(HR), Allan Phibbs 2x3, Chad Staats 2x3

WP - Scott Wagar (2-1)

LP - Rick Plangger (0-2)

### #53 - Ashland 4-8-1

Thompson 2-4-0

Jeff Wilson 3x3 (HR)

Marquise Cody 2x3

WP - Jeff Wilson 11K (1-2)

LP - Roberto Bahler (1-1)

### #54 - Townline 11-12-1

Elkland 0-0-1

WP - Mike Roberts (1-0)

Combined No-hitter - Betto Guerrinieri (2 inns), Mike Roberts (2 inns), James Darby (1 inn)

LP - Jason Smith (1-2)

### #55 - Innerkip 9-10-1

Peterborough 1-2-0

Dan Skillings 3x3(HR), Nick D'Ambrosio, Sammy Tyler 2x2

WP - Jamie Simpson

LP - Scott Evans 1-1

### #56 - Kitchener 3-6-0

Aspen 1-3-2

Derek Shackleton 2x3, Ron White (HR), Jody Eidt 2x2

WP - Todd Martin (2-1)

LP - Dean Holoien (1-2)

### #57 - The Farm 6-10-1

Orillia 1-5-1

Jason Hill 3x4, Donny Hale 3x4(HR), Blair Ezekiel 2x2 (HR), Rob Gray (HR)

WP - Korry Gareau (2-0)

LP - Frank Cox (2-1)

### #58 - Midland 6-7-0

Portland 1-4-1

Steve Horning 2x3, Kyle Bean 2x3, Craig Crawford (HR), Kevin Rasmussen (HR)

WP - Grant Patterson (3-1)

LP - Bricklin Anderson (1-1)

### #59 - Patsy's 9-10-0

MinnDak 0-1-2

Thomas Makea 3x3(HR), Brad Rona (1x2(HR), Travis Wilson 2x3(HR)

WP - Gerald Muizelaar (2-0)

LP - Travis Price (2-1)

### #60 - Vancouver 12-12-1

Aurora 2-2-1

Derek Mayson 3x4(2HR), Andrew Medwedrich 3x4(HR)

WP - Nick Underhill ((3-0)

LP - Juan Potolicchio (1-2)

## JAY'S PICKS

### Predictions for Thursday's Games

(Projected winner **bold underlined**)

(Record to date **48-12**)

9:00 - Townline vs Innerkip

9:00 - Ashland vs Kitchener

11:00 - Jarvis vs Midland

11:00 - Quad City vs Vancouver

1:00 - MinnDak - Winner #61

1:00 - Orillia - Winner #62

3:00 - Albaugh vs Winner #63

5:00 - Broken Bow vs SoCal

7:00 - The Farm vs Patsy's

9:00 - Circle Tap vs Winner #64

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## ISC II - California Cruisin' - in a well-organized event

The two California teams in the ISC II Tournament of Champions both moved into command of their respective pools with a pair of victories Wednesday, but it was the less heralded **A-1/Taylor Farms** team from **Castro Valley** that impressed observers. A-1 began its day with a 5-1 thrashing of the defending champion **Tavistock Merchants** with **John Bishop** picking up the win over **Ryan Cummings**. A-1/Taylor then scored a 5-4 7<sup>th</sup>-inning walk-off win over the **Bucktown Bees** as **Dave Drotzman** picked up the win in relief of **Matt Barnes**. Bees' **Philip Martin** was the hard luck loser in relief of **Lee Hopkins**.

**California Lumberkings** continued its winning ways, edging **Pennsylvania Power** 6-5 (eight innings) before dumping the **Hamilton Hawks** 7-4. **Mike Egerdeen** got his second win of the tournament pitching two innings in relief of starter **Darren Strang** in the first game while **Ed Gasper** notched his first ISC II victory in the night-cap.

**Palermo Athletics** split a pair on the day, trashing the **Glencoe Astros** 9-1 in the opener before dropping a 4-3 9-inning heartbreaker to **South Lebanon, PA T.N.T.** In the latter game, the teams went into the 8th tied at one and both scored. **Palermo** pushed two across in the top of

the 9th before a controversial call at 3B helped T.N.T. score three in the home half of the 9th with **Jeremy Tracy** notching the win for the Pennsylvania team.

**Waterdown Hammer** made an impressive debut in Pool F, waxing the **Port Elgin Blue Devils** 6-2. The Hammer rode the veteran arm of **Rod Fevreau** for five innings as he held down the hard-hitting Blue Devils. **Tim Neill** pitched the final two innings for the save.

**Rockwood Drexler Construction Rush** split two games, dropping a 5-0 decision to **Elora Wellington Brewers** before dumping the **Kingston Cowboys** 10-3 in Pool G action. Elora also beat **Ingersoll Crush** 2-1. The Crush were the hard luck team on the day, blowing a 6-2 lead over the **Perkasie, PA Hoffman Rise** to lose 8-7 in 8 innings.

In Pool D, the **Shakespeare Falcons** upset **Oswego, NY Cutro Professional Inspections** 5-3, leaving CPI needing a victory over **Quyon Flyers** Thursday to secure a playoff spot. CPI picked up its win thus far with a 4-0 win over **Wilkes-Barre PA Keating's Fitness** Wednesday morning. With a pair of wins so far, Shakespeare should be a lock to make the playoffs.

**Pennsylvania Power** rebounded from the loss to the Lumberkings to defeat **Carp**

**I4C Victory** 6-4 ... **Harriston Mercury's** and **Wyevale Tribe** staged a rematch of their two games at the Innerkip qualifier with Mercury's prevailing 8-4 ... **Niagara Snappers** all but wrapped up Pool A with a pair of convincing wins, bombing **Blackburn** 7-2 and rocking **Jarvis** 8-1.

### STANDINGS

<b>"A" Niagara 3-0</b>	<b>"D" Alvinston 2-0</b>
Wyevale 2-1	Shakespeare 2-0
Harriston 1-1	Keating's 1-1
Blackburn 1-2	CPI - 1-2
Jarvis 0-3	Quyon 0-3
<b>"B" California 3-0</b>	<b>"E" T.N.T. 2-0</b>
PA Power 2-1	Palermo 1-1
Bridgeport 1-1	Glencoe 1-1
Hamilton 1-2	Mitchell 1-1
Carp 0-3	Ottawa Valley 0-2
<b>"C" A-1/Taylor 3-0</b>	<b>"F" Ashland 2-1</b>
Tavistock 2-1	Ottawa 1-1
Bucktown 1-1	Waterdown 1-1
Kitchener 1-2	Port Elgin 1-1
Linwood 0-3	Hickson 1-2
<b>"G" Hoffman Rise 2-0</b>	
Elora 2-0	
Kingston 1-1	
Rockwood 1-2	
Ingersoll 0-3	

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## ISC II SCOREBOARD

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

### Wednesday Scores

- #19 - Elora 5-8-0**  
WP - Todd Uhrig  
Rockwood 0-6-0  
LP - Jamie Taylor
- #20 - Palermo 9-8-0**  
WP - Gord Scott (1-0)  
Glencoe 1-2-2  
LP - Jason Dawdy (0-1)
- #21 - Niagara 7-8-1**  
WP - Byron Demoe  
Blackburn 2-5-0  
LP - Shannon Borho
- #22 - Bakersfield 6-8-1**  
WP - Mike Egerdeen (2-0)  
Ephrata 5 (8 innings)  
LP - High Merlin (0-1)
- #23 - Oswego 4-6-2**  
WP - Shaun Winship  
Wilkes-Barre 0-3-0  
LP - Rob Fawcett
- #24 - Bridgeport - 4-4-1**  
Ben Blonde (1-0)  
Carp 3-9-1  
LP - Brad Porter (0-1)
- #25 - Perkasie 8-11-1**  
WP - Art Devoe  
Ingersoll 7-10-1  
LP - Andy Richardson

- #26 - Tavistock 4-7-0**  
WP - Cam Struth (1-0)  
Linwood 1-6-0  
LP Marc Geddes (0-1)
- #27 - Waterdown 6-9-0**  
WP - Rob Favreau  
Port Elgin 2-4-1  
LP - Chris Eadie
- #28 - Hickson 4-5-0**  
WP - Mark VanVliet (1-0)  
Ashland 2-6-0  
LP - Scott Hershey (0-1)
- #29 - Wyevale 5-7-0**  
WP - Graham McNabb  
Blackburn 3-4-3  
LP - Ray Shanoush
- #30 - Rockwood 10-13-0**  
WP - Joel Pegg (1-0)  
Kingston 3  
LP - Jordan MacDonald (0-1)
- #31 - Ephrata 6-8-1**  
WP - Kevin Brown  
Carp - 4-4-3  
LP - Neil Cooke
- #32 - Shakespeare 5-11-0**  
WP - Nic Laurette (1-0)  
Oswego 3-4-0  
LP - Shawn Samson (0-1)
- #33 - Castro Valley 5-10-1**  
WP - John Bishop  
Tavistock 1-4-1  
LP - Ryan Cummings



Andrew Bruce of Ottawa Valley Raiders is out by a step as Mitchell Mets Jeff Pauli toes the bag  
Photo courtesy Andy Bader

- #34 - Mitchell 2-4-0**  
WP - Jeff Smith (1-0)(1-hitter)  
Ottawa Valley 0-1-0  
Jame Wilson (0-1)
- #35 - South Lebanon 4-8-1**  
WP - Jeremy Tracey  
Palermo 3-11-3  
LP - Gord Scott
- #36 - Ottawa 4-6-1**  
WP - Dan Konkle (1-0)  
Hickson 1-7-1  
LP - Greg deBellevall (0-1)
- #37 - Kitchener 11-12-1**  
WP - Scott Leonardt  
Linwood 9-12-3  
LP - Jayme Amos
- #38 - Elora 2-5-0**  
WP - Nic Goetz (1-0)  
Ingersoll 1-3-0  
LP - Adam Martin (0-1)

- #39 - Castro Valley 5**  
Moraviantown 4
- #40 - Alvinston 7**  
Quyon 0
- #41 - Bakersfield 7**  
Hamilton 4
- #42 - Niagara 8**  
Jarvis 1
- #43 - Harriston 8**  
Wyevale 4
- #44 - Ashland 2**  
Waterdown 1



Ottawa Easton Thunder Pitcher Dan Konkle delivers in win over Hickson Reds  
Photo courtesy Andy Bader

