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Farm Tavern and SoCal Bombers

Battle of Titans tonight at 7:00

Fiddler on the Roof has its “Tradition” – In Fastball, it’s the more elusive “Perfection”, teasingly elusive whether you’re an overpowering pitcher or a “good-eye-at-the-plate” lead-off batter.

Both **Palm Springs CA SoCal Bombers** (#4 seed and a DD favorite to compete in the Championship game) and **Madison WI Farm Tavern**, (#6 seed) a perennial Championship Day combatant, have earned well-deserved 4-0 win-loss records.

SoCal defensively rode the arm of Argentinian hurler **Lucas Mata** (14 Ks), using their only two hits with long ball dingers from **Jason Porto** and **Adam Lalonde**. The result - a highly entertaining 3-2 win over **Clifton Park, NY Broken Bow Gremlins**. **Rhys Casley** homered for the Gremlins, and **Andrew Kirkpatrick**, the no-nonsense lanky righty from Australia who came in relief of starter **Jeremy Manley** (1-1) perhaps deserved a better fate from his own outstanding play (10 Ks from the mound and a pair of hits at the plate). Trailing 3-1 in the T-7, Gremlins got hits from the always dangerous **Steve Price** and **Kirkpatrick** to have the tying run at 2B, but **Mata** slammed the door shut, striking out the side.

The Farm Tavern’s Korry Gareau displayed grit under pressure and a degree of adversity, (a diminutive strike zone in the early innings), but was in full command with an 11-k performance, shutting out the highly-ranked **New York, NY Patsy’s** 2-0. Young fireballer **Adam Folkard**, also of Aussie origin, pitched a gem as well with 10 Ks.

Friday at 7:00 pm, the “undefeated” **SoCal Bombers** and **Farm Tavern** clash, striving for continuing perfection, a 5-0 record and the coveted direct pass to Saturday evening’s Championship game.



Lucas Mata provided the **Palm Spring CA Bombers** with a superlative mound performance last night, as Bombers defeated #1 seeded **Clifton Park, NY Broken Bow** 3-2.



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ISC TRIVIA

Yesterday's - 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 - Two of the three aforementioned pitchers have appeared in five ISC Championship games. **Michael White** sports an impressive 4-1 win-loss record (Wins - 2002-St. Joseph, MO; 2000-Decatur, IL; 1992-Sioux City, IA; and 1987 - Cedar Rapids, IA) and the single loss in 1996-Green Bay, WI). **Kevin Herlihy** has also been in five finals, winning twice (1983 - Lancaster CA and 1979 (Saginaw, MI), while losing three times (1986 Lakewood, CA; 1983 - Lancaster CA and 1979 with Saginaw, MI). There is an anomaly for Herlihy as he pitched both games in the former double-knockout format, going back-to-back in both 1983 and 1987.

The most appearances record belongs to **Darren Zack**, with seven. In the 90's, Darren was the pitcher of the decade, with five Championship game appearances, winning both ends of the "what if" finals in 1993 and 1995 with the Champion Toronto Gators and the single game championship in 1998 with Tampa Bay, FL. Since Y2K, Darren has dropped a pair of championship decisions - 2003 and 2004 with Marathon, WI (losing both times to Gerald Muizelaar and the Amsterdam NY Broken Bow Spirit).

TODAY'S QUESTION

Only one player has pitched four (4) perfect games in ISC tournaments - and he's playing in this year's event. Who is it?

Answers in tomorrow's Diamond Dirt.

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Today's Question

In follow-up to yesterday's question, what is the current Molson's tag line in its advertising and promotional campaign?

Answer in tomorrow's DD.

Yesterday'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 - The "**I Am Canadian**" tag line was discontinued in 2005 and replaced with "**It Starts Here**". This line was used for two years until it was replaced in 2007 by a new line (see Today's Question above)

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I Believe in Softball by Jim Ramsey

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I believe in competition and camaraderie.
I believe in brackets, bubble gum, and bang-bang plays.
I believe that attendance and preparation win games.
I believe there is more to being a good batter than just being a good hitter.
I believe in being relaxed on defense until the batter lifts his front foot.
I believe it's ok to use defensive shifts to play the odds, and head games.
I believe in taking my turn to coach the base across the field from our dugout.
I believe in checking on the condition of injured opponents.
I believe players should applaud opponents after they make great defensive plays.
I believe players get better with age.
I believe 40-pound curls are better than 12-ounce ones.
I believe taking winter BP with a cheap bat helps to hit summer homers with an expensive bat.
I believe in running out routine grounders and lazy fly balls, no matter how frustrated I am.
I believe it is better to be a smart base runner than a fast one.
I believe in scoring from 3rd-base on a double-play grounder, or from 2nd on a very deep fly.
I believe in the nervous anticipation of a play at the plate.

I believe in the quiet buzz in a dugout when the defense is underestimating a batter's power.
I believe in the magical moment of recognition after contact on a "no-doubter" home run.
I believe in catchers who talk junk and pitchers who throw it.
I believe in infielders who think getting dirty is part of the job description.
I believe in fast outfielders who do not hug the lines or play too deep.
I believe rattling bats can wake them up, and uncrossing them can avoid bad luck.
I believe in wiping the morning dew off a ball, and squinting into a sunset.
I believe I'll see a 3-6-1 double play again someday.
I believe in saving an equipment catalog until the next issue replaces it.
I believe photos, autographed balls, and scorebook pages can be better than trophies and t-shirts.
I believe there is no off-season, just a longer wait until the next game.
I believe in the butterflies of opening day and the long drive home after the final game.
I believe in a small child in an oversized jersey retrieving Daddy's bat.
I believe in showing appreciation to your family and friends who came to watch you play.
I believe in thanking the umpires when the game is over, regardless of the score.
I believe the final score is part of the overall experience.
I believe in enjoying games in the twilight, and respecting careers in theirs.

I believe in softball.

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SCOREBOARD

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

#61 - Innerkip 6-7-0

Townline 3-4-2

Dan Skillings 2x4 (HR) - 4 rbi,
Pat Humphries 2x4 (HR), Nick
Shailes 2x2(HR), Gustavo
Guerrinieri 1x3 (HR)

WP - Dan Skillings (1-0)

LP - Mike Roberts 1-1

#62 - Kitchener 8-9-0

Ashland 0-0-4

Dale Levy 2x3 (HR)

WP - Paul Koert (1-0)

(8Ks - No-hitter)

LP - Jeff Wilson (1-3)

#63 - Jarvis 11-10-3

Midland 10-9-1

Chad Staats 3x4 (HR-2), Kyle

Beane 2x3 (HR), Brad

Robinson (HR), Ryan

Thompson (HR), Todd Schultz
(HR), Bill Simmons 2x4

WP - Scott Wagar (3-1)

LP - Doug Sleep (0-1)

#64 - Vancouver 17-20-1

Quad City 0-6-2

Andrew Medwedrich 4x5
(HR), Bryan Abrey 3x5, Derek
Mayson (HR), Kevin Smillie (HR)

WP - Nick Underhill (4-0)

LP - Jeff Farian (1-2)

#65 - Innerkip 6-9-1

MinnDak 2-5-1

Dan Skillings 2x3, Steve
Running 2x4, Mike Pullin 2x4,
Jaime Robinson 1x1(HR)4 rbis

WP - Jeremy deBelleva (2-1)

LP - Ward Gosse 10K, (0-1)

#66 - Orillia - 9-10-0

Kitchener 2-2-2

Ian Fehrman 3x3 (HR)-5 rbis,

Chris Miljavic 2x3m Ryan

Wolfe 2x3, Steve Mulalley

2x3, Jody Eidt 1x2 (HR)

WP - Ryan Brand 8K

LP - Todd Martin (2-2)

#67 - Albaugh 7-12-1

Jarvis 4-9-0

Ben Fjelland 4x4(HR), Karl

Gollan 2x3, Matt Palazzo 2x4

Chad Staats 2x4, Pat Graham

2x4, Reno Dambrosio 2x4

WP - Karl Gollan (3-0)

LP - Scott Wagar (3-2)

#68 - SoCal 3-2-2

Broken Bow 2-5-0

Andrew Kirkpatrick 2x3, Rhys

Casley (HR), Adam Lalonde

(HR), Jason porto (HR)

WP - Lucas Mata (3-0)

LP - Jeremy Manley (1-1)

#69 - The Farm 2-1-0

Patsy's 0-4-1

WP - Korry Gareau 11K (3-0)

LP - Adam Folkard 10K (1-1)

#70 - Vancouver 2-5-0

Circle Tap 0-5-0

10 innings-finish at 12:52 am

Perez 2x4,

Nick Medwedrich (HR)

WP - Nick Underhill 17K (5-0)

LP - Colin McKenzie 17K (1-2)

JUGS MAZIAR PITCHING SPEEDS

The gun arrived Thursday and
Meadville's "Jugs" Maziar has
been busy noting the top
pitching speeds (mph) of some of
the tournament's throwers:

Korry Gareau - 86

Dean Holoien - 84

Lucas Mata - 84

Don Scott - 83

Frank Cox - 82

Jeremy Manley - 81

Todd Martin - 81

Gerald Muizelaar - 81

Grant Patterson - 81

Gregg Garrity - 80

Travis Price - 79

Karl Gollan - 78

Terry Luster - 78

Scott Wagar - 78

Ryan Brand - 77

Paul Koert - 77

Jason Smith - 75

Jeff Wilson - 74

Betto Guerrinieri - 74

Al Reblin - 74

For equivalency from miles per
hour to kilometers per hour that
measures the Chucker Challenge,
a speed of **80 miles/hour** is
approximately the same as
145 kilometers/hour.

JAY'S PICKS

Rough day on Thursday in
the Sports Book

with a **3-7** record

(Record to date **51-19**)

Predictions for

Friday's Games

(Projected winner **bold underlined**)

1:00 - Innerkip vs Orillia

3:00 - Albaugh vs Vancouver

5:00 - Broken Bow vs Winner of

Innerkip/Orillia

7:00 - SoCal vs Farm Tavern

9:00 - Patsy's - winner of

Albaugh/Vancouver

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ISC II Play-Offs – Snappers, Lumberkings, TNT & Hoffman Rise Perfect at 4-0

Several playoff positions in the 24-team playoff bracket came down to the wire as the final two games of the 70 game round-robin determined the final positions of no fewer than six teams.

With first place on the line in Pool “G”, the **Perkasie, PA Hoffman Rise** shut-out the **Elora, ON Wellington Brewers** 5-0 behind the stellar pitching of **Rich Haldane** and a massive solo HR by **Matt Daley** clearing the new scoreboard at Budd #1 diamond.

The five runs allowed by Elora were sufficient to provide **Palermo, ON Athletics** the advantage for the best second-place team, and a coveted bye into the second round. With Palermo’s move, **Bridgeport, ON PROforma Braves** slide into the first-round game vs **Oswego, NY CPI**.

In Game #70, **Waterdown, ON Hammer** edged **Ottawa, ON Team Easton Thunder** 4-3, claiming 2nd place in Pool “F”. This avoided a first-round match-up with defending champion **Tavistock, ON Merchants** who will face the Thunder. Waterdown meets **Kitchener ON Phoenix Outlaws** who needed a win over

Castro Valley, CA A-1/Taylor Farms to squeak into the playoffs.

Despite losing to both **Ottawa** and **Ashland**, the **Port Elgin, ON Blue Devils** managed to snag a wild-card playoff berth based on fewest runs allowed. **Jarvis, ON Rock** also grabbed a wildcard with an exciting 5-2 win over **Harriston, ON Mercury’s**. A third wild card was provided to **Wilkes-Barre PA Keating’s Fitness** with its win over **Shakespeare, ON Falcons** after the Falcons had clinched their division with an extra -innings 4-3 win over the **Alvinston, ON Indians**.

Oswego, NY CPI nabbed 3rd in its pool with a win over **Quyon, QC Combat Flyers**.... **Niagara ON Snappers** dropped the **Wyevalle, ON Tribe** to 3rd in Pool “A” courtesy a convincing 6-3 win... **Bridgeport, ON PROforma Braves** nailed 2nd spot in Pool “B” with a decisive 7-1 win over the **Hamilton, ON Hawks**.... **Bakersfield, CA Lumberkings** were perfect at 4-0 following a 8-0 shellacking of **Carp, ON 14C Victory**.... **Rockwood, ON Rush** edge into the playoffs via a three-way tie-breaker working in their favour against **Kingston, ON Cowboys** and **Ingersoll, ON Crush**.

FINAL STANDINGS

“A” Niagara 4-0	“D” Shakespeare 3-1
Harriston 2-2	Alvinston 3-1
Wyevalle 2-2	Oswego 2-2
Jarvis 1-3	Keatings 2-2
Blackburn 1-3	Quyon 0-4
“B” California 4-0	“E” T.N.T. 4-0
Bridgeport 3-1	Palermo 3-1
PA Power 2-2	Glencoe 2-2
Hamilton 1-3	Mitchell 1-3
Carp 0-4	Ottawa Valley 0-4
“C” A-1/Taylor 3-1	“F” Ashland 3-1
Tavistock 3-1	Waterdown 3-1
Kitchener 2-2	Ottawa 2-2
Linwood 1-3	Port Elgin 1-3
Bucktown 1-3	Hickson 1-3
“G” Hoffman Rise 4-0	
Elora 3-1	
Rockwood 1-3	
Kingston 1-3	
Ingersoll 1-3	

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ISC II SCOREBOARD

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

Wednesday Scores

#45 - Linwood 6

Bucktown 2

#46 - Alvinston 5-11-1

WP - Ryan Swift (2-0)

Wilkes-Barre 4-8-1

LP - Rob Fawcett (0-2))

#47 - Elora 3-9-2

WP - Todd Uhrig (2-0)

Kingston 1-3-1

LP - Ryan Sharp (1-1)

#48 - Harriston 12

Blackburn 8

#49 - Oswego 7-9-0

WP - Shaun Winship (2-1)

Quyon 0-4-3

LP - Ian Knott (1-1)

#50 - South Lebanon 7-9-0

WP - Jeremy Tracey (2-0)

Glencoe 9-1-2

LP - Brad Porter (0-1)

#51 - Ingeroll 6-5-1

WP - Adam Martin (1-1)

Rockwood 5-9-0

LP - Jamie Taylor (0-2)

#52 - Palermo 3-8-1

WP - Gord Scott (2-1)

Mitchell 2-7-3

LP - Kevin Pomfret (0-1)

#53 - Ottawa 4-6-1

WP - Dan Bradley (1-0)

Port Elgin 2-5-1

LP - Scott Ketchell (1-1)

#54 - Waterdown 4-6-3

WP - Jim Hurst (1-0)

Hickson 3-10-0

LP - Greg deBellevall (0-1)

#55 - Jarvis 5-9-0

WP - Dave Martin (1-2)

Harriston 2-9-1

LP - Greg Vader (0-1)

#56 - Bakersfield 8-7-1

WP - Ed Gaspar (1-0)

Carp 0-3-3

LP - Trevor Wood (0-1)

#57 - Shakespeare 4-8-2

WP - Fred Follings (2-0)

Alvinston 3-5-1

LP - Doug Charlton (1-1)

#58 - Perkasie 6-10-0

WP - Mike Smith (2-0)

Kingston 4-9-1

LP - Ryan Sharpe (1-2)

#60 - Palermo 9-8-1

WP - Chad Reed (1-0)

Ottawa Valley 0-3-1

LP - Bryce Levesque

#61 - Niagara 6-16-2

WP - Dan Duemo (1-0)

Wyevale 3-4-0

LP - Jason Giffen (1-3)

#62 - South Lebanon 6

Mitchell - 5

#63 - Kitchener 4-7-2

WP - Mel Ross (1-1)

Castro Valley -1-5-1

LP - John Bishop (1-1)

#64 - Ashland 3

Port Elgin 2

#65 - Tavistock 9

Bucktown 2

#66 - Wilkes Barre - 5

Shakespeare 1

#67 - Bridgeport 7

Hamilton 1

#68 - Glencoe 13

Ottawa Valley 2

#69 - Perkasie 5

Elora 0

#70 - Waterdown 4

Ottawa 3

#44 - Ashland 2

Waterdown 1

#3 - Newmarket, ON 6-6-1

Richmond, PEI 4-4-1

MVP - Kevin Boyd, Newmarket

#4 - Baltimore, MD 6-7-1

Waterloo, ON 3-7-3

MVP - Joe Hineline, Baltimore

#5 - Glanworth, ON 5-9-0

St. Marys, ON 0-3-2

MVP - Jake McMillan

#6 - Baltimore, MD 18-13-2

Richmond, PEI 4-10-6

#7 - Newmarket, ON 8-13-0

Waterloo, ON 1-3-4

MVP - Mike Scott, Newmarket



Palermo's Gord Scott
hopes to lead Athletics
(3-1) for 2nd successive trip to
Championship game.

UNDER 19 RESULTS

#1 - Glanworth, ON 8-9-0

Waterloo, ON 1-7-4

WP - Bryan Lilly (MVP)

LP - Matt Fromm

#2 - Baltimore, MD 7-8-0

St. Marys, ON 0-3-3

WP - B J Hunoff (MVP)

LP - Hodgins

