



Diamond Dirt

FASTBALL

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California A's make it interesting

Mayson's arm/bat grounds Gremlins

The West Coast California A's of Bakersfield CA have been a question mark, even an enigma. With all the hoopla around the top six seeds in the East, #7 A's were quietly assembling a more than respectable team. The questions were answered Wednesday in the night-cap game as A's and #2 New York Gremlins battled in a thriller. Deadlocked at two runs apiece (solo HRs by A's SS Jenner Christiansen and RF Chase Turner) after six stanzas, in T-7 timely hits by 3B Kevin Castillo, Derek Mayson (double) and a dinger by LF Josh Johnson plated three runs. It was more than enough as Mayson on the mound, who relieved starter Tony Mancha (injury) in the B-2, scattered four hits – Gremlins stranded 9 runners, including a bases-loaded fifth. Gremlins' OF/3B Bryan Abrey had a pair of hits, half the Gremlins output. Gremlins' pitcher Sean Whitten, in relief, took the loss despite striking out 15 A's.

Host Kitchener ON Hallman Twins made it two wins in a row, shutting out Kitchener ON Bell Cartage Outlaws 7-0. Twins pitcher Jeremy Manley tossed a tidy two-hitter and RF Zenon Winters (Brisbane Australia) enjoyed a perfect night (3x3) at the plate, while Waterloo's Brandon Horn chipped in with a pair of hits. Manley, (2-0) struck out 7 and was provided with an early margin courtesy 1B Jerome Raemaki's (Wellington NZ) first inning lead-off homer. It was all that Manley needed, but Twins displayed their long-ball aptitude, as Tyron Bartonillo (Christchurch NZ) homered in the B-2, and Winters and Horn each tripled. By the B-5, it was 7-0 and a quick mercy ousting of the Outlaws. Twins now face Toronto ON Gators as they chip away daily at a berth in Saturday's Championship day showdown. Loser of the 12:00 noon match is eliminated and either #3 Twins or #4 Gators will remove their cleats for the last time this week, finishing a disappointing 10th.

Elimination games are scheduled all day on Diamond #P1.

Local teams made their communities and leagues proud. Elmira Erb Electric Expos, Kitchener Bell Cartage Outlaws, and Kitchener Cubs all advanced to Wednesday, with each team sporting a winning 3-2 record in the "open" draw in this year's. Well done guys – this provides well for the future locally.

JAY'S PICKS – Day #6

(Projected winner **bold, underlined**)

Day #5 – Wednesday's record 4-2

Record to date – 58-22

Thursday August 13

Peter Hallman Ball Yard

The first four games – teams losing are eliminated from the tourney

10:00 Swashbucklers vs Circle Tap

12:00 Hallman Twins vs Gators

2:00 Randy's A's vs **NY Gremlins**

4:00 **Fargo Kegel** vs Stix

Next Two Games

feature **Undefeated Teams** – winners automatically advance to Friday-Saturday Final Four!

6:30 **Hill United** vs Scarborough

8:30 PA Power vs **Cal A's**

ISC II Schedule

Five (5) games scheduled today, all at Peter Hallman Ball Yard, including the championship match at 4:00 pm.

MASTERS 50+ Schedule

Ten Masters teams will commence round-robin play today at Budd and PHBY, with games at PHBY on Friday and Playoff round on Saturday

UNDER 21 Men's Schedule

Four teams (3 from Ontario) in round robin play on Fri. at Budd Park.



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Wednesday August 13

#75 Elmira 1 Swashbucklers 4
#76 Outlaws 0 Hallman Twins 7
#77 Randy's A's 4 Cubs 3
#78 Fargo Kegel 8 Marshall 1
#79 Stix 2 PA Power 9
#80 Cal A's 5 NY Gremlins 2

ROOF 50/50

Sunday - #0391039 - \$200

Donna Stere, Brantford ON

Mon. 2 pm - #0454237 - \$85 -
"Unclaimed"

Mon. 8 pm #0315067 - \$185

David Ganton, Reese MI

Tues. 2 pm #0535173 - \$152

Shawn Laframboise

Tues. 8 Pm - #0287002

"Unclaimed"

Wed. 2 pm - #0454490 - \$130

Bill Elliott

Wed. 8 pm - #0314 290 - \$250

"Unclaimed"

To claim your prizes, check with ROOF representatives in the bright yellow t-shirts at the Country 106.7 tent between Diamonds 2-3 at PHBY.

GAMES BROADCAST GLOBALLY

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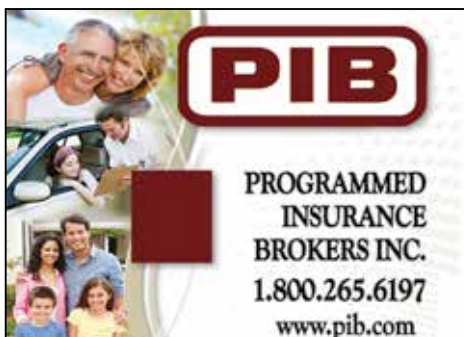
There were plenty of cheers and "high-fives" on Diamond #2 for the annual Special Needs "Home Hardware" Athletes encounter with the stars of the International Softball Congress. The slo-pitch format put the ball into play non-stop continuously - it appeared that every time fans focused on the base-paths, a local Special Needs base-runner was aggressively stretching singles into doubles.... and sometimes home runs. The ISC Stars kept busy trying to knock down line drives, and forced to back track into the far outfield to chase down deep fly balls that often resulted in extra base hits. Family members, fans and curious on-lookers had plenty to smile about - it was grass roots ball at its finest, with everyone engaged and fully enjoying their evening on a field of dreams, on which many dreams this August evening became a reality. **Well done!**

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ISC 2014 has community impact



A KSA / ISC collaborative Legacy Grant cheque was presented during the popular mid-week Special Needs Athletes game on Diamond P2. Volunteers on left Rick Boyd (ISC Host Committee) and Tom Clancy (KSA) present a cheque for \$1,130 to Sports for Special Athletes founder Adele Couchman while Lerinda Chapeskie (KSA) and Charlie Smith (ISC Treasurer - El Paso TX) look on. The grant will provide a pitching machine for the SSA softball players training practices. In total five local ball organizations will receive funding during this week's tournament.

ISC II UPDATE

The undefeated Westerville OH Capitals are waiting. The Caps, (5-0) are in the ISC II Final today at 4:00 pm (Diamond P1) waiting for the survivor of five other teams who are working their way through the Lower bracket. The Championship tilt should enjoy a nice crowd of fans catching the "open" draw.



The 2014 Tournament will be fondly remembered for offering a vast variety of dining opportunities available in the park – the Host Committee objective was to provide a dining potpourri. Diamond P1's popular Donna's Diner was always a hit, and vendors such as Kennedy's Catering present a variety as displayed on the menu and sampled by ISC Commissioner Don Cook of Findlay OH who was served by Kennedy's Elise Hummel. Cook is ISC Legends Tournament Director.

ISC II CHAMPIONSHIP DAY

None of the following teams have made the final four in ISC II in the last five years. Waterdown finished 2nd in 2007.

9:00 – Waterdown Hammer vs Kitchener Diamond Jaxx

9:00 – Ottawa Broker4Tickets vs Shakespeare Falcons

11:00 - Winners of 9:00 am games

1:00 – Winner of 11:00 am game vs Niagara Snappers

Championship Final

4:00 - Peter Hallman Diamond #1

Winner of 1:00 pm game vs Westerville OH Capitals



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International visitors to Rotary



The ISC annual tournament provides opportunities for friendships far and wide. Toronto Gators **Ben Enoka** and **Brad Rona**, both from New Zealand, attended Wednesday's luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Kitchener-Westmount where they were welcomed by Rotary president **John Thompson**. Ben and Brad are a small sampling of the players from countries as diverse as Argentina, Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Great Britain, New Zealand, United States of America and Venezuela.

QUIZ- ISC PITCHING ACHIEVEMENTS

Match the ISC achievement with the ISC pitcher – note some players may be matched more than once:

1. Most career wins
2. Most consecutive world tournament wins
3. Most career wins as a pitcher competing this week
4. Most career wins as pitcher competing in 2014 "open" draw
5. Most career "no-hit" games
6. Most wins as a pitcher in a single tournament
7. Most consecutive "no-hit" innings
8. Most perfect games in career
9. Most consecutive scoreless innings
10. Most strikeouts in one tournament

Adam Folkard * Peter Meredith * Gerald Muizelaar
Mike Piechnik * Michael White * Darren Zack

YESTERDAY'S "Quotable Quotes" Quiz Answers

1. It ain't nothin' till I call it. – **Umpire Bill Klem**
2. Ninety percent of this game is half mental. – **Yogi Berra**
3. Who is this Baby Ruth? And what does she do? - **George Bernard Shaw**
4. The way to make coaches think you're in shape in the spring is to get a tan. – **Whitey Ford**
5. If you get three strikes, even the best lawyer in the world can't get you off. – **Bill Veeck**
6. Bob Gibson is the luckiest pitcher I ever saw. He always pitches when the other team doesn't score any runs. - **Tim McCarver**
7. Trying to sneak a pitch past Hank Aaron is like trying to sneak the sunrise past a rooster. - **Joe Adcock**
8. The other teams could make trouble for us if they win. - **Yogi Berra**
9. Third ain't so bad if nothin' is hit to you. – **Yogi Berra**
10. There's no crying in baseball! – Tom Hanks "A League of their own".

According to Yogi...

- ✦ "Half the lies they tell about me aren't true."
- ✦ "I think Little League is wonderful – it keeps the kids out of the house."
- ✦ "The towels were so thick I could hardly close my suitcase."

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