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In and Around “The Circle”

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Welcome to Day 5 of The Tournament! Action got underway today at 8 am on all three fields. There are six ISC games today and 11 games in the ISC II Division

JB Bombers , 3 Cheers Pub

The Bombers got out early and by the by the bottom of the fourth held a 10-0 lead on 3 Cheer Pub. The game was a five-inning contest due to the mercy rule. The Bombers got one in the first on a home run by Lenny Josue Villalvaso Pena), added five in the third and four more in the fourth to take the commanding lead. Ismael Pina walked but was thrown out trying to swipe second. After a flyout Lenny Josue Villalvaso Pena singled to left field. Blake Hunter then doubled to put runners on two and three. Rafael Angel Flores Sanchez walked and Luiger Orlando Pinto Suarez laced a two-run double then Yider Chirinos hit a three run blast. That pretty much done in 3 Cheers Pub. The winning pitcher was Jorge Francisco Segura Boni on a one-hitter with five Ks and Rob Schweyer finished it out and the loser was Tidima Kikana. Hunter later doubled and had two hits for the winners while Chirinos also had two hits. Villalvaso Pena had three safe hits.

San Antonio Titans 14, Matanza 2

This wound up being a four-inning game as The Titans stormed past the crew from Argentina. They scored four in the first, four more in the second and five in the third en route to the rout.

The winning pitcher was Harrison Peters and Marian Peletay took the loss. Harrison allowed just one hit and struck out eight of the 12 outs. Peter Saldana Rodriguez homered for the Titans. Derrick Kennedy and Kevin Prishker each had two hits for the winners.

Bear Bottom Lodge 1, Rio Grande Senators 0

This one was a tight one with the winners scoring the game's only run in the fifth inning when Reilly Makea walked and moved to second when a ball hit by Justin Gil was errored. Makea was put out at third on a fielder's choice charged to Kallam Campain. Thomas Enoka then singled to score Gil and Senators' relief pitcher Samuel Villalvaso in for Shawn Koster got out of the inning with no further damage. Michal Holobradek got the win for Bear Bottom Lodge allowing one hit through three innings before Josh Pettet took over midway through the fourth inning after back-to-back errors.

Two Fastpitch Guys Find They Have A Love of Pigeons In Common

One is from Topeka, Kansas and the other is originally from Langley, British Columbia but now lives in Ladysmith B.C. on Vancouver Island. The first one, from Topeka is ISC Hall of Fame manager Steve Kooser while the other one, from Ladysmith, B.C. is Doug Roberts, While chatting behind home plate on Saturday Doug was asked when he arrived for the

tournament. Doug arrived in Wisconsin on Thursday after landing in Green Bay. This is where the story gets more interesting. Doug raises pigeons and not just any old pigeon. Doug's pigeons are American Bald Faced Tumblers. It just so happens that Doug was able to coordinate two trips into one. First he was able to get to yet another ISC World Tournament and secondly he was able to spend some time with the world's foremost American Bald Faced Tumbler pigeon breeder who has his operation in or near Ripon, Wisconsin (about an hour southwest of Circle Tap. Doug's pigeon raising friend agreed to pick Doug up at the airport and take him to Ripon in order for Doug to see the man's operation and get a chance to chat face-to-face. Doug has purchased pigeons from the guy in the past. According to Doug, whom I am sharing a hotel room with this week, it was a great visit. The guy then drove Doug back up to the hotel in Green Bay.

On Saturday, when Steve heard Doug talking about pigeons he told him that he had pigeons when he was a kid and still has a keen interest in them. The two had a "Cooing" conversation and may even venture down to Ripon to visit Doug's other pigeon friend. In the end, Doug has had several great conversations about pigeons and dozens and dozens of great conversations about "ball."

Nith River Monsters 10 , Ostrander 9

Wow! What a game! It was about answering back! There were 20 hits in the game, 11 for Nith River and 9 for Ostrander. Nith River got things going with three runs in the bottom half of the inning but Ostrander answered back with four in the top of the second. A run in the bottom of that inning and another in the third boosted Nith River out to a 5-4 lead heading to the fourth inning.

Ostrander answered back again with two in the fourth and Nith River countered with another run to knot the score at 6. Ostrander kept the pressure on with two more answer back runs in the fifth. Not to be denied Nith River got one to make it 8-7. Nith River blanked Ostrander in the top of the sixth and scored three of their own in the bottom half to take a 10-8 lead. It was still not over as Ostrander as James Purcell walked to lead off the inning and moved to second on a wild pitch to Tony Sparvier. When Sparvier went down swinging Luke King came through with a single to make it 10-9 with one out. Brent Meshka flew out to left and Anthony Aresco followed with a single moving pinch runner Ryan Barnes to second with what could be the tying run. Adam Talarico then grounded out to second to end the threat and the game. Tyler Randerson worked the first 2 ½ for Nith River and got relief from Greg Hammel who got the win. They combined to strikeout nine. The loser was Bradley Kilpatrick in relief.

Irma Tigers 7, The Lakes 5

The Tigers got right after it in the top of the first with four runs. The Lakes answered back in the bottom of the first with two of their own and then added three in the second to take a 5-4 lead. Neither team scored till the top of the fifth when the Tigers got two more to make it 6-5. After getting the lead there Tigers' pitcher Nicholas Patrick shut out The Lakes the rest of the way and saw his mates get one more in the sixth to win it 7-5. The loser was Chris Vanvolkenberg, Justin Laskowski had three hits for the winners while Larson doubled and Taylor Schubada doubled and homered. Abe Leahy doubled for The Lakes.

Toronto Batmen 11, Pueblo Bandits 7

The Pueblo Bandits, playing the team's 25 straight ISC World Tournament got things

rolling in the first inning of this game with six runs. However the name of the Toronto team mind you is Batmen. They answered the six with two answer back runs in the bottom of the first. Pueblo got another one in the top of the second but could not get another run the rest of the game. The Batmen kept at it and got one in the fourth then erupted for seven in the fifth and added another in the sixth. The winner was Luis Almay while the loser was Melvin Batista. Klas had three hits including a double for Pueblo while Bryant had three for The Batmen. Hyde had a triple while Jones, Lyons and Benson all homered for Toronto.

Ashland A's 8, Bar Buzz 1

The A's rapped out a baker's dozen hit (13 of course) in this game but trailed 1-0 through three innings. Bar Buzz got one tally in the top of the first on a Jim Corbett rbi single scoring Juanqi Gandoy. That would be all the runs they could muster however off Ashland hurler Erick Urbaneja who allowed just that one hit by Corbett and fanned 4. The leading hitters for Ashland included a double and home run by Rogie, a triple by Scott. Urbaneja helped himself out at the plate with three singles while Blane Milhelm had a pair of safeties.

Grande Prairie 9, Tin Cup 1

Grande Prairie pitcher Zac Pierce tossed a two hitter at Tin Cup and fanned 2. (I am wondering if Pierce is a grandson or relative of former Canadian National Team Head Coach Dave Pierce from who I purchased a book on pitching and some weighted balls years ago). Grand Prairie collected a dozen hits off three Tin Cup pitchers who collectively fanned just three batters. The leading hitters for Grande Prairie were Nick Potskin with three hits and Brayden

Arcand, Cory Jones, and TravisHead with two hits each.

NY Gremlins 9, Niagara Stompers 1

The New York Gremlins advanced to the final four in the winner's bracket and now has a day off and will play the winner of the Hallman Twins vs AWP Lumberjacks on Thursday night. The Gremlins started quickly with two runs in the top of the first. After allowing a run in the bottom of the second Andrew Kirkpatrick hung some goose eggs on the Stompers in the third and fourth then saw his mates get him five more runs in the top of the fifth and added two more in the sixth. In the first with one out Jerome Raemaki singled and Ben Enoka followed with a double that scored Raemaki. Kirkpatrick went down swinging before Zennon Winters double that sent Enoka home. Nick Mullins led off the fifth for Gremlins with a home run then Roy drew a base on balls. Raemaki then launched a rocket that scored two and a pitching change took place. Ben Enoka then singled before Kirkpatrick struck out again. Palazzo then hit a two-run blast that had Enoka scoring ahead of him. In the sixth Bryan Abrey led off with a home run and then Nick Mullins walked ahead of a Roy double. Raemaki then hit a sac fly to center that score Mullins.

Hallman Twins , AWP Lumberjacks

The Twins got a run in the top of the second when Kronk led off with a double and Pat Burns followed with a double. Ryan Boland then hit a fielder's choice that scored Kronk. They added another run in the top of the fourth with one out when Boland went deep toward highway 96 and the Boo-Yah tent. After a ground out to shortstop Jeff Nowaczyk walked and Jonathan Lynch, like Boland belted a home run. There

were two errors in the inning. Sean Cleary got the win while Martin Gonzales took the loss. Cleary struck out 16. The Twins advance to the winner's bracket semi where they will take on the Gremlins for the right to play in the winner's bracket final.

ISC Legends Tournament Starts Tomorrow

The first 11 games of the ISC Legends will be played tomorrow with one game being in town but two are scheduled at Circle Tap. There are four Divisions with four teams in each playing a round robin to get into the top two in each division. Those eight teams then play a playoff round on Saturday. There are 13 games on Friday and seven on Saturday. Check out the Official World Tournament Program for the complete slate of teams and games.

ISC II Games -- There are eight of them Today

Rice Lake Orangemen 2, Bar Blues

Nicolas Siebenlist twirled a nifty no-hitter to get "The Duece" started off in heavy fashion and Dardeaneli hit a two run homer to give him a two-run cushion early. The winning pitcher with a shutout was Nicolas Siebenlist while Travis Stram absorbed the loss allowing just four hits. The "Orange" were led at the plate by Kuperman with a double and the homer by Dardeaneli. Nobody had more than one hit.

Wiarnton 5 , Durham 2

The Nationals scored five, huge first inning runs in the bottom half of the inning en route to the win over Durham. It would be the only inning in which they would score but Seve McNaughton held off the Durham

bats, allowing solo markers in the third and fifth. He whiffed a dozen. The loser was Matt Davis who allowed five hits, four of them in the first inning and fanned 4. Wiarnton got a double out of Troy Barfoot a triple from Todd McCauley and a home run out of Ryan Thompson.

AHI Reapers 10, Waterdown Hammers 6

Waterdown shut out Reapers as Bryan Newton held off the AHI bats by scattering five hits and fanning a dozen. The winners got all six of their runs in the bottom of the third inning. Jordie Gagnon singled to lead off the inning and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt. Josh Brohman then singled to send Gagnon sprinting home with what would have been enough to win. After an out Nick Pittman was struck by a pitch and Ryan Jaynes singled to score Brohman. Andrew Mathies then singled sending two runners home. Mike Legace Roote then produced the real dagger with a two run blast. The loser was Zane Chason.

Dolan & Murphy 8, Fisher Softball 4

The men from Aurora took care of business in this game. After Fishers had taken a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first they answered back with a handful of runs in the top of the second and added solo runs in the third, sixth and seventh en route to the win. Michael Johnson was the winner while the loser was Jerlin Rutt. Four D&M batters had two hits in the game: Hannon Hoani,

Robert Reder, Mick Baker, Carson and Wallace. Dean Malone had three hits for Fisher while Rutt had a pair. Pittman homered for the winners while Malone doubled, Rutt Tripled and JimmyLawrence hit a home run for Fishers.

Rice Lake Orangemen 2, Elmira Expos 0

“The Orange” nipped the Expos with a run in the fourth and an insurance run in the top of the seventh. The winner was Nicolas Seibenlist, his second win of the day. It was a one-hitter with 9 strikeouts. The hard-luck loser was Dan Martin who allowed six hits and fanned 10. Rice Lake got a double from Daniel Arnaz who had two hits and home runs by Lautaro Machuca and Fabio Silvestre.

Coburg Dir Rd 10, Waterdown Hammer 3

Dirt Road scored two in the bottom of the second, added four more in the third and made it a five-inning game with a walkoff four run inning in the fifth. The winner was Clayton Robinson who surrendered eight hits and fanned eight. The loser was Bryan Newton who allowed eight hits and struck out 3. He got help from Legace Roote.

Wiarion Nationals , WAH Moronbo Rez

These two teams were knotted up 4-4 after seven innings of play. WAH scored twice in the bottom of the first but Wiarion got one in the top of the second then two in the third and added a fourth run in the fourth inning. WAH tied it up in the bottom of the sixth. In the top of the eighth The Nationals scored five runs on five hits and two errors to grab a big lead. WAH could not score in the bottom half of the inning.

Smith was 3x3 for Wiarion while McCauley was 2x5. Taylor was 3x4 in a losing cause. The winners collected 11 hits.while WAH had nine,

Shakespeare Falcons vs Dolan & Murphy

The Falcons scored two in the top of the second only to see D&M get four in their half. The Falcons answered back with a run in the third and then got two more in the fifth. That’s the way the game ended as D&M just could not muster another run.

More Than 500 Volunteers Are Working At This Year’s ISC World Tournament

On Sunday morning during his ISC Hall of Fame induction speech Darren Derricks gave some staggering statistics which are a tribute to the small town of Denmark and its residents. To quote Darren, “What can I say? Denmark has just over 2000 residents yet we have more than 500 volunteers working at Circle Tap and Downtown.”

For me, one of the most impressive parts of the volunteer corp is the way they transport people from the parking areas to the main gate and back. There is no charge for parking or for the ride (but tip cups are in every vehicle transporting people). One of my favorite volunteers out in the parking area is one of Darren’s young cousins. I have seen him driving one of the vehicles, opening and closing the barriers in the lots to directing traffic near the main gate. He is just one of the amazing volunteers here.

The people of Denmark and the area should be proud of the job they have done throughout the

week. It is by far, the smallest community to host this prestigious event. In order for it to happen Darren needed the kind of help he trusted he would get and get it he has. It could only take place in a place as small as Denmark if two things are present. First of all a city close by that offers plenty of hotel/motel rooms and Green Bay is just that. Secondly the small town hosting must be a fastpitch town and Denmark has always been just such a place. Men's fastpitch in Denmark goes back decades as the entire area of the state was always a hotbed. Add to that, the fact the Denmark High School Girl's softball program has been to eight Final Fours in Wisconsin High School action and as recently as 2018. They have won four state championships. There are young kids "pitching in" at all three fields, both boys and girls. The daily 50-50 raffle proceeds will go to the Denmark Youth Baseball/Softball Program.

Great work Denmark!