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All Game Summaries in these daily updates
this week have been written by Fastpitch
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This will be the final issue of this newsletter
from the ball yard here at Circle Tap. I will be
back home and will have Number 9 published
by Sunday evening on The Fastpitch Chronicle
website. You can print them out and make
that booklet with them.

Two Friends Joined Me Today

Today I am Joined By Two Great Friends who
love this tournament. Brian Franson grew up in
a Wisconsin hotbed for fastpitch in Eau Claire
watching the legendary Shenanigans and
Peter's Meats. Brian loved the games at Carson
Park and would stand and watch the pitchers
He became a pitcher himself and produced one
of the finest pitchers we have ever produced at
Poynette High School. Bob Powell is the other
friend who has become a fan of this game.

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Enjoy the stories!

Keep it Rising!

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Toronto Batman 8, Grand Prairie 1

The Batman jumped on Grand Prairie early with
two runs in the top of the first and added four in
the second. Luis Almaya got the win while Zac
Pierce took the loss. In the first inning Rich
Haldane reported in as the pitcher as Grand
Prairie used the DP/Flex to their advantage, or
though they hoped. Travis Gibson hit a triple to
lead off the inning. Travis Jones stepped in
took a 1-2 count after four foul balls over the
fence for a two-run dinger. In the bottom of the
first Brayden Arcand singled to lead off the
inning. After the next two batters went down
Keagan Arcand singled sending Brayden to
third. Nick Potski, who has been having a great
tournament and is making a name for himself
singled to score Brayden Arcand. The top of the
second saw the Batman score four huge runs.
Cody Skelton walked to lead off the frame. After
an out Denny Benson followed with a one-strike
home run and Justin Krulicki followed getting on
board on an error at third base that saw Skelton
race home. Travis Gibson then met new
pitcher Zac Pierce with a single that scored
Benson and Krulicki. After an out Shea Bryant

batted and on a passed ball Gibson moved up to third then scored on a wild pitch. Toronto added two more in the seventh to ice the game and send Grand Prairie home. Travis Gibson reached on an error at second and Trvi9s Jones moved him to sedonde. Bryan then tripled to score Gibson.

Circle Tap Dukes 4, Kegel Back Knights 0

This game started after a rain delay just before it was about to start. The grounds crew a fabulous job of getting the tarp on quickly and off again after the rain. Circle Tap got three runs in the first inning when Ryan Sinclair walked and moved to second on a wild pitch. Frederico Eder then hit the second pitch into center field sending Sinclair home with the first run Manuel Godoy hit one near the lights in right center field for the 3-0 lead. Roman Godoy held the Knights back in check and got help from the Dan Chapman in the sixth and seventh. In the bottom of the sixth The score remained 3-0 until the top of the sixth when Tyler Dudley hit one out for Circle Tap. Godoy allowed five hits and fanned eight while Chapman allowed no hits and fanned two. Woods was the loser and was pulled after Eder's homer and replaced by Justin Schofield. Circle Tap managed just five hits in the win and struck out 14 times. Derek Mayson doubled for Kegel.

Hill United Chiefs 2, Toronto Batmen 0

The Chiefs sent Pablo Miglliavacco to the circle at Circle Tap. The Batmen went with Caleb Keeshig. Adam Folkard came on in relief for Hill United in the seventh. Toronto brought in L Almaya in the fourth. The Chiefs got two runs

in the second inning on a lead off homer by Jeff Ellsworth on a 1-2 count from Keeshig. Later in the half inning with two away Joshua McGovern belted another Keeshig offering over the fence. That was the offensive production in this game as both pitching staffs held each other at bay the rest of the way. Brad Ezekiel doubled for the winners. A rain delay near the end of the game put the tournament behind schedule a bit.

Hallman Twins 2, Circle Tap 0

Kitchener has two teams still in this thing and the Twins made the most of single runs in the first and fifth en route to the win over the host team. Sean Cleary got the win on a no-hitter with nine strikeouts. In the bottom of the first inning the Twins got their leadoff batter Teo Migliavacca aboard on a single. Cam Schiller move him to second on a bunt and after Colin Walsh went down swinging Marshall Kronk singled to score the run. In the bottom of the fifth Kronk hit one that was booted at second base with him being safe at first. Conzalo Masmu ran for Kronk and advanced to second on a passed ball before Pat Burns singled After an out Andy Skelton hit a ball to second where it was misplayed and set the stage for Jeff Nowaczyk who hit a sacrifice fly to right and scored Masmu. Cam Schiller doubled in the game for the Twins.

NY Gremlins 11, Hallman Cubs 4

The Gremlins left little doubt about which team would play in the final today. Andrew Kirkpatrick was in the circle for the Gremlins and allowed two runs on seven hits and his 78 mph slants struck out 13 Cubs. Huemul Mata took the loss. He worked the first two innings and was taken out as the Cub tossed out the white towel after being down 3-0 after two innings. Ryan French came on in relief and so did

AlanPeker. In the top of the first the Gremlins got a 2-1 count home run out of Mathieu Roy to take an instant lead. Jerome Raemaki then singled and so did Ben Enoka. Kirkpatrick worked the count and drew a free pass to load the bricks. Zennon Winters then hit into a fielder's choice that forced Enoka at third but allowed Rou to Raemaki to scoot home. In the second inning New York added one run when Brian Abrey singled leading off the inning. Nick Mullins went down swinging before coaxed another walk out of Mata. Raemaki lined a single to the outfield that filled the bases with Gremlins. Enoka stepped in and hit a sacrifice fly to center that scored Abrey. In the Gremlin's half of the third inning French came on to pitch for the Cubs. Winters went down swinging before Matt Palazzo drew a base on balls. Ladislao Malarczuk singled and moved to second on a wild pitch that Palazzo scored on and Abrey drew a walk. Nick Mullins took a ball and French then uncorked yet another wild pitch scoring Malarczuk. Peker then came on to pitch for the Cubs and got out of the inning with no further damage. The sixth inning was a wild affair on both sides of the frame. In the top the Cubs reached Kirkpatrick with four runs. Quinten Bruce doubled on the first pitch of the inning before Mata whiffed. Juan Zara, the hero of the game the night before, doubled to score Bruce and the Cubs were on the board. Rowan Lam then singled scoring Zara with the second marker. Dan Mitchell then went down swinging before Francisco Lombardo hit one to the trees for a two run homer. In the bottom of the sixth the Gremlins saw Mathieu hit a 2-1 pitch to the trees beyond the high chain link and Raemaki followed suit with yet another dinger. At that point the Cubs brought Mata back in to pitch and get out of the inning. He couldn't fill the bill however. He walked Kirkpatrick and Winters

singled moving Kirkpatrick to second. Palazzo then salted the game away on via the mercy rule when he hit a 2-1 pitch out of the yard and to the trees, a three run blast. So the Gremlins move on to the championship game tonight at 7 PM and await the winner coming out of the loser's bracket. Hill United and the Hallman Twins will play the first game at 11 AM for the right to play the Hallman Cubs and of course the winner of that game will try to unseat the defending champion New York Gremlins. It ought to be a great day of ball here at 50 year old Circle Tap and the field originally built by ISC Hall of Fame member John Miller in 1968. Enjoy the day and read all about the final in tomorrow's In and Around "The Circle" final recap on my website at fastpitchchronicle.net. I will also post the All World teams and more in the next couple of days for you.

Linda Woerth and Larry Smith are here this week

Back in 1988 when The Fastpitch Chronicle was started, the first event I attended to show people the first-ever edition was the Farm Tavern Invite at Bowling Green Softball Complex (now also a thing of the past). I handed out free copies and explained what I was about to do. That tournament was held the first weekend of August. I told people that if I could not muster 100 paid subscriptions by September 15th I would return everyone's money and would not continue. Linda Woerth was there and was one of the first two people (both women) to pay me for a subscription to the newsletter. She holds a special place in the annals of the paper and seeing her every year at the tournament was a treat. It was great to see her at Circle Tap.

Larry Smith is from Dallas, Texas. We first met and he bought his first issue from me at the world tournament in 1989 at Kimberly. He is also here at Circle Tap this week. It was really great reconnecting with him as well.

Some Pitch Speeds Tim Maziarz our Radar Man has Charted

Tim has been using my radar devices for more than 25 years. He picks it up at the ISC Tournament then takes it to Elkland and then sends it home to me.

Layton Reid - 80 mph

Hallman Twins' Sean Cleary -- 75 mph

AWP's Gonzalez -- 76 mph

Grande Prairie's Haldane - 76 mph

Hill United's Adam Folkard - 81

Cubs Huemul Mata - 79 mph

Dirt Road's Manion - 71 mph

ISC Legends Reports

Circle Tap 13, Calgary Painters 2

Circle Tap scored three in the first then added one in the second, seven in the third to get the win. The Painters got their runs in the third and fourth. The winner was Dean Holein and the loser was Bandon Sharer. Holein allowed one hit and fanned four in 2 innings of work. Wayne Gaura tossed three innings. KLeading hits for for Circle Tap were Brian Gauthier with a double, Holoeindoubled as did Chris DeLarwelle and Dave Marchio. Holein, DeLarwelle, Holien and Todd Malnory all homered. Randall Thompson and Dean Webster both doubled for the losers.

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Ohio Battery 9, Ottawa Spiders 0

Terry Luster toed the pitcher's plate for Ohio Battery and got the win in four innings of work, allowed three hits and fanned six. Dave Meyers pitched one inning. The Loser was Tony Riches. Leading hitter for Ottawa was Sean Tracey.

Dieppe Ridge 4, B&L Plumbing 0

A run in the first and three in the second accounted for all the scoring in this game. Dieppe got the run in the first when Rob Greatrix reached on an error by the pitcher and later scored on Norm Estabrooks double. In the second Bill Fairman singled to left and Mike Yaworski singled to left after Fairman stole second. Tracy Woolridge singled to left and Rob Greatrix then singled to right scoring Yaworski. After an out Estabrooks singled to center scoring Woolridge. The winner was Dan Duemo and the loser was Scott Bakshire.

CR Brewers 14, R&L Kline 0

Six, five and three in that order is what the Brewers did in the first three innings. It was a four inning game. The winner was David Beets while the loser was Greg Wright. Leading hitters for the Brewers were Dean Waltier, Alex Alicea, and Wright with doubles while Mike

Applegate, Randy Potskin, Keith Green, Waltier, Alicea, Wright, and Summers all had two hits.

Waterdown Hammer 6, All Seasons Pats 3

One run in the first on a Steve Salsman walk and a double down the right field line by Fred Killing got Waterdown going. In the second All Seasons got one when Alex Esporin singled in front of the catcher and moved up on an error a third off the bat of Mike Gehman then scored when Bill McGuier on a fielder's choice. Waterdown got four in the fourth and added another in the sixth while All seasons got a pair in the fourth. Leading hitters for Waterdown were three hits from Chris Rivard , two hits from Larry Withnell, Killing and Duane Greenbird. Greenbird, Killing, Wuthnell and Hames all doubled while Jim Haslip had a triple. The winner was Hurst.

CRW Brewers 14, R&L Kline 0

The Brewers scored six runs in the bottom of the first and won going away. They added five in the second and three more in the third en route to the win. The win went to David Beets while Greg Wright took the loss. Leading hitters in the game for R&L Kline were Hastings, Hershey and Queer with doubles. For the Brewers the leaders were Waltier, Alicea Wright all with doubles. Randy Potskin, Keith Green, Dean Waltier, Alex Alecia, Mark Summers and Acedo all had two hits in the game.

Waterdown Hammer 6, All Season Pats 3

Waterdown took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first and All Season knotted things up in their half of the second. A four-run fourth propelled Waterdown to the win. All Season got two in the fourth. The winner was Jim Hurst and the loser was Joe Tucker. The winners got doubles

from Duane Greenbird, Fred Killing, Rick Hames and Larry Withnell and a triple from Jim Haslip.

Sudbury Relics 16, Eagle Pack 8

This was the first game after the rain delay and the second one took place in the fifth or sixth. Relics got two in the first when Ward Gosse singled and former all world player Terry Challis hit a triple and scored a batter later when Kelly Wenstrom hit went down on a fielder's choice 3-4. Sudbury got nine more runs in the third inning to seemingly put the game away but Eagle Pack plated eight in the fourth to make it 11-8. In the nine run inning Sudbury's Challis hit his second triple of the game and scored on an error on the pitcher. Brian McGuire walked, Eddie Roy hit into a fielder's choice and Tony List singled to score Kelly Wenstrom .Darcy Roy then singled and Pat Brennen singled to score pinch runner Gillis Lauson. Ward Gosse then singled to score Brennan and Rich Younker entered the game for Eagle Pack. Challis then singled for his third hit of the game moving Gosse to second. Wenstrom then singled and Brian McGuire drove in Gosse and Challis wit a single. In the top of the fourth Darren Zack entered for Gosse in the circle. John Sjudges singled to lead off the inning. The next two batters went down and Lonnie Swan singled. Duke Sims singled and Sjudges scored. Jeff Johnson then doubled to push Swan across. MKeith Peterson then singled to score Sims and Johnson and after Doc Brown walked Gosse went back in to pitch. Bruce Bielema walked and Sjudges got his second hit of the inning, this one a double that scored Peterson and Brown. Chris Jammack then tripled that chased both runners home. In the bottom of the fifth Sudbury ended it on the mercy rule with five runs. Challis made it a 4x4 game with an inside the park home run.

Maccabi USA 12, Alloy Construction 0

Ten first inning runs salted this one. Maccabi added two in the second. Bruce Adams got the win in a three-inning game. Larry Silfen, David Goldstein and Michael Krestell all doubled for Maccabi while Goldstein also homered as did Cooper.

Ohio Battery 2, Bay Area Merchants 0

The battery men scored early with one in the first and one in the second and Brent Stevenson with help from Dave Meyer and Terry Luster held off the California team 2-0. Stevenson threw five innings allowing no runs on eight strikeouts. In the first inning Chad Boom walked with two down. Dennis Brownfield doubled to score Boom. With second out in the first Tom Gray singled off Kevin Kammueler and Jim Harms followed with another base knock. When John Melchiori walked the bases were jammed. Cliff Wisdom then stepped in hit into a 1-4-6 fielder's choice that scored Gray.

Waterloo Legends 8, Ottawa Spiders 0

The Legends scored three in the first and five in the second to take this game. Sam Aldrige was the winner and Blair McBratneyh took the loss. The winners collected ten hits to four for the Spiders. Carl Boughner, Jeff Pauli and Doug Charlton all had two hits for the winners. With one out in the first Boughner singled and swiped second base before Pauli singled. Charlton singled to drive him in. Trevor Murphy then doubled to score both runners still aboard. Warren Williams led off with a single and Troy Montrait reached on an error. Boughner then doubled to score two and Pauli launched one into the weeds downtown. Charlton singled and moved up a station on a

wild pitch and scored when Trevor Murphy singled to score him.

Dieppe Ridge 10 , Circle Tap 3

Dieppe scored three in the first, two in the second and five in the third. Tracy Woolridge was the winner and Wayne Gaura took the loss. Norm Estabrooks doubled, Woolridge helped himself out with a triple and Mike Yaworski homered. Jamie Knudson doubled for CT and Kevin Konkel homered.

R&L Kline 7, All Seasons 6

R&L scored two in the first, two in the second, one in the fifth and two in the seventh when they won it on a walkoff on an error on the pitcher Fogel. Down by a run going to the bottom of the seventh they got Scott Weber to first on an error at third. And to second a sacrifice bunt by Mark Hastings. Rin Downs then doubled to score Weber and when Gary Lemon hit a comebacker it was over.

Waterdown Legends 2, CR Brewers 9

The Brewers won this game 9-2 with a five run outburst in the third inning. Rich Haldane got the win on a two-hitter. The loser was Jim Hurst. Robert Renteria doubled for the winners and Salsman tripped for the losers. Those were the only two extra base hits in the game.

It was a fun week doing the newsletters, seeing and chatting with friends, some of whom I had not seen in more than 20 years (Doug Roberts) and meeting new ones. Meeting young players for the first time and seeing older ones in the Legends games like Nick McCurry.

From the Publisher's Desk

Today marks the final day of the 73rd ISC World Tournament. I'd like to thank Darren Derricks for asking me to do the game reports like they had been done back in the days of the Fastpitch Chronicle newspaper. The opportunity to do all the writing stirred hundreds of "Forever Memories" from those publication days. Trips to places across the continent, hundreds and hundreds of friends that I met along the way and thoughts about the people who helped me get the newspaper going and keeping it alive and thriving until it had to be buried. Some influential people in getting me actually start publishing included Dennis Gilbertson of Madison, Wisconsin, Jack Addison of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Betty and Roy Stout from California, Dick Brombeck of Kenosha, Wisconsin, Mel Stark the former ISC Executive Director and Les Novak of Minnesota and Burnett County, Wisconsin in the summers, Herb Dower of Santa Rosa, California who covered the Guanella Brothers for the Santa Rosa Post Democrat, Mark Tupper the awesome sports reporter and sports editor of the Decatur paper, Irv Kawasky of Des Moines, Iowa and others. After getting the publication going I added other regular feature writers including Dennis Kowalko of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan with his "Kowalko's Korner" column and Nick McCurry of Ashland, Ohio who still allows me to laugh whenever we see each other.

Have a great offseason.