

# The Fastpitch Chronicle Presents

## *In and Around "The Circle"*

*The ISC World Tournament*

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**Welcome to Day 6 of The Tournament! Action got underway at 10 am on all three fields yesterday. There are six ISC games today and 11 games in the ISC II Division. Action begins at 10 AM. The ISC 2 Division wraps up today with the championship game at 4 PM at Circle Tap. The ISC Legends Tournament begins today downtown and will have a championship game Saturday at Circle Tap at Hebels Corners.**

### **Ashland A's , Grande Prairie Pirates**

This was a great matchup that went nine innings. The A's got a run in the bottom of the first inning. Erick Urbaneja doubled sending Lori Lee Supar home. In the top of the third, Grande Prairie tied the game when Brayden Arcand drove in Travis head with an rbi single. In the last of the fourth the A's got a run when Calder Rogie drove in Craig Scott with an rbi single. In the top of the fifth Grande Prairie tied the game when drove in Travis Head on an rbi single. Neither team could muster a run in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth. or tenth innings. Grande Prairie erupted with two runs in the top of the eleventh though. Ashland made some switches before and during the 11th. With one ball on Lee Stupa,r Kili Truffer came on to pitch. Stupar grounded out to first bringing up Ryan Fredrich who went down on a strikeout. With two down and nobody aboard Brayden Arcand took a 1-0 pitch over the fence and broke the five-inning scoreless drought. Scott Nehaj then doubled

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and scored on an rbi single off the bat of Cory Jones. Rich Haldane then put the A's away in the bottom of the inning in order. Pierce started for Grande Prairie and went four innings allowing five hits and fanning six. Haldane then pitched the final seven allowing five hits and striking out just 2. Arcand, Nehaj ,Jones and K. Arcand who had three hits in the game all had six at bats. The final was 4-2.

### **Nith River Monsters , Toronto Batmen**

This game was slated to start at 1 PM but got going about a few minutes after three, two hours behind schedule. Toronto came out on top of this one by nipping Nith River 3-2. Luis Almaya picked up the win scattering six hits and fanning seven while the loser was Tyler Randerson with help from Greg Hammell. Travis Jones went 3x4 for the Batmen while Shea Bryant, Denny Benson and Tyler Sebastian all had two-baggers and Derek Hyde had his third triple of the tournament. Dallas Kipfer doubled for Nith River while Ben Heinbach tripled.

### **Bear Bottom Lodge , San Antonio Titans**

San Antonio led Bear Bottom Lodge 2-0 heading to the seventh inning. They scored one run in the top of the first and added one in the sixth while Peters was holding off Bear Bottom Lodge. Saldana Rodriguez walked to lead off the inning. He moved to second after a walk and Kevin Prishker hit into a fielder's choice that sent Rodriguez home with the game's first run. Neither team could score any more through the

first five innings. In the top of the sixth the Titans plated another one when with two down catcher Freddy Carmona hit a pitch over the fence. Peters held off Bear Bottom Lodge on a one hitter to notch the win and advance the Texas team. He struck out seven.

### **J&B Bombers , Irma Tigers**

The Bombers out of California jumped out to an early lead in the bottom of the second with two runs and then scored in the third, fourth and fifth innings to hold a 9-3 lead. Rob Schweyer was in the circle for the Bombers while the Tigers had used three chuckers through five innings of work. With two out and nobody aboard in the second, Pina reached and J. Cesar Rodriguez Pena hit a home run to make it 2-0. In the third they got two more tallies when Luiger Orlando Pinto Suarez singled, HQ doubled and Alvaro Domingo Varela singled to score HQ, They scored four in the fifth and held off Irma 9-4.

### **Hill United Chiefs , Kegel Black Knights**

This one was close throughout and Hill United scored two in the bottom of the fifth when Ben Wudeman walked and Nicholas Carrill followed with a single. Both runners moved up a base on a wild pitch before an error on the catcher went awry and both runners who were aboard scored. Hill threatened again in the first but yhr Kegel pitcher workee out of trouble. Hill plated another run in the bottom of the sixth when All World player Steven Mullaley nailed a Schofield offering for a home run. Adam Folkard tossed the first three innings then Pablo Migliavacca came on. In relief and got the win. Folkard struck out four while Migliavacca got nine more. Hill United advances to the winner's bracket final while Kegel drops down into the loser's bracket.

### **Hallman Cubs 5, Circle Tap 2**

The Hallman Cubs shocked host team Circle Dukes in this game after seeing the Dukes get a run in the first inning. Ryan Sinclair got things going with a 2-2 count homer. However, the Cubs answered back with two of their own in the bottom of the first. Blake Underwood drew lead off base on balls and Alan Peker nailed A Chapman offering for a two-run shot. The Dukes answered back in the second with another run to knot the score at 2-2. Matt Ratliff struck out swinging but reached first when the ball got away from the catcher. Tyler Dudley then singled. A sac bunt by Zane Vanlieshout moved the runners and after a strikeout Ryaqn Sinclair got into the act again when he hit into a fielder's choice that sent Ratliff scooting to the plate. The Cubs scored two more in the bottom of the third when Ryan Kirk led off with a single and after a strikeout Peker singled sending Kirk to second. Huemul Mata drew a walk and when Juan Zara singled Kirk and Peker both scampered home. The score was then 4-2. The Cubs added a run in the fifth when Peker's bat stayed hot with a lead off single and he then stole second. Quinten Bruce struck out on that pitch and a ground ball to short retired Mata. Zara then worked the count and before he went down 1-3 Zara had scored from third.

### **Many Great Friends were gained in Victoria in 1990**

Every time I frequent a ball yard special things take place. One of the special things is meeting new people.

In 1990 the Fastpitch Chronicle was still in its infancy. It was just the third year of publication and I was working hard to add to the list of subscribers. Attending the ISC World

Tournament was a necessary trip. It was where the true fans met each year. Getting to Victoria with two army duffle bags full of copies of the July issue of the paper was a challenge. With the help of some great friends I had never met face-to-face, I was able to get it done. I had one subscriber in Port Angeles, Washington. "The Bear" had for many years entered teams in the Stuffy McGinnis league in Victoria. Those Washington boys would take the ferry cross Puget Sound, play ball and return to the U.S. that night. The Bear offered to help me out in return for a pass to the tournament. I shipped those duffle bags stuffed with papers to him. When I arrived at Sea-Tac he picked me up and took me to Port Angeles and put me up for the night. In the morning we took those two duffle bags strapped to a two-wheeled hand cart and walked onto the ferry. Once across and docked in Victoria's harbor, Brad Morgan the other friend I'd never met face-to-face met us. They managed to talk the customs people into letting me take those papers with me since I was going to be distributing them free at Royal Athletic Park.

"The Bear" and I parted ways there and he headed back across the sound to home. He would later return several days to watch the games with his pass that I had given him. Brad had told me that I could stay with him for the week at a friend's apartment in Victoria. That meant I would not have to pay for lodging. We loaded the papers in his car and headed for the apartment. When we arrived I was astounded by the fact that the building the apartment was in was right across the street from Royal Athletic Park and the balcony on the fourth floor allowed me to see over the steel fence and into the park. I could see both fields at the same time from a lawn chair on that balcony. Brad was instrumental in convincing the then much larger

ISC contingent than it is today into experimenting with what he called the ISC 2 division. It was a great week and a great tourney.

On the first night of the tournament, which was the second Friday of August in those days (48 teams-95 games) I was hawking copies of the paper and trying to sell subscriptions. I was in left field when a guy yelled at me, "Hey, whatcha got there?"

That is how I met Doug Roberts. I was wearing a new white nylon jacket with my Fastpitch Chronicle logo on the back. It was the only jacket like it and the only jacket I had with me. Doug bought the jacket off my back and a subscription on the spot but had to agree to allow me to keep my jacket all week to stay warm and advertise the paper. We've been great friends ever since. He still has that jacket. As a matter of fact in 1992 at the ISC tournament in Salt Lake City I invited Brad and Doug to share my hotel room at the headquarters with me. We had a great week together.

In the middle of the week during a late night of games I was strolling along the right field bleacher area when a player in an Ashland, Ohio uniform stopped me. It was Nick McCurry. We chatted for a long time about fastpitch and the great teams and more. Nick and I have remained great friends since that night in Victoria as well. He and Doug had a great conversation here at Circle Tap on Tuesday night.

When a person attends the Hall of Fame breakfast and listens to the speeches the inductees give, one common theme is the great people they meet and how those people remain friends for life.

"The Bear" passed away a number of years ago. I've lost touch with Brad and need to

re-connect but Doug and Nick remain so and it was this tournament back in the early days of the greatest fastpitch publication ever produced that offered me the chance to meet them all and each and every one of the people who subscribed that week. The paper was put to rest in 2004 due to the internet and audio streaming and then video streaming and internet sites that offered nearly instant news as opposed to a monthly subscription. This week has offered me a chance to thumb through issues from those days and reminisce.

### **Atta Boy Darren**

Darren Derricks and I go back to the first-ever ISC 23-Under Tournament that my family hosted in Portage, Wisconsin. Darren was a young, 18-year old player who came with the Denmark team. We met and had some laughs and the rest is history. We have become good friends. I'm proud to call him that. I'm also proud of the job he has done for fastpitch softball and for taking on the challenge of bringing this event to Hebel's Corners and Circle Tap and to the village of Denmark as well as Maribel. I'm proud of you kid!

### **If you are Just Getting Here**

On Sunday morning five people were inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame. Korey Gareau, Patrick Shannon, Terry Baytor, Jimmy Wana and Denmark's own Darren Derricks. Two of them are still around the park this week so stop them and say hello. Patrick has hit two home runs this week and Darren, of course, is the host for this prestigious event.

## **ISC 2 Results**

### **Waterdown 7, Durham D'Backs 3**

Three runs in the top of the first set the tone for this game. Bryan Newton was the winner while the loss was tagged on Matt Davis. With one out in the first Jodie Gagnon singled and after a fly out to center Ryan James drew a free pass. With two down Mike Pullin hit a Davis offering over the fence for the 3-0 lead. Durham got one in the second when Matt Davis took the first pitch of the inning over the fence. Both teams matched runs in the fourth inning with two but Waterdown added two more in the 5th to get the win. Newton tossed the first four innings allowing 3 runs and struck out 6 while Mike Legace Roote tossed the final three frames, allowed no hits and fanned two. Davis allowed 10 hits and struck out 7. Pullin had three hits for the winners with a double in there as well as the dinger. Legace Roote homered for Waterdown as well.

### **AHI Reapers 8, Bar Blues 1**

Bar Blues took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Justin Meyer walked and moved to second when Abe Maurice walked and scored on a single to center by Dominic Maurice. Reapers countered that run with two in the fourth and ended it in six innings with six runs in the fifth when Jeff Miller doubled to center and their Ric Thompson hit a triple to right. Thompson then scored when Will Pahlow singled. Mason Van Rossum walked and later when Julian Fernandez doubled both Pahlow and Van Rossum scooted home. The final run scored when Franco Ortellario doubled. The winner was Fernandez while the loser was Travis Stram.

### **Fishers Softball 3, Elmira Expos 1**

Fishers scored a run in the top of the third when

Josh Smucker tripled and later scored on an rbi single by Menno King. Elmira knotted the game in the bottom of the fourth when Corey Way found a way to get on with a single and moved to second on a bunt by Scott Lealess. Tim Freeman walked with two down And Brian Eidt hit an rbi single to score Way and knot the score. In the top of the sixth Fishers plated a pair when Jimmy Lawrence walked and Daunte Fisher pinch ran. Sean King stepped in and had an eight-pitch at bat with 3 foul balls when down in the count with two strikes on him On pitch number 8 King was royal as he launched a missile over the fence for what would be the eventual game winners. Phillip Zimmerman got the win scattering six hits. The loser was Matt Wardrop who allowed five hits.

### **Dolan & Murphy 5, WAH Morongo Rez 0**

D&M shutout WAH as Michael Jamieson scattered six hits and fanned eight. They scored two in the top of the first and added single runs in each of the second, third and fourth innings. In the first inning Hannon Hoani singled and Robert Reder belted a home run to get the Aurora team off to a great start. In the second Hoani singled again and scored this time after advancing to second on a passed ball and to third on another one then scored when Mick Baker singled. In the third with one out Kyle Pittman blasted one over the fence. In the fourth Reder laced a one-out double and scored when Mick Baker flew out deep to left field. The losing pitcher was Josh Anderson.

### **Rice Lake Orangemen 4 , Coburg Dirt Road 2**

The Orange plated a pair of runs in the top of the third and added two more in the fourth to get the win in this one. The winning pitcher was Nicolas Seibenlist on a two-hitter with nine strikeouts. The loser was Riley Manion allowing

five hits and striking out six. Tomas Kuperman led off the third with a double and after a flyout moved to third on the play and eventually scored on a wild pitch.. With one out Leonel Dardeanelli was struck by a Manion offering and moved to second on a wild pitch and to third on another one. With two away Alejo Munoz walked but Dardeanelli had scored on another wild pitch prior to ball four. In the next inning Travis Thompson tripled and scored ahead of Tomas Kuperman who hit a home run.

### **Wiarion Nationals 5, Shakespeare Falcons 2**

Wiarion trailed in this one 2-0 heading to the bottom of the fifth inning. They scored two in the inning when Cole McDougal led off with a single to right and got to second on sac bunt by Campell. After a strikeout Stuck drew a free pass and McCauley was struck by a pitch. Barfoot then doubled to send two runners across the plate. The Nationals added three more in the sixth when Thompson singled. With two down Campell singled to center moving Thompson to third. Smith then drew a free pass and Stuck singled to center sending two runners home and leaving Smith at third. McCauley then singled scoring Smith. That ended the scoring.

### **Fisher's Softball 2, AHI Reapers 0**

This game was scoreless through five innings. Fishers were able to push two runs across in the top of the sixth and Phillip Zimmerman made them stand up with a clutch no-hitter and six Ks. The loser was Julain Fernandez. With one out in the sixth Jerlin Rutt reached first on an error at third. Zimmerman went down on strikes for the second out. AJ Fisher stepped up and crushed a Fernandez offering for a two run homer to win it.

### **Coburg Dirt Rd. 8, Fishers Softball 0**

Coburg rang up five runs in the bottom of the first inning as Fisher's was playing back-to-back. Scott Leblanc led off with a single and after an out Craig Buttar walked and Dan Burnham smashed a three-run homer. Jeff St. Pierre then walked and Jake Bricknell hit a two-run shot. In the second Leblanc singled to lead off and Josh Maguire followed with a double putting runners on two and three. Buttar followed with a two run single. They added three more in the second and pitcher Clayton Robinson tossed a four-hit shutout. The loser was Phillip Zimmerman who allowed nine runs.

### **Waterdown Hammer 5, Dolan & Murphy**

Waterdown got off to a great start with a triple by Josh Brohman and a Jodie Gagnon two-run homer and a solo shot by Andrew Mathies. The Hammer added a run in the third and a run in the fifth to hold off Aurora. Bryan Newton picked up the win allowing three hits and struck out six.

### **Wiarion vs Rice Lake**

The Orangemen grabbed the lead in the top of the first when Dardeanelli reached on an error and got to second on a passed ball. Arnaz later singled in the run. In the bottom of the first inning Wiarion answered back with a run when McCauley walked and got to second on a sacrifice bunt. Thompson then singled but McCauley could not score. The Nationals scored three in the bottom of the second when Cile McDougall walked and Ryan Smith tripled. Gowen Struck singled to score Smith, Todd McCauley singled and Troy Barfoot walked. Ryna Thompson then singled. The Orange got two in the third and two more in the fifth to take a 5-3 lead but it was short-lived as Wiarion answered back with two of their own when

Ryan Thompson singled and scored ahead of McDougall on his home run. The Orange tied it in the top of the seventh when Machua doubled and scored on a single by Munoz. Wiarion won it in the eighth when Stuck singled and later scored

### **Waterdown Hammer 6, Shakespeare Falcons 2**

Waterdown ripped off four runs in the bottom of the first and added two more in the third and Bryan Newton held the Falcons at Bay with only one run in the first and one in the fifth. Jeremy Kropf took the loss. In the first Josh Broham singled and scored on a home run by Jordie Gagnon. Andrew Mathies walked and Ryan James launched another dinger for the big first-inning lead.

### **Wiarion 7, The Orangemen 6**

Wiarion advanced to the title game with the win over Rice Lake. The Orange got a run in the first when Dardeanelli reached on an error at second and later scored on an rbi single by Daniel Amaz. Wiarion answered back in the first when McCauley walked and later scored on a fielder's choice by Pringle. They got three more in the second before The Orange tied it with a two in the third. Both scored to in the fifth and Rice Lake knotted it up in the top of the seventh but Wiarion got the winner in the 8th on an unearned run.

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Keep it Rising!  
Bob

### **Some Pitch Speeds We've Charted**

Hallman Twins' Sean Cleary -- 75 mph

AWP's Gonzalez -- 76 mph

Grande Prairie's Haldane - 76 mph

### **ISC Announces Hall of Fame class of 2020 -- will be inducted in the Quad Cities next August**

The ISC is pleased to announce that players **Chris Miljavac, Todd Garcia and Jimmy Doyle** and manager **Scott Standerfer** were elected to the ISC Hall of Fame at the annual ISC Board of Directors meeting.

**Chris Miljavac**, the 2002 ISC MVP, is a four-time All-World player including 2008 when he was the leading hitter. He was a standout on several mid-west teams including World Champions St. Joseph's Frontier Casino Players in 2002.

**Todd Garcia**, a two-time All-World

player, was a leader on the World Champions Tampa Bay Smokers in the mid-late 1990s, as well as with Decatur Pride in the early 90s and several west coast teams in the 2000s.

**Scott Standerfer** currently manages the Circle Tap Dukes taking them to a franchise-best second place finish in the ISC World Tournament in 2018. In the past, he managed County Materials, who won every major tournament they entered in 2006, the second of their back-to-back ISC World Championship seasons. Standerfer also managed Decatur Pride, along with past teams such as Peoria River City Rage.

**Jimmy Doyle** was a fastpitch legend in Michigan. He helped many teams from Michigan participate in ISC World Tournaments over several decades, conducting clinics and introducing many individuals to the game who would go on to be ISC players. The four will be inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame at the 2020 ISC World Tournament in Moline, IL next August. (Publisher's Note: Jimmy Doyle to best of my recollection won a game as the oldest pitcher to ever win one in the ISC World Tournament.)

