

## BILL HORNE Five decades of fastball

Born – July 29, 1951  
Hometown – St. Thomas, ON

Fastball has been all-consuming for Bill Horne in a career that spans five decades. As a talented teen-ager, Bill got his start as a 15-year-old in Union, followed by a six-year stint in Port Stanley, advancing to the senior team in 1973. The following year the Memorial Fastball League was formed, and as the only pitcher on the St. Thomas Durston Pools entry, Bill pitched all 75 games, winning a formidable 65 of them. St. Thomas won the MFL and the OASA Sr. "B" Championship. Bill was also a skilled batter, winning the 1976 league batting crown during a dynasty of team league championships in 1974, 76 & 78.

With the demise of the MFL in 1987 Bill continued his love of the game, making a seamless transition from player to manager/coach. He honed his coaching skills behind the hockey bench and in the baseball dugout and assembled a Fingal fastball team for the St. Thomas City League, winning four league championships. In 2000, Bill and several players joined Waterloo in the ISC Travel League, resulting in an Ontario title and a Canadian silver medal. In 2004, Bill once again started a new team in St. Thomas. A busy guy, he also managed the Fingal Juniors from 1996-2000.

In 2005, Bill served as chair hosting the Canadian Nationals and assembled a powerhouse squad that earned gold medallions on home turf, and defended the title in Prince George, BC in 2006.

Having coached in 12 Canadian Senior Championships (8 medals including a pair of golds); three Junior Canadians (1 gold); and seven ISC Championships, he has an admirable track record.

Bill acknowledges mentors Rick McCaw and Jim Brown for his outstanding career. The pinnacle of success is the fond memory of winning the 2005 Canadians in St. Thomas, and being joined on the field by his wife Donna, and daughters Katie and Jocelyn, just prior to the passing of Katie in December 2005 from cancer.

## LEGENDS CHAMPIONS

2008 – Kitchener Rivershark Twins  
2007 – Orillia Riversharks  
2006 – Orillia Riversharks  
2005 – Broken Bow Spirit  
2004 – Broken Bow Spirit

## "LEGENDS" CRITERIA

Selections of individuals who have been afforded recognition as part of the "Legends" tournament are based on varying contributions and for their fastball impact.

Many considered for nomination as a "Fastball Legend" participated in the game in by-gone eras, when the opportunity to be selected to a national team were limited.

- Players who had an outstanding career in Ontario – **Dan Donahue, Bill Fidlin, Chuck Hendricks, Barry Musselman, Doug Neil, Dick Parker, Brian Stere, Dan "Doc" Werby**
- Players who represented Canada with distinction at the international level – **Bob McKinnon, Brian Paton, Ray Tilley**
- Players who had an outstanding career in women's softball, at either the local, national or international level – **Marg Skillings, Karen Snelgrove, Lori Sippel**
- Individuals who made a significant contributions the game such as coaches, sponsors, administrators, media - **Terry Baytor, Bruce Bierman, Jack Fireman, Bruce Huff, Larry Lynch, Joe Todd**
- True, unquestioned legends of the game – **Dick Hames, Pete Landers, Steve Virag, Darren Zack**

## WELL DONE COMMITTEE!

The term "legend" may be used loosely in many contexts. Given the contributions to fastball by the 24 individuals recognized in the six years of this event, the word, synonymous with "fabled, famous, historic, celebrated, prominent" is used appropriately for the "Legends of Fastball" program.

## INTERNATIONAL FASTBALL

### New Zealand Black Sox

#### National Team

(en route to ISF Worlds)

vs

### South Perth All-Stars

Drayton Ball Park

Wednesday July 1 - 7:00 pm

vs

### Bridgeport Braves & KW Cubs

Woodside Park, Kitchener  
(Highland Rd & Queen St S)

Tuesday July 7 - 7:00 pm

## DAN YANTZI

### Model Moundsman

Born – September 24, 1957  
Hometown – Waterloo, ON

As a nine-year old **Dan Yantzi** started his fastball career in his hometown of Tavistock. In 1978, the 20-year-old advanced to senior ranks with the Kitchener Evergreens in the highly competitive Ontario Fastball League. He later toed the rubber for Waterloo CHYM'rs ('82) Kitchener Pride of Canada ('83-84), Guelph Ingrams ('85) Newmarket Nationals ('86) Cambridge Gores ('87) and closed out his senior career with the Waterloo Twins ('88-'95).

At the ISC World Championships (1984-95), Dan was named to the All-World team in 1991 with the 6<sup>th</sup> place Midland Explorers, and again in 1993 with the 6<sup>th</sup> place Waterloo Twins.

A memorable highlight was Dan's first ISC game, when he battled a young Michael White of Bakersfield, CA, tossing a one-hitter, only to lose 2-1 on a passed ball.

In Dan's last year of active playing, he served as Canada's first player representative to the ISC. As a staunch proponent of the "two feet on the rubber" pitching rule, Dan provided countless hours of coaching to young pitchers honing their skills.

Dan led the Waterloo Twins to the team's inaugural ISC appearance in 1990. Over a 17 year senior career, Dan proved that he was a world class competitor, a man of conviction and principles who truly played for the love of the game.

Maturing from his younger days as a fireballing right-hander and a dominant hurler in Ontario, Dan prolonged his career through a strict regimen of exercise, weight training and diet. In addition, he added a dreaded change-up pitcher to his repertoire. In 2002, when Kitchener hosted the ISC Championships, Dan was the first Canadian pitcher inducted into the prestigious ISC Hall of Fame.

Dan is the local owner of Sketchley Cleaners and the proud father of Aaron (27) and Jordan (26).

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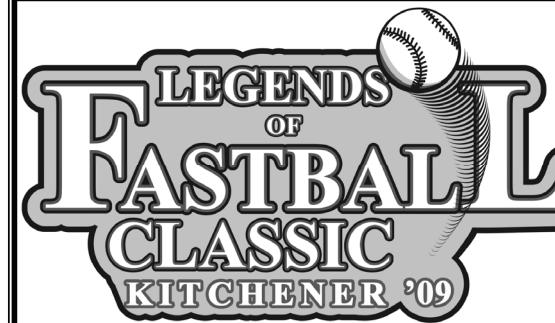
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# DIAMOND DIRT

## Peter Hallman Ball Yard Kitchener

### June 5-7, 2009

By John Thompson

Administrative Support thanks to Sue Sherry

## ISC 2009

### PRE-SEASON RANKINGS

As of May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
(\*-1<sup>st</sup> place votes)

# TEAM	PTS
1. <u>Kitchener Rivershark Twins</u>	15 (*9)
2. <u>BROKEN BOW Patsys</u>	29 (*3)
3. <u>MADISON The Farm</u>	39
4. <u>SASKATOON Aspen Interiors</u>	42
5. <u>MIDWEST Stampede</u>	61
6. <u>JARVIS Gamblers</u>	81
7. <u>VANCOUVER Grey Sox</u>	83
8. <u>ALBAUGH Inc.</u>	91
9. <u>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</u>	117
10. <u>MIDLAND Explorers</u>	123
11. <u>ST.THOMAS Centennials</u>	130
12. <u>PUEBLO Bandits</u>	144
13. <u>NEW YORK Gremlins</u>	174
14. <u>FARGO Kegel Black Knights</u>	179
15. <u>AURORA Dolan &amp; Murphy</u>	191
16. <u>OWEN SOUND Selects</u>	193
17. <u>QUAD CITY Sox</u>	194
18. <u>SASKATOON Diamondbacks</u>	224
19. <u>CALIFORNIA A's</u>	225
20. <u>Bar of APPLETON</u>	231

On behalf of the Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins, and our Twins family of teams, this year's edition of the Legends of Fastball Classic is dedicated to the memory of our friend Bernie Daly. Bernie was a tireless and dedicated volunteer whose leadership enabled our community to rise to the top of the softball world through hosting of club tournaments, National Championships and ISC World Championship events. He will always be remembered for this diligence in accounting, his insight into organizational structure, his cheerful countenance and his professionalism in all areas of his life. You left us much too soon Bernie.

## LEGENDS TRIBUTE BERNIE DALY 1952-2009



## HALLMAN "A" Division

### SEEDINGS AND ODDS TO WIN

1) Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins (3-2) – The current ISC Champions are poised to repeat their remarkable 2008 season with the addition of **Dean Holein** and **Grant Patterson** on the mound to provide depth for veterans **Todd Martin** and **Don Scott**. The Twins have it all and are favoured to win this tournament.

2) Argentina National Team (4-1) – a deep bench provides management plenty of options to be competitive in this tune-up for the ISF Worlds in Saskatoon. **Sebastian Gervasutti** and **Juan Potolicchio**, with ISC experience, anchor the pitching staff, while veteran **Julio Gamarci** provides strength behind the dish.

3) Dundas CPI / ADS (8-1) – It's a step-up for **Mike Cutro**'s Oswego CPI squad who form the nucleus of a new team with co-sponsor **Jim Wilson**, calling Dundas its home. The team will be in tough against the senior competition, and the gap between ISC I and II will be tested.

4) Owen Sound Selects (15-1) – It will take some time for the re-organized Selects, following a five-year absence, to regain the competitive edge of the successful Selects squads at the turn of the millennium. Wins will come based on the strength of the arms of veteran **Jamie Simpson** and Scarborough Wolverines grads **Matt Leahy** and **Andy Skelton**.

## ABERDEEN "B" Division

### SEEDINGS AND ODDS TO WIN

1) First Ontario Jarvis Gamblers (4-1) – a new sponsor, confidence from a silver medal at the Canadians and a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish at the ISCs augers well for a great season ahead. Well travelled **Tim Macumber** and versatile **Rob O'Brien** are positive additions to the team to support **Paul Koert** and **Andrew Phibbs**.

2) St. Thomas Evergreen Centennials (6-1) – a trim pitching tandem of veteran **Scott Wagar** and Newfoundland import **Ward Gosse** provides no depth on the mound, as this club seeks momentum to hosting the Nationals in August. Scrappy bunch that gets the job done.

3) Ashland Ohio Mets (9-1) – the Ohio Valley is always an unknown, and is depending on a trio of Ontario hurlers – **Jeff Wilson** (a breakout year ahead??), **Martin Humphries** and **Luke Raymer** – to contain opponents bats. Any win on the weekend is a positive step forward.

4) Owen Sound Volkswagen Juniors (12-1) – youthful exuberance, speed and opponents mistakenly taking this squad too lightly may result in juniors faring much better than predicted. A potential elimination matchup with the senior Owen Sound entry would make for great bragging rights for the Georgian Bay city. Scarborough's **Luke Leahy** anchors the mound with **Dustin Veenhof** & **Dave Juniper**.

Twelve fastball officials determine the rankings. A final ranking in July provides the seeding for the 2009 ISC World Tournament in Quad Cities during August 14-22.

## ISC II 2009

### PRE-SEASON RANKINGS

As of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009  
(\*-1<sup>st</sup> place votes)

# TEAM	PTS
1. ASHLAND, OH Stock Pack	18 (*7)
2. KITCHENER, ON Outlaws	38 (*3)
3. OHSWEKEN, ON Redmen	50 (*2)
4. WATERDOWN, ON Hammer	54
5. BRIDGEPORT, ON Braves	71
6. PALERMO, ON Athletics	76
7. ELMIRA, ON Expos	97
8. SUN VALLEY, CA Rude	112
9. SIOUX FALLS, SD Sox	117
10. PORTLAND OR Col River	130
11. READING, PA Hoff. Rise	150
12. PORT ELGIN, ON BlueDevils	165
13. DUNDAS, ON CPI/ADS	167
14. OTTAWA, ON East.Thunder	181
15. WELLINGTON, ON Sox	198

