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BROOKFIELD EARNS DOUBLE LIFE

Brookfield Elks started the week as under-dogs, but have proven that they can play with the “big dawgs” after dispatching **Jarvis Gamblers** 8-7 and **Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins** 4-3 in the final day of round-robin action. Unheralded, and projected as “long-shots”, the Elks impressively scrambled their way to a 5-2 W-L record and well-deserved respectability.

A trio of pitchers – **Cory Avery** (2-0) **Brian Urquhart** (2-2) and **Randy Frame** (1-0) – have kept the games close enough enabling team-mates to generate sufficient offence. Avery helped his own cause with a pair of ‘taters and 5 rbis in the high-scoring affair with Jarvis.

Will the streak continue as the “real tournament” starts today with elimination play? Whatever the result, Brookfield has served notice that with a roster of home-grown Nova Scotians, the Maritimers can play decent ball. The Elks are reminiscent of the Brookfield Elks teams of 30 years ago when the Elks garnered the Canadians Gold Medal in 1980.



Brookfield Elks P **Cory Avery** (left) and supporting cast earned double life with a pair of one-run Thursday wins over Jarvis and Kitchener

Today's Key Games ...



“Double-Life Double-Header”

6:00 pm #1 Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins (5-2)
vs #4 Jarvis First Ontario Gamblers (4-3)

8:00 pm #2 ST. THOMAS Evergreen Centennials (5-2)
vs #3 Brookfield, NS Elks (5-2)

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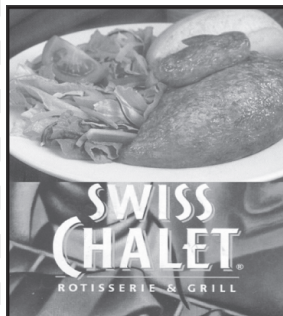
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RESULTS – Thurs. Sept. 3 Harrah's Mildmay Picks (Record to date (19-9))

L 10:00 am – **JARVIS GAMBLERS 7**

vs Brookfield Elks 8

Jarvis Gamblers 7R 12H 0E

Brookfield Elks 8R 13H 0E

WP – **Brian Urquhart** (In relief 2-1);

CF Mike Grant 3x4; **P Cory Avery**

2x4, 2 HR, 5 rbi; **DH Bobby Sill** 2x4

LP – **Rob O'Brien** (in relief 1-2) 1K;

CF Jeff Ellsworth 2x4; HR, 2 rbis; **3B**

Ryan Thompson 2x3; **SS Ian Fehrman**

2x4, **1B/P Rob O'Brien** 2x4

L 12:00 pm – **CHARLOTTETOWN**

FAWCETTS 2 vs St. John's Kelly's

Pub Canadians 6

Charlottetown Fawcetts 2R 5H 2E

St. John's Kelly's Pub 6R 10H 1E

WP – **Darrell Tilley** (1-2) 11K; **SS**

Justin Gill 3x4, 3 rbis

LP – **Frank Cox** (1-3) 9K; **C Kelly**

Wenstrom 2x2, 2 rbis

L 2:00 pm – **KITCHENER TWINS 3**

vs Brookfield Elks 4

Brookfield Elks 4H 5H 1E

Kitchener Riversharks 3R 7H 0E

WP – **Randy Frame** (1-0) 2K; **C Jason**

Sanford 2x3, lead-off HR; **CF Mike**

Grant 1x3 HR; **3B Joel Isenor** 1x3 HR;

SS Chris Hopewell 1x3 HR in T7 as
winning run

LP – **Dean Holoien** (0-1) 11K; **LF Rino**

Dambrosio 2x3, HR, 2 rbis; **SS Darrell**

Joy (2x3, rbi

L 4:00 pm – Vancouver Grey Sox 5 vs

CHARLOTTETOWN FAWCETTS -3

Vancouver Grey Sox 5R 4H 1E

Charlottetown Fawcetts 3R 2H 3E

WP – **Gerald Muizelaar** (1-0) 4K; **DH**

Doug Allin 2x3, rbi;

LP – **Ward Gosse** (1-1) 3K; **3B Chris**

Craig 1x2, 2 rbis

W 6:00 pm – Glace Bay Mets 1 vs **ST.**

JOHN'S KELLY'S PUB CANADIANS 6

St. John's Kelly's Pub 6R 10H 1E

Glace Bay Mets 1R 5H 1E

WP – **Sean Cleary** (1-2) 9K; **1B Bryan**

Clarke 2x2; **SS Justin Gill**, 2x4; **LF**

Jonny Kelly 2x4, 2 rbis; **1B Kyle**

Ezekiel 1x2; LP – **Trevor McCabe** (0-3)

2K; **3B Derek MacDonald** 2x3

W 8:00 – **KITCHENER HALLMAN**

RIVERSHARK TWINS 4 vs St.

Thomas Evergreen Centennials 0

Kitchener Riversharks 4R 7H 0E

St. Thomas Centennials 0R 2H 0E

WP – **Grant Patterson** (2-0) 7K; **CF**

Ryan Wolfe 3x3, HR, 2 triples, 3 runs

scored. LP – **Scott Wagar** (1-2)

STANDINGS

Friday morning September 4

TEAM	W	L
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Playoff Double Life

Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins	5	2
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St. Thomas Evergreen Centennials	5	2
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Brookfield NS Elks	5	2
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Jarvis First Ontario Gamblers	4	3
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Playoff Single Life

Vancouver BC Grey Sox	4	3
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St. Johns NL Kelly's Pub Canadians	3	4
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Charlottetown PEI Fawcetts	2	5
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Glace Bay NS Mets	0	7
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HARRAH'S MILDMA Y PICKS FOR Friday Sept. 4

(Record to date (19-9))

6:00 pm – **(1) Kitchener Hallman**

Rivershark Twins (5-2) vs

(4) Jarvis First Ontario Gamblers (4-3)

8:00 pm – **(2) St. Thomas Evergreen**

Centennials (5-2)

vs (3) Brookfield NS Elks (5-2)

Saturday September 5

11:00 am – **(5) Vancouver BC Grey**

Sox (4-3) vs (8) Glace Bay NS Mets (0-7)

1:00 pm – (6) St. John's NL Kelly's Pub

(3-4) vs **(7) Charlottetown Fawcetts (2-5)**

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DOUBLE LIFE

TEAM COMPARISONS

(Original rankings and odds to win)
Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins
(#1 - 3:2) vs Jarvis First Ontario
Gamblers (#3 - 4:1)

Head to Head - Kitchener beat Jarvis 6-1 with **P Dean Holoien** striking out 6, and going 2 for 3 at the plate with a HR and 3 rbis. **CF Ryan Wolfe** also homered. **P Rob O'Brien** was losing pitcher, while striking out 4. **3B Ryan Thompson** was 2 for 3.

WHO'S HOT

Kitchener - **CF Ryan Wolfe** was a one-man wrecking crew last night, with a "moon-shot" lead-off HR, 2 triples and a walk, scoring 3 of Kitchener's 4 runs. Wolfe is batting a torrid .500 with 3 HR and a tournament high 10 runs scored. **OF Dale Levy** (.375) 2 HR and **SS Darrell Joy** (.353) 1 HR provide offensive punch.

Jarvis - **OF Jeff Ellsworth** is repeating his 2008 "Top Batter" performance with a lusty .391 BA, 3 HRs and 9 rbis. **3B Ryan Thompson** (.375); **RF Jason Hill** (.368) HR are tough outs at the plate.

Pitching - Rivershark Twins have more depth with **Grant Patterson** (2-0), **Don Scott** (2-1), **Dean Holoien** (0-1), **Blair Ezekiel** (1-0) and **Todd Martin** who has not yet pitched. Jarvis workhorse **Paul Koert** (2-2) has struggled, with **Andrew Phibbs** (1-0) and **Rob O'Brien** (1-1).

St. Thomas Evergreen Centennials
(#2 - 3:1) vs **Brookfield NS Elks**
(#7 - 12-1)

Head to Head - Centennials out-scored Elks 9-1 as **P Rob Schweyer** set down 14 Elks via strikeouts in the 5-inning mercy outing. **OF Mark Coleman** was 2x3, 3 rbis; **C Pat Humphries** 2x2 and **3B Nick Dambrosio** 1x2 and 2 rbis.

WHO'S HOT

St. Thomas - **OF Mark Coleman** tied for tournament batting at .500 and **2B Tex Lessard** (.368). **C Pat Humphries** (.333) and **SS Peter Babcock** (.308) leading the Centennials charge.

Brookfield - **Mike Grant** is tied for tournament batting lead (.500) with **SS Chris Hopewell** (.300). Team offence is generated sporadically in splurges from all parts of the order.

TOP HITTERS

PLAYER/TEAM	PA	AB	H	AVG.
Mike Grant, Brookfield	23	22	11	.500
Mark Coleman, St.Thom	18	16	8	.500
Ryan Wolfe, Kitchener	21	18	9	.500
Brad Ezekiel, St. John's	25	19	9	.474
Kelly Wenstrom, Charl.	19	15	5	.400
Jeff Ellsworth, Jarvis	26	23	9	.391
Calem Gardner, Vancouv	25	21	8	.381
Ryan Thompson, Jarvis	21	16	6	.375
Scott Newitt, Vancouv	20	16	6	.375
Mark Arsenault, Charl	16	16	6	.375
Dale Levy, Kitchener	17	16	6	.375
Bryan Clarke, St. John's	19	16	6	.375
Jason Hill, Jarvis	22	19	7	.368
Tyler Lessard, St.Thom	26	22	8	.364
Justin Gill, St. John's	26	25	9	.360
Darrell Joy, Kitchener	19	17	6	.353
Derek Mayson, Vancou	23	20	7	.350
John McCarthy, G. Bay	20	18	6	.333
Pat Humphries, St.Thom	13	12	4	.333
Peter Babcock, St. Thom	15	13	4	.308
Chris Hopewell, Brook	23	20	6	.300

50/50 - Thursday Sept. 3

Draw #9 - #03269 - \$384 - Lynn Ambridge

Draw #10 - #05432 - \$1,635 - Jim Walsh

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1. Since 1965, **Ontario** has won the most (16) Sr. Men's Canadian Championships.
2. **St. Thomas Times-Journal** is the local daily newspaper.
3. **Earl Beer and Bob Todd** are two host committee members responsible for the admission gate.
4. **Molsons** is the official beer supplier of this year's event?
5. Last year Sean Whitten pitched three wins for the **Horse Lake Thunder**, AB team with a 0.51 ERA.

BASEBALL QUOTES

"Good memories are the greatest thing in the world. And I've got a lot of those. And one of the sweetest is of the kid standing out on the green grass in centre field, with the winning runs on base, saying "Hit it to me. Hit it to me." **Pete Reiser**

YOGIsm – "Little league baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets."

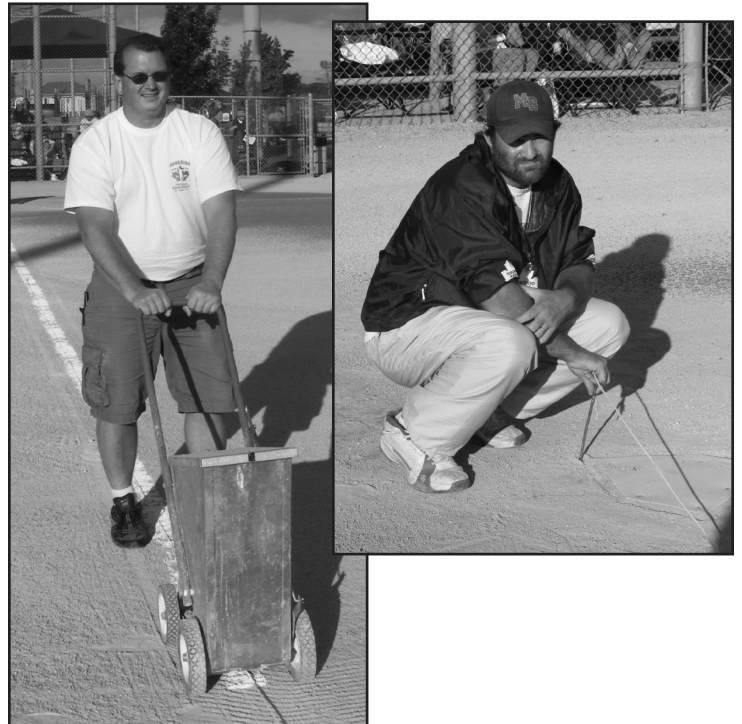
"The towels were so thick there that I could hardly close my suitcase." **Yogi at his best**

JUMBO (final, final thought)

"What do you do with an elephant, like Jumbo, who has three balls?"

"Walk him and pitch to the giraffe."

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