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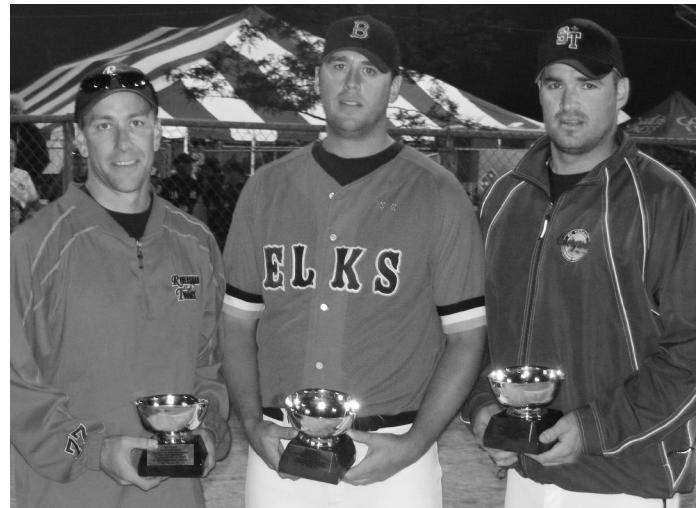
John Thompson, Editor

## FANTASTIC FASTBALL

There's never, never, ever **bad** fastball, but Friday's elite doubleheader provided a huge dose of **good** and a small taste of **ugly**. The fans – and there were hundreds - loved it all!

**GOOD** - The opener was a nail-biter as hits and extra bases were a rarity, and runs were non-existent in the first eight innings of **Kitchener Rivershark Twins** match-up with rival **Jarvis Gamblers**. Twins prevailed 2-1 in 9 innings.

**UGLY** - In contrast, the night-cap featured a honey-wagon-load of liberally provided and easily scored runs. After two complete innings **St. Thomas Centennials** recovered from a pair of early deficits (3-0 and 5-2) to lead 6-5 over **Brookfield Elks**. Final score - Centennials 9, Elks 6. Twins and Centennials are guaranteed spots in Sunday's "final four".



### Softball Canada 2009 Senior Men's Awards

Ryan Wolfe, Kitchener - Top Batter (.500); Mike Grant, Brookfield – MVP (.500); Sean Whitten, St. Thomas – Top Pitcher (0.47 ERA)

## Today's Key Games ...



"Marching to the Medals"

8:00 pm

- #1 Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins (6-2)
- #2 ST. THOMAS Evergreen Centennials (6-2)

## Diamond Dirt

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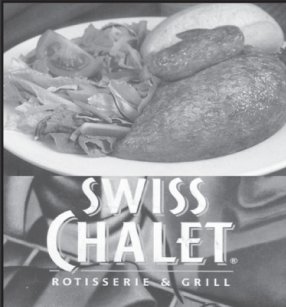
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**RESULTS – Friday Sept. 4**

**W 6:00 pm – (#1) Kitchener Hallman**

**Rivershark Twins - 2** vs (#4) Jarvis  
First Ontario Gamblers - 1 (9 innings)

Jarvis Gamblers 1R 4H 0E  
Kitchener Riversharks 2R 4H 1E

It was do-nuts for eight innings as Gamblers **P Paul Koert** rebounded from a mediocre round-robin and brought his “A” game, and Twins **P Don Scott** was his usual fire-balling self. Catchers **Greg Courneyea** and **Sean O’Brien** worked the corners with the precision of a surgeon. Base-runners were scarce and advancing players was a lost art until the international tie-break rabbits were aboard in the 8-9 innings.

Jarvis almost drew first blood in T8 when **OF Jeff Ellsworth** launched a line-drive laser that required Twins **1B Blair Ezekiel** to be at his best to corral the missile. In T9, Ellsworth scored on **OF Jason Hill’s** single – Jarvis up 1-0.

In B9, with Twins **3B Craig Crawford** running at 2B, **OF Ryan Wolfe** drew a walk, followed by an uncontested steal. With the outfield drawn in slightly, **LF Steve Mullaley**, striving for a fly-ball to tie the game, launched a double over the LF head. Kitchener wins 2-1.

**W 8:00 pm – (#2) St. Thomas**

**Evergreen Centennials -9** vs

(#3) Brookfield NS Elks -6

Brookfield Elks 6R 7H 2E  
St. Thomas Centennials 9R 11H 0E

Fans on a refreshment run who were absent in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning missed 5 runs. If they waited for a hamburger, and avoided two complete innings, 11 runs crossed the plate in their absence.

Brookfield Elks started strongly with 3 runs in T1, and another pair in T2 to hold an early 5-2 lead over the Centennials.

St. Thomas had its own arsenal, and unleashed a volley in B2 and never looked back.

Centennials ace **P Sean Whitten** (3-0), earlier awarded the Round Robin top pitcher award, struggled on the mound allowing the early runs. In a groove as the game progressed, Whitten notched 11 Ks, and nailed the win. For the Elks, **P Brian Urquhart** (2-3) allowed more runs than outs, and was chased in B2. **1B Brad Robinson** paced the Centennials with a 2x3 outing, including an impressive 5 rbis, and **OF Mark Coleman**, a tournament all-star was 2x4 with a pair of rbis. Elks **C Jason Sanford** (2 rbis) and **RR MVP OF Mike Grant** each tallied a pair of hits.

**R.R. FINAL STANDINGS**

TEAM	W	L
<b>Playoff Double Life</b>		
Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins	5	2
St. Thomas Evergreen Centennials	5	2
Brookfield NS Elks	5	2
Jarvis First Ontario Gamblers	4	3
<b>Playoff Single Life</b>		
Vancouver BC Grey Sox	4	3
St. Johns NL Kelly’s Pub Canadians	3	4
Charlottetown PEI Fawcetts	2	5
Glance Bay NS Mets	0	7

**HARRAH’S MILDMAY**

**Sat. Sept. 5 (Record to date (21-9))**

11:00 am – **(5) VANCOUVER Grey Sox (4-3)** vs (8) Glance Bay Mets (0-7)

1:00 pm – (6) St. John’s NL Kelly’s Pub (3-4) vs **(7) CHARLOTTETOWN Fawcetts (2-5)**

3:00 pm – **JARVIS Gamblers** vs W 11 am

6:00 pm - **BROOKFIELD Elks** vs W 1 pm

8:00 pm – **KITCHENER Hallman Twins** vs St. Thomas Evergreen Centennials

**50/50 - Friday September 4**

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## FUTURE FASTBALL FINALIZED

Fans who are enjoying this year's Softball Canada Sr. Men's Nationals can mark their calendars for more great action in the next two years.

**2010** – The 7<sup>th</sup> annual **Monkton World Invitational** will be held in early July 2010 with the top Sr. Men's teams in North America with international players throughout the rosters. [www.monktonfastball.com](http://www.monktonfastball.com)

The 64<sup>th</sup> annual International Softball Congress Tournament will be held August 14-21 for the very first time in **Midland MI**, at Emerson Park and Redcoats Complex.

Impressive website – [www.midland2010isc.com](http://www.midland2010isc.com)  
**Hotel brochures** - see **Tim** behind home plate.

The Softball Canada Sr. Men's Nationals will be hosted by **Charlottetown, PEI** Aug. 29-Sept. 5.

**2011** – The 65<sup>th</sup> Annual ISC World Tournament will be hosted for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in **Kitchener ON** at the Peter Hallman Ball Yard in August, 2011.

## BASEBALL QUOTES

Immortal words of **Willie Stargell**, "Trying to hit Sandy Koufax was like trying to drink coffee with a fork."

"It ain't nothin' till I call it." **Bill Klem**, umpire

## ROUND ROBIN PITCHING LEADERS

(Minimum 15 innings pitched)

NAME/TEAM	IP	W	L	ER	H	K	W	ERA
Sean Whitten, St. Thomas	17.3	2	0	1	8	27	8	0.47
Ward Gosse, Charlotte	15.0	1	0	4	10	20	5	1.87
Derek Mayson, Vancouv	22.7	2	2	7	13	22	5	2.16
Sean Cleary, St. John's	16.7	1	2	6	15	27	9	2.52
Darrell Tilley, St. John's	18.3	1	2	8	12	33	10	3.05
Frank Cox, Charlotte	19.7	1	3	9	21	37	5	3.20
Cory Avery, Brookfield	19.3	2	0	11	28	19	5	3.98
Brian Urquhart, Brookfield	18.0	2	2	11	15	11	10	4.28
Donnelly Archibald, GBay	19.0	0	3	16	26	17	19	5.89
Paul Koert, Jarvis	19.3	2	1	17	30	31	6	6.16

## MORE GREAT FASTBALL IN 2009

The 2009 **Ontario Challenge Cup ISC II Qualifier** will be played at the Packham Road Park in **Stratford** on weekend of **September 18-20**.

Sixteen teams representing a dozen men's leagues from across southern Ontario will be competing for a berth in the **ISC II Tournament of Champions in August 2010 in Midland, MI**.

Action commences on Friday night with games at 7 pm & 9 pm. The championship game is slated for Sunday at 1 pm with the "if" game to follow.

Stratford will also host next year's **Softball Canada Midget Boys Nationals Aug. 1-8, 2010**.



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## BASEBALL QUOTES

"I managed a team that was so bad we considered a 2-0 count on the batter a rally."

**Rich Donnelly, manager**

"Baseball hasn't forgotten me. I go to a lot of old-timers games and I haven't lost a thing. I sit in the bullpen and let people throw things at me. Just like old times."

**Bob Uecker, MLB player**

"What are we at the park for except to win? I'd trip my mother. I'd help her up, brush her off, tell her I'm sorry. But mother don't make it to third."

**Leo Durocher, MLB Manager**

"Hitting is timing. Pitching is upsetting timing."

**Warren Spahn**

"A hot dog at the ballgame beats roast beef at the Ritz."

**Humphrey Bogart.**

"When they start the game, they don't yell, "Work ball." They say, "Play ball."

**Willie Stargell**



## SOFTBALL CANADA 2009 SR. MEN'S ALL-STARS

**Front (l-r) Ryan Wolfe, OF Kitchener; Ryan Thompson, 3B Jarvis; Mark Coleman, OF St. Thomas; Ward Gosse, P Charlottetown; Back – Darrell Joy, SS Kitchener; John J. McCarthy, 2B Glace Bay; Brad Ezekiel, OF St. John's; Bryan Clarke, 1B St. John's; Kelly Wenstrom, C Charlottetown.**

**Missing – Derek Mayson, UT Vancouver.**

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