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## NEWFS TIGHT "D" WINS TWICE - MEDAL MARCH IN MORNING

Riding on the shirt-tails of Newfoundland's gold medal at the Softball Canada Junior Nationals last month in Owen Sound ON, Canada's youngest province is within a single win of capturing a medal at the Senior Nationals. **St. John's NL Kelly's Pub Canadians** won twice yesterday, parlaying four runs into a pair of wins, qualifying for Sunday's "final four", and eliminating neighboring Maritimers **Charlottetown PEI** and **Brookfield NS. P Darryl Tilley** handcuffed Fawcetts, scattering five hits and striking out 11. Fellow **P Sean Cleary** completed the sweep dulling the Elks horns with a tidy one-hitter, and striking out 15. Sunday's objective - break-up the perceived Ontario "Medal Cartel" and bring Gold/Silver or Bronze back to "The Rock". The "medal mission" starts at 10 am when Kelly's Pub meets the Jarvis First Ontario Gamblers - should be a dandy!



**3B Mark Lewis' two hits led St. John's NL Kelly's Pub Canadians to a 2-1 victory over Charlottetown Fawcetts**



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**RESULTS – Sat. Sept. 5**  
**Harrah's Mildmay Picks**  
(Record to date (24-11))

**W VANCOUVER Grey Sox 5R 8H 0E**  
Glance Bay Mets 0R 3H 1E  
WP **Gerald Muizelaar** (1-0) 13K;  
LP – **Greg Garrity** (0-1) 4K;  
LF **Calem Gardner** 2x3; RF **Tyson Barkman** 2x3

**L St. John's NL Kelly's Pub 2R 6H 0E**  
**CHARLOTTETOWN Fawcetts 1R 5H 1E**  
The teams traded 1<sup>st</sup> inning runs and St. John's scored the winning run in B3 in an exciting afternoon tilt.  
WP – **Darrell Tilley** (2-2) 11K; **3B Mark Lewis** 2x2; **OF Brad Ezekiel** 1x2  
LP – **Ward Gosse** (1-1) 3K with relief from **Frank Cox**, 7K; **C Kelly Wenstrom** 1x2, rbi

**W JARVIS Gamblers 4R 8H 1E**  
Vancouver Grey Sox 3R 8H 2E (8 innings)  
Jarvis spotted Vancouver a 3-1 early lead, but chipped away, eventually tying the game in B7. Int tie-breaker runner **Bill Simmons'** gazelle-like speed plated the winning run in B8 on a head-long slide that had fans buzzing.

WP **Paul Koert** (3-2 in relief of **Rob O'Brien**), 5K; **1B Pat Graham** 3x3, rbi; **OF Jeff Ellsworth** 2x4, rbi  
LP – **Gerald Muizelaar** (1-1 in relief of **Nick Underhill**) 2K; **DH Doug Allin** 2x2; **C Craig Horswell** 2x4; **LF Calem Gardner** 2x5

**L BROOKFIELD Elks 0R 1H 1E**  
St John's Kelly's Pub 2R 7H 1E  
WP – **Sean Cleary** (2-2) 15K;  
LP – **Cory Avery** (2-1) 6K; St. John's scored the only run needed in T1 and added an insurance marker in T7, to ride **P Sean Cleary's** one hitter to shut-out Brookfield, and eliminate the Elks. The young, speedy and aggressive Newfs gave notice that in qualifying for Sunday's final four, they may be long-shots, but should not be taken lightly. **CF Brad Ezekiel** continued his torrid week, with a 2x3 outing, driving in both runs, while **SS Justin Gill** was 2x4

**W- KITCHENER Twins 8R XH XE**  
St. Thomas Centennials 1R XH Xe  
WP – **Dean Holoien** (1-1) 11K  
LP – **Sean Whitten** (3-1) 4K in 1.7 innings  
Rivershark Twins struck early (5 in B2) and often (3 in B3). **3B Craig Crawford** 2x2 with 2 rbis; **OF Steve Mullaley** 2x3; **RF Rino Dambrosio** 1x2 and **2B Jody Eidt** 1x2, each with 2 rbis.  
Cens' **Tex Lessard** 1x2

**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

TEAM	W	L
<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 MILDMA Y PICKS FOR Sun. Sept. 6**  
(Record to date (24-11))

10:00 am – Jarvis Gamblers  
vs **ST. JOHN'S KELLY'S PUB**

12:30 pm – **ST. THOMAS EVERGREEN CENTENNIALS**  
vs Winner 10 am (Jarvis or St. John's)

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**  
3:00 pm – **KITCHENER HALLMAN RIVERSHARK TWINS**  
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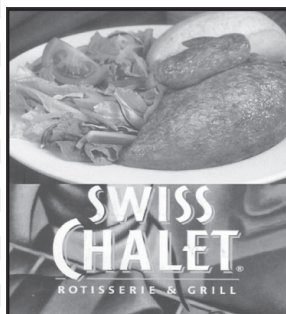
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## AROUND THE PARK

A reliable source asks fans to guess which American League baseball player once sold 50/50 tickets at a few major fastball tournaments in the US and Canada – answer at end of this column....What a great atmosphere through eight days of sunshine (okay, a smattering of rain last Sunday) as Tournament leaders **Bill Horne** and **Tom Edie**, complemented by a team of 200+ volunteers, successfully hosted a third Canadian National Championship in the last eleven seasons. Smiles abounded everywhere, and fans were treated to awesome Elgin County hospitality. **Well done St. Thomas!....** Adding to the atmosphere was **Bruce Smith** and his piano accordion – “Take me out to the Ball Game” - encouraged bleacher and beer tent karaoke. Diversity of song selections was evident with the strains of Queen’s “We Will Rock You”... good touch

Bruce – come and join **Walter Ostanek** Oktoberfest style for the 2011 ISCs in Kitchener..... Just who contacted the weatherman? Anyone taking credit for the perfect fastball weather conditions is welcome on future hosting committees..... Speaking of 50/50 ticket sellers, don't forget to check your pockets and purses for two unclaimed 50/50 draws – **Draw #2 – 00822 and Draw #4 – #01564.....**

ANSWER - The 2006 American League batting champion, as a youngster helped to sell 50/50 tickets with his father George at several ISC tourneys in 1990s... Justin Morneau, a native of New Westminster, BC, no longer needs to sell 50/50 tickets, or win a 50/50 draw as his MLB salary for 2009 is a cool \$11,600,000.

## BASEBALL QUOTES

"Just take the ball and throw it where you want to. Throw strikes. Home plate don't move." **Satchel Paige**

"The secret of managing is to keep the guys who hate you away from the guys who are undecided." **Casey Stengel**

"If you don't win, you're going to be fired. If you do win, you've only put off the day you're going to be fired."

**Leo Durocher**

## DAY 8 – Sunday Standings (Original rankings & odds to win)

### Still in Contention

- (1) Kitchener, ON 3:2
- (2) St. Thomas, ON 3:1
- (3) Jarvis, ON 4:1
- (6) St. John's, NL 10:1

### Eliminated & Final Standings

5. (7) Brookfield, NS Elks 12:1
6. (5) Vancouver, BC Grey Sox 7:1
7. (4) Charlottetown, PEI Fawcetts 6:1
8. (8) Glace Bay NS Mets 15:1

## 50/50 - Saturday Sept. 5

Draw 12 - #09115 - \$300+ -

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Draw #13 - #08624 - \$1,265 Cher Rose

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## DIAMOND DIRT GEMS

This week's "Unofficial" DD awards...

**\*Best Dressed team** – Brookfield NS Elks – only missing stirrups to be perfect!

**\*Pleasant surprise team** – St. John's NL Kelly's Pub – team of the future

**\*Fountain of Youth Award** – All-Star C Kelly Wenstrom, Charlottetown – batted .400 and helped lead Fawcetts

**\*Get down and dirty award (on the bases & defensively)** -Nick Dambrosio, St. Thomas, closely followed by Kitchener's Rino Dambrosio (Coincidence?)

**\*Comeback Games of the Week** – Jarvis twice - trailing 3-1 in 7<sup>th</sup> inning rallies to beat Charlottetown 5-4 and next night, behind 3-0 early and 6-4 in B9, scores 3 against Vancouver to win 7-6

**\*Comeback "Falls Short" Game of the Week** – trailing 7-1 vs Brookfield, Jarvis ties the game at 7, but loses 8-7

**\*Best Played Game of the Week** – Kitchener 2 Jarvis 1 (9 innings) – the essence of a tightly-contested, defence-dominated game that relied on fundamentals as Kitchener rallies from 1-0 deficit to maintain "double-life".

## SOFTBALL CANADA BATBOYS



Thanks to local batboys who served the competing teams

### Solo Performance Gems

**Ryan Wolfe**, Kitchener – HR, 2 triples, W – 3 runs vs St. Thomas;

**Cory Avery**, Brookfield – 2 HR, 5 rbis vs. Jarvis;

**Jeff Ellsworth**, Jarvis - Grand Slam vs. St. John's;

**Derek Mayson**, Vancouver – steals home, hits HR and pitches 2 hitter with 8Ks in 2-0-shutout vs. Kitchener



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