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2009 CANADIAN CHAMPIONS KITCHENER HALLMAN RIVERSHARK TWINS

St. Thomas, ON - After 40+ years of seeking a national title, the **Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins** got the job done. Twins erased a 2-0 deficit in the championship match to rally and tie the game after 7 regulation innings. In extra play, the Twins used depth in their roster to score a run in the B9 to win 3-2 and snatch the gold medal from a very resilient, hardworking, but tired **Jarvis First Ontario Gamblers** squad.

It was the 2nd successive "silver lining" medal for the Gamblers, who almost won the required "three-in-a-row" on Championship Sunday in St. Thomas, casting aside **St. John's NL Kelly's Pub 1-0** and host **St. Thomas Evergreen Centennials 5-1**. Twins **P Todd Martin** threw his only 2.7 innings of the week, in relief of hard-working **Don Scott** to record the win, while Gamblers **P Andrew Phibbs**, in relief of **Paul Koert** was tagged with the loss. **St. Thomas Evergreen Centennials** were awarded the bronze medal for the second year in a row



Ryan Wolfe scores winning run behind Jarvis C Greg Courneyea and P Andrew Phibbs.



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RESULTS – Sun. Sept. 6

Harrah's Mildmay Picks

(Total Record for week 25-13)

L 10:00 am – Jarvis Gamblers 1 vs **ST. JOHN'S KELLY'S PUB 0**
Jarvis Gamblers 1R 4H 0E
St. John's Kelly's Pub 0R 3H 0E
WP – **Andrew Phibbs 10K**;
LP **Darrell Tilley 3K**
DH Rob O'Brien, 5th inning HR for all the scoring.

L 12:30 pm – **ST. THOMAS EVERGREEN CENTENNIALS 1**

vs Jarvis Gamblers 5
Jarvis Gamblers 5R 7H 0E
St. Thomas Centennials 1R 5H 2E
WP – **Paul Koert 8K**;
LP – **Sean Whitten 7K**
DH Rob O'Brien HR-2 rbis; **C Greg Courneyea** 2x3,rbi;
C Pat Humphries 1x3, rbi

BASEBALL QUOTE

“It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on a golf course.”
Hammerin' Hank Aaron

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

W 3:00 pm – **KITCHENER HALLMAN RIVERSHARK TWINS 3**
vs Jarvis Gamblers 2
Kitchener Twins 3R 10H 0E
Jarvis Gamblers 2R 6H 3E
WP – **Todd Martin** 2.7 IP and 2K in relief of **Don Scott** 6.3 IP, 6K
LP **Andrew Phibbs** 5.7 IP, 3K in relief of **Paul Koert** 3.0 IP, 3K



Kitchener OF Steven Mullaley, leading batter in the Championship round, receives his gold medal.

R.R. FINAL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L
<i>Playoff Double Life</i>		
Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins	5	2
St. Thomas Evergreen Centennials	5	2
Brookfield NS Elks	5	2
Jarvis First Ontario Gamblers	4	3
<i>Playoff Single Life</i>		
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

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FINAL STANDINGS

(Original DD rankings & odds to win the 2009 Championship)

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



Musician **Bruce Smith** rallied the crowd with lively renditions at Sunday's Championship Action, much to the delight of St. Thomas Centennials **Tex Lessard's** mom.

PLAYOFF PITCHING

By Workload (Innings Pitched)

Name/Team	IP	W	L	H	K	W	ERA
Koert, Jarvis	23.7	2	1	15	28	8	1.18
Whitten, St. T.	15.3	1	2	19	22	8	6.39
Scott, Kitchener	15.3	1	0	10	15	5	0.91
Phibbs, Jarvis	12.7	1	0	10	13	3	0.55
Tilley, St. John's	12.3	1	1	9	14	3	1.14
Avery, Brkfield	10.3	0	1	9	10	1	2.71
Muizelaar, Van	9.3	1	1	6	15	3	0.75
Cleary, St. John's	7.7	1	0	1	16	2	0.00
Garrity, Gl Bay	6.0	0	1	8	4	3	5.83

ROUND-ROBIN PITCHING

Minimum 15 innings Pitched

Name/Team	IP	W	L	H	K	W	ERA
Whitten, St.T	17.3	2	0	8	27	1	0.40
Gosse, Charl.	15.0	1	0	10	20	5	1.87
Mayson, Van.	22.7	2	2	13	22	5	2.16
Cleary, St.John	16.7	1	2	15	27	9	2.52
Tilley, St.John's	18.3	1	2	12	33	10	3.05
Cox, Charlott.	19.7	1	3	21	37	5	3.20
Avery, Brkfield	19.3	2	0	28	19	5	3.98
Urquhart, Bfield	18.0	2	2	15	11	10	4.28
Archibald, GBay	19.0	0	3	26	17	19	5.89
Koert, Jarvis	19.3	2	1	30	31	6	6.16

BASEBALL QUOTES

"You argue with the umpire because there is nothing else you can do about it." **MLB Mgr Leo Durocher**

PLAYOFF BATTING

Minimum 8 plate appearances

Name/Team	AB	H	W	K	HR	AVG.
Mullaley, Kit	11	6	0	0	0	.545
Wolfe, Kit	8	4	4	1	0	.500
Gardner, Van	8	4	1	2	0	.500
Barkman, Van	7	3	0	1	0	.429
Horn, Jarvis	8	3	0	2	0	.375
Ezekiel, St.John's	8	3	1	3	0	.375
Lewis, St. John's	8	3	0	2	0	.375
O'Brien, Jarvis	11	4	3	0	2	.364
Crawford, Kit	9	3	0	2	0	.333
Ellsworth, Jarvis	18	6	1	1	2	.333
Robinson, St.Tho.	9	3	0	3	1	.333
Pullen, St. Thom	6	2	2	1	0	.333

ROUND ROBIN BATTING

Minimum 13 plate appearances

Name/Team	AB	H	W	K	HR	AVG.
Grant, Brookfield	22	11	1	6	1	.500
Coleman, St.Tho	16	8	1	2	0	.500
Wolfe, Kitchener	18	9	3	2	3	.500
Ezekiel, St.John's	19	9	5	4	2	.474
Wenstrom, Charl.	15	6	3	3	0	.400
Ellsworth, Jarvis	23	9	3	5	3	.391
Gardner, Van.	21	8	2	4	0	.381
Thompson, Jarvis	16	6	2	2	0	.375
Newitt, Van	16	4	4	3	0	.375
Arsenault, Charl.	16	6	0	3	1	.375
Levy, Kitchener	16	6	1	4	2	.375
Clarke, St. John's	16	6	2	2	0	.375
Hill, Jarvis	19	7	3	3	1	.368
Lessard, St. Thom	22	8	4	5	1	.364
Gill, St. John's	25	9	1	9	0	.360

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Note to Softball Canada – awarding the event once again to St. Thomas should be a "slam-dunk" decision. The local citizens and Jumbo the elephant are "all ears" waiting for the news in a few years.



It's the Softball Canada National Championship, with province against province and team against team. In the **Kitchener Hallman Rivershark Twins vs Jarvis First Ontario Gamblers** gold medal game, it was brother against brother as Twins C **Sean O'Brien** receives a **Don Scott** pitch behind Gamblers DH **Rob O'Brien**. The siblings learned softball basics in Newfoundland.



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