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The Game Schedule on the official bracket does not follow in the order that the games are actually played today. So in these report Game Numbers are as they are posted in the Program.

Game #1
Durham D'Backs 5, AHI Reapers 3

AHI Reapers broke a scoreless game win the fourth with three runs. The D'Backs countered with a five-run fifth and that was all the scoring in the game. Jeff Miller singled for AHI to get things going in the fourth for AHI. Jeff Miller drew a base on balls. After a stolen base Ric Thompson singled to score two runners. Later Julian Fernandez singled home Thompson for the 3-0 lead. In the fifth the D'Backs' Matt Davis led off with a homer to cut the lead to 3-1. Jordan Mitts followed with a single and Matt Medaglia walked. Tyler McNevean later singled to score both of those runners

Game #2
Coburg Dirt Road 7, Fishers

This game started out like a house afire. Both teams plated a pair of runs in the first inning. Dean Malone drew a base on balls for Fishers in the top of the 1st and scored when Jake Rutt hit a homer. In the bottom of the first Josh McGuire walked and scored on a two run blast by Craig Buttar. In the top of the third Josh Smucker got Fischer's back on top with a homer but Coburg countered with a pair in their half of the inning. Scott Leblanc answered Smucker's blast with one of his own and when MaGuire doubled it was followed by an rbi single off the bat of Dan Burnham. The fifth inning saw both teams score

again as Smucker hit another one over the high fence. In the bottom of the fifth Coburg answered again with two markers when Jeff St. Pierre singled and scored when Jake Bricknell jacked one. Coburg extended the lead in the last of the fifth when Aaron Trude hit one out. Fischer's tried to rally in the top of the seventh but got just one run when Smucker walked and wound up at third and scored on a single by Sean King. The winning pitcher was Zimmerman while J.Rutt took the loss.

Game 3
Shakespeare Falcons 5, Bar Blues 0

Two runs in the third and one in the fifth combined with a shutout in the circle and the Falcons came away with the win. Fred Follings was the winner on a nifty one-hitter and 15 ks while Travis Stram absorbed the loss allowing eight hits while fanning 8. Tyson Zehr led off the third for the Falcons with a single and advanced to second on a sac bunt. Ryan Shannon then doubled to score Zehr and when Jamie Wicke singled Shannon scampered home. In the fifth Jodie Schnarr opened up with a single and was replaced with a pinch runner. Sehr then laced a triple and when Jeff Clemens singled Zehr scooted home. Wicke then tripled chasing Clemens home. That rapped up the scoring in the game.

Game 4
Rico Lake Orangemen 8, Wlarton Nationals 0

The Orangemen owned this game as Nicholas Seibenlist picked up the win on a 3-hitter with six Ks. The loser was Veenhoff who allowed 10 hits while striking out 4 in five innings of work. Veenhoff displayed an unusual pitching form that appeared to be what might be called a "windshot" - half windmill and half sling shot. Rice Lake (WO) scored 7 runs in the final two innings. The leading hitters for Rice Lake were Alejo Munoz, Daniel Amaz and Faccundo Gmozales all with three hits. Munoz doubled and homered.

Game 5 AWP Lumberjacks 2, Nith River 0

The Lumberjacks got things going in the fifth to break up a scoreless battle. They added the second run in the bottom of the sixth en route to the two-run lead. Matias Minigutti launched a dinger for the lead and in the bottom of the sixth Edwin Linares homered. The winner was Gonzales who allowed 4 hits and fanned 11. The loser was Randerson who allowed five hits and struck out 7.

Doug Roberts -- A true fan of Men's Fastpitch Softball

Originally from Vancouver, BC Doug Roberts now resides on the shores of the Pacific Ocean in Ladysmith, BC on Vancouver Island. Doug is in attendance this week at the ISC World Tournament.

We first met by happen-chance at the ISC World Tournament in Victoria in 1990. I was working the crowd at Royal Athletic Park attempting to sell the current edition of The Fastpitch Chronicle newspaper and try valiantly to sell year-long subscriptions. Doug saw me

and instantly wanted to buy my one and only and newly created Fastpitch Chronicle jacket. I sold it to him but also needed to wear it throughout the tourney. He took it home with him when he left the island. It is just one of hundreds of items in his fastpitch softball memorabilia collection. That night started what has become a great relationship. We shared a hotel room for 11 days in 1992 in Salt Lake City and got together again at an ISC in Kimberly. It's been 23 years since we have seen each other face to face so this his being at Circle Tap is reason enough for me to be here doing these updates. If you see Doug be sure to stop him and chat. He's been to lots of places to watch this game including a stint in New Zealand years ago.

Doug phoned me as soon as he got to the field at Circle Tap to tell me he was sitting in left field. I arrived about 90 minutes later and found him right behind home plate in a lawn chair. Soon we were in conversation down the third base line with Mark Sorenson and Gale Kurtz and the stories were flying. Doug has a remarkable memory of players, games played, where and when they were played and the final score. He had all of us going and that was during the first game of the tournament. Doug will be helping me out with some interviews during the week and other things as well.

NAFA Youth Events won by Circle Tap

The title game of the NAFA youth events that was played at Circle Tap and in Maribel wraps up today with Circle Tap taking on The Bar.

**Game #6
Circle Tap Dukes 10, The Lakes 0**
Dukes 10, The Lakes 0 Roman Manuel tossed a

dandy in this game, allowing no hits in three innings with six strikeouts. Chapman finished up for the Dukes. The loser was Vanvolkenberg. Circle Tap scored two in the first, 1 in the second, two more in the third, two in the fourth and three in the fifth. The Dukes had seven hits including home runs by Ryan Sinclair, Manuel Godoy and Zane Vanlieshout.

Game #7

Grand Prairie Pirates 9, Pueblo Bandits 7

Grand Prairie exploded in the bottom of the first with four runs after falling behind 1-0 in the top of the inning. The Bandits knotted things up in the third with three runs but Grand Prairie countered with a solo marker in the bottom half of the inning and won it with a four-run sixth. The winner was Zack Pearce while the loser was Yennier Volquez. The winners got home runs from Kegan Arcand and Nick Potskin.

Game 8

Irma Tigers 8, Tin Cup 2

A five-run third inning was the big difference in this game. The Tigers had scored two in the bottom of the first only to see the Tin Cup knot it up in the third. The five-run outburst started with a leadoff homer off the bat of Brett Larson. Taylor Schubada followed with a single and Evan Nomand walked. Justin Lasowski followed with a single that chased Schubada home. Tyson Soucy then singled and later Justin Ganie singled to score the final two of the inning.

Game 9 (To be played on Sunday at 1 PM)

Game #10

Toronto Batmen 9, Bar on the Avenue Buzz 4

The Bar jumped out to an early lead and at one point held a 4-1 advantage but suddenly, so suddenly a couple of balls left the yard. The Batmen had plated a solo run in the bottom of the first inning but Bar Buzz got a pair in the second and added another pair in the fifth. Things were looking good for Bar Buzz but before the sixth inning ended Toronto had scored six times and added a pair in the sixth to get the 9-4 win. With one out Travis Jones hit one out and Tyler Sebastian followed suit to make the score 4-3. Denny Benson walked before Derek Hyde tripled him home and Hyde then scored on a sac fly off the bat of Justin Krulicki. Coldy Skelton then reached on an error at first allowing a run to score. Skelton later scored on a single by Shea Bryant. Caleb Keeshig was the winner and Joel Goodall took the loss.

Game #11

Niagara Stompers 7, Dolan & Murphy 6

The team from Aurora, Illinois scored two in the first and one in the third but found themselves trailing 4-3 in the seventh. They rallied for three in the top half of the inning but the Stompers knotted it up and forced extra innings. The Stompers won it in the bottom of the 8th when Adam Alexander laced one to right that was errored and Alexander circled the bases for the walk off win.

ISC Hall of Fame Inductions were Today

The ISC Hall of Fame inductees for 2019 are **Terry Baytor** the manager for the Toronto Gators, **Korrey Gareau** who pitched for Victoria Money Mart which according to my cohort Doug Roberts was the finest junior team ever in Canada, Seattle SeaFirst in the NorWest League as a junior, the Victoria Payless, Victoria Legends, the Farm Tavern where he pitched

them to an ISC World title, New York Smokers, Invermere and retired in 2014. **Pat Shannon** a three-time All World player catcher from New Zealand who played for County Concrete out of Marathon, Wisconsin and the Kitchener River Sharks, the Chicago and New York Gremlins. Jimmy Wana who pitched for All American Bar out of the Twin Cities, Strohs-Gatsby's out of St. Paul, Penn Corp and NHCD as well as the Broken Bow Travelers. The final inductee is Circle Tap owner, former player and sponsor. Darren Derricks who has promoted fastpitch softball since his teenage playing days. Darren has gone so far as to lay it on the line and host this prestigious event in the smallest community ever (after all Circle Tap is actually out in the country and not in a town, village or city.) Congratulations to all five of these great fastpitch fellas.

So What's on Tap for Today?

If it's beer you are thinking about you'd have to ask Darren Derricks. As for the schedule it was the Hall of Fame induction breakfast this morning followed by games beginning at 1 PM.

Some powerful teams including Hill United Chiefs led by All World pitcher Adam Folkard, Nick Shales and Brad Ezekiel, The New York Gremlins led by Andrew Kirkpatrick, Bryan Avery last year's ISC MVP, Matthieu Roy, Zenon Winters and Ben Enoka and the Kitchener Hallman Twins led by pitcher, Sean Cleary, Ryan Boland Team Canada's battery, Pat Bruns, Scott Leiph and Cam Schiller. We can't forget about Bear Bottom Lodge out of Ephrata, Pennsylvania along with the Kegel Black Knights and the Hallman Cubs from Kichener and pitcher Huemul Mata who was the winning

pitcher at the recently completed WFSC world title.

Old ISC Guides Available

I brought a good number of ISC Championship guides from years gone by that I am offering to people who want to start a collection or get some fill in issues. I will be around Circle Tap all day today so just look for the only fella wearing a Fastpitch Chronicle ball cap or ask Doug Roberts who will be sitting behind home plate at Circle Tap all day and night.

I also have two sets of Perth Shootout artist works of Marty Kernaghan, Darren Zack and Brad Underwood. In addition to those prints I have three prints of the awesome and very large prints of Darren Zack..

How Fast Are These Guys bringing it?

Longtime Fastpitch Chronicle subscriber and promoter Tim Maziarz is here again and is taking care of clocking the speeds with my Pocket Radar. We will be posting the speeds as he gets them recorded.

