The Fastpitch Chronicle Presents In and Around "The Circle"

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Welcome to Day 4 of The Tournament! Action got underway on Monday at 8 am on all three fields.

Pueblo Bandits 8, Wiarton Nationals 4

The Colorado based team, the Bandits got past Wiarton in this game with single runs in the first three innings, added one more in the fifth and four in the sixth. The winning pitcher, from the Dominican Republic was Yennier Volquez who scattered seven hits and fanned 6. The loser was Dustin Veenhof. The winners were paced at the plate by Allen West with three hits including two doubles and Chris Norris including a triple.

Tin Cup 5. The Bar Blues The Bar Blues jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Simon Mourice got hit with a pitch, advanced on a single by Bryan Larson and scored when the ball was mis-played in right field. Tin Cup scored a pair their half of the inning when Luke Wilhelmy led off with a triple and scored when doubled. He then scored when Bryce Heal followed with another double. Reiter also doubled in the game for Tin Cup and had a single as well. Heal eventually hit a home run in this one. Kevin Kammuller got the win while the loser was Jordan Eckman.

Nith River Monsters 7, Waterdown 3

Johnathan Baker got things going in the first inning for Nith River when he laced one deep over the left field fence with a runner aboard. He would later crush another one even deeper. Greg Hammel got the win by scattering four hits and fanning 11. He helped his own cause with a second inning blast. The loser was Mike Legace Roote. Nick Penner had a pair of hits as well.

Coburg Dirt Road 4, AHI Reapers 3

A three-run sixth inning boosted Coburg into the next round. They had scored one run in the third. Reapers got one in the third, one eun in the fourth and one in the sixth but fell a run short of forcing extra innings. The winning pitcher was Riley Manion scattering seven hits and striking out 9 while the loser was Julian Fernandez with 7 strikeouts and allowing five hits. Leading hitters for Coburg was Jake Bricknell with a pair of home runs, J Josh Maguire with a pair of doubles.

Shakespeare Falcons 6, Fishers Softball 5

Shakespeare scored a run in the bottom of the first and added another one in the third only to see Fishers take a 3-2 lead in the top of the fifth. In the bottom of that inning the Falcons retook the lead with a pair of runs. Fishers got another run in the top of the sixth to tie the game again. They then added a run in the top of the seventh and led 5-4. In the bottom of the seventh Ryan Shannon singled and after an out so did Jeff Clemens. When Matthew McLaren singled and scored Shannon to knot the score. Rob Faulhafer was intentionally walked. Jodie Schnarr hit into a fielder's choice. In a walk off Tyson Zehr singled to win it. The winner was Jeremy Kropf in relief.

Bar Buzz 7, Rice Lake Orangemen 0

Joel Goodall twirled a nifty shutout with help from Twigded. They combined to allow five hots and fanned seven. The loser was Fabio Silvestre. Juanqui Joel Gandoy had two hits for the winners while Goodall tripled.

The Lakes 10, Durham D'Backs 2

The Lakes broke open the game with a sevenrun fourth inning. The winner was Abe Leahy on a five-hitter with six Ks. The loser was Kyle Fry. Heffeenan doubled and homered for the winners while Leahy helped himself out with two hits. Kole Keating homered for the D'Backs and had a single as well.

Rio Grand Senators 5, Dolan/Murphy 4

Shawn Koster picked up the win in this game allowing five hits and struck out a dozen. Michael Jamieson took the loss allowing 8 hits and fanned 8. The Senators scored first with a run in the third. They added another one in the fourth and then saw D&M tie things up in the bottom of the fourth. The Senators answered back with three in the top of the sixth then held on as D&M rallied to score two in the bottom of the seventh but a flyout to center ended the game.

Pueblo Bandits 9, WAH 2

Melvin Batista picked up the win in this game while Josh Anderson absorbed the loss. Pueblo scored eight runs in the first two innings to put the game on ice. The Bandits, playing in their 25th consecutive ISC World Tournament got home runs from Marek Maley, Mikulus Klas, Allen West and Tyrone Sandoval. Nobody from either team had more than one hit in the game.

Tin Cup 5, Elmira Expos 2

The Tin Cup broke out to an early lead with a run in the bottom of the first but Elmira evened

the score with a run in the top of the second. Tin Cup countered with two in the bottom of the second. Elmira pulled to within one in the top of the sixth before Tin Cup got two of their own in the bottom half of that inning. Elmira outhit the winners 10-7. Joel Cooley was the winning pitcher while the loser was Matt Wardrop.

Hill United 2, Ostrander 0

Adam Folkard was on top of his game with a no-hitter on 14 strikeouts. Hill United collected just three hits off Hanen who fanned five. The first run was scored in the second inning when Jason Hill walked and scored when Steve Mullaley got one past the second baseman and Hill went to third. He scored later when Mark Johnson drove him in with a sac fly. In the sixth Hill added an insurance run that pretty much sealed the deal. Bruno Montroni single and was replaced by pinch runner Josh McGovern who later scored from third on a sac fly by Mullaley.

Lumberjacks 4, Bear Bottom Lounge 1

The AWP Lumberjacks were down 1-0 to Bear Bottom Lounge headed to the top of the seventh after having fallen behind in the bottom of the fifth when Justin Gill scored in a single by Thomas Enoka. In the top of the seventhDaniel Alstat led off with a single for AWP then Juan Castro walked. After an out Sisko Sabate reached on an error in centerfield tha scored Alstat. Matias Minigutti then singled to score Castro. After an out on a fielder's choice Rogello Segurfa singled and Frederico Olheiser who had reached on the fielder's choice scored. The winner was Martin Gonzalez while Josh Pettet took the loss.

3 Cheers Pub 13, Coburg Dirt Road 7

The Pub rolled to a 13-7 victory over Dirt Road. There were 25 hits in the game with the winners getting 16 of them. Only Dan Burnam had more than one hit for Dirt Road while O'Reilly had 4 in a 4x5 game. Home runs were hit by Jeremy O'Reilly with two, Peter Kavanagh, and Shane Kelly had two, Fergus Griffiths and Chris Murphy each hit one. Mark Lewis had a double for the winners. The winning pitcher was Lee Cose and the loser was Jordan Macdonald.

NY Gremlins, Irma Tigers

The Gremlins scored two in the bottom of the first and added seven in the second to take a 9-0 lead. They scored three more in the fourth to end it early. Andrew Kirkpatrick was the winning pitcher and also launched a high, deep home run. He allowed three hits and struck out five. Portolichhio tossed the fourth inning. The Tigers used three pitchers in the game. Leading hitters for the Gremlins were Kirkpatrick with two hits, Zeoon Winters with two including a triple where he scored on a throwing error from rightfield to the relay cut although the official scorer ruled it an inside the park home run but in reality it was a triple. Ladislao, Malarzuk and Bryan Abrey with two hits each were also leaders. Nick Mullins also homered for the Gremlins.

Niagara Stompers 7, J&J Bombers 6

The Stompers scored three runs in both the second and third innings and got the deciding run in the fourth. J&J got one run in the third and erupted with four in the fourth to pull to within one run. The Stompers scored that fourth inning run before the Bombers cut it to one in the top of the fifth but could not muster another one and went down in defeat. The winning pitcher was Devon McCullough while the loser was Rob Schweyer. Pat Shannon hit another home run,

this time after he had been inducted into the ISC Hall of Fame. /Greg Garrity also hit one out for the Stompers. The Bombers hit three over the fence as Julio Rodriguez Pena and Querales and Pina all did so. Villalvaso and Pena each had a double.

Circle Tap 7, Ashland A's 0

The host team Circle Tap Dukes remained in the winner's bracket with the win over Ashland. Daniel Chapman twirled a no-hitter for the Duke while fanning 10. The loser was Erick Urbeneja who allowed 10 hits and struck out three. The Dukes started fast with two in the first and added three in the bottom of the second. They scored again when they got two in the last of the fifth to end it on the mercy rule. Manuel Godoy and Tyler Dudley hit doubles for Circle Tap while Frederico Eder hit two homers and had five rbi.

Kegel Black Knights 3, Toronto Batmen 2

Kegel nipped the Batmen in this game that went down to the wire. The game was tied at 1 all after one inning then Kegel took a one-run lead in the third. In the top of the seventh they got the eventual game winner but had to hold off Toronto in the bottom of the seventh. The Batmen did get one run to cut the lead to just one. Justin Schofield was the winner while Luis Almaya took the loss. True to their name the Batmen out hit Kegel 8-5. Tyron Bartorillo had two hits for Kegel while the Batmen were led by Shea Bryant with two hits and Lyons with two.

Buenos Aires 2, Shakespeare Falcons 1

The Buenos Aires boys scored two runs in the top of the sixth to take a 2-0 lead then held off the Falcons allowing one run in the bottom of the seventh. Mariano Peletay got the win while

the loser was Kirk Santala who struck out a dozen. There were only five hits in the game. Caceres hit a two run homer to get Buenas Aires the win. Jody Schnarr and Fehrman both doubled for the Falcons.

Grande Prairie, Hallman Twins

The Twins displayed a 15-hit attack in this game. They hit two home runs and had three doubles. Cam Schiller had one of each while Jonathan Lynch and Teo Migliavacca had one each. They scored all but the fifth inning of this six-inning game. The winner was Sean Cleary while the loser was Rich Haldane. Cleary allowed just one hit while Haldane was relieved by Pierce. Leading hitters for the Twins were Migliavaccha with a 3x4 game and Schiller who was 3x3 with four rbi. Nick Potsin had the lone hit for Grande Prairie.

Hallman Cubs, San Antonio Titans

The Cubs jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Blake Underwood walked leading off the game and one out later Quinten Bruce hit a two run shot.

On Tap for Today

Games get underway at 10 am with three loser's bracket games followed by three loser bracket games at noon and two of them at 2 PM. There are two winner's bracket games a 6 and 8 pm at Circle Tap.

The ISC II event gets underway today starting with one game at 2 Pm with Rice Lake taking on Bar Blues on Diamond 3. Then three games get played at 4 PM followed by two at 6 Pm and a pair at 8 PM. Teams will start being eliminated today.

Have You Tried the Apple Pie? How about an ear of sweet corn? Both are delicious!

Both items can be purchased at the concession stand at Circle Tap. I'm not sure if they have those two items downtown so check that out as well.

Just How fast do they pitch?

We've been using my Pocket Radar this year. Tim Maziarz is in charge of the device and has been getting readings on nearly every pitcher that toes the pitcher's plate at Circle Tap. Here are a few of the Top Guns so far.

Adam Folkhard - 81 mph Andrew Kirkpatrick - 76 mph Holobradek - 81 mph

We will post more pitchers and their speeds in future issues.

Hey, There is no mound in fastpitch softball!

It does not take a landscaper to see that the infield on softball diamonds are level and that there is not a mound out there at all. Pitchers are never "on the mound" nor or they "on the bump". Instead they are in the circle (have you noticed the name of these newsletters this week. There is a play on the word circle as well after all the business here is Circle Tap. Announcers and broadcasters all to often use that baseball term of being on the mound. True fastpitch folks would never use that terminology.

Speaking of the 16 foot circle around the pitcher's plate, ISC commissioner Les Novak is the fella who wrote that rule back in the late 60s or early 70s for the ASA. It was put into eliminate arguments that surrounded the "Look

Back Rule." Les also wrote the current ISC pitching rule after some incidents in Victoria and Kimberly at world tournaments.

Don't forget the 50-50 raffles

The daily 50-50 raffles are a great way to pick up hundreds of dollars and offset the costs of being at the tournament for a week. Half of the proceeds go to the Denmark youth baseball and softball clubs. The other half goes to the lucky winner. The winners from Saturday and Sunday had not been claimed as of 5 PM Monday. They are posted up by the deck at the bar.

Web Gems

There have been many great defensive plays thus far but one that stands out to me is the catch by Chris Bogie of Tin Cup. With his team leading during the 8 am game Monday morning the leftfielder made an all-out diving catch of a ball just inside the foul line in left with runners on first and second and two down. If he misses that ball both runners would score and Tin Cup would have gone from leading 2-1 to trailing 3-2. That play saved the game for Tin Cup.

Did You Try the Boo-Yah?

They moved the bleachers in right field so people can congregate inside that tent and eat Boo-Ya which a regional food in and around Green Bay.