

Big bats carry Bolton Dodgers to blowout win

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The old adage "defence wins games" has been ringing true for the Bolton Dodgers AA men's team, who went 13 shutout innings last week.

Coming off a two-hit win over the Angus Black Sox, the Dodgers played host to the lowly Nobleton Cornhuskers last Wednesday. The Huskers have had a horrid start to the North Dufferin Baseball League season, and the Dodgers didn't let them forget it. After a scoreless first inning, the Dodgers opened up for five runs in the second, followed by six more in the fourth and seven more runs in the fifth. They were able to go through the order as many as five times, with every Dodger player except one earning at least one hit and one run.

Sam Totty and Andrew English led the offence, each hitting a triple and scoring a pair of runs.

Defensively, the Dodgers made one error; only their fourth so far this season. The stellar fielding has been matched with a strong and steady pitching rotation.

Ron Dipalma went the distance for the Dodgers, pitching a complete game while giving up just three hits.

The offensive explosion could not carry over into their next game Sunday. It was a low-scoring 4-3 loss to the Angels in Barrie.

Despite a strong performance, starting pitcher Shawn English moved to 1-2 on the season.

The Dodgers now own a 3-2-0 record, sitting eighth in NDBL standings. However, having only played five games (other teams have played up to nine) their standing does not do their stats justice. They have given up just 20 runs all season, and only four in their last three games.

Two games are on the agenda for this week; tough contests against the Aurora Jays on the road and the Creemore Barons back at North Hill Park in Bolton.

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Shawn Hansen lays down a bunt in the Bolton Dodgers' 4 - 3 loss to the Barrie Angels on Sunday. Photo by David Anderson (NDBL)