

Bolton Brewers split double header, losing a home run free for all

By Brian Lockhart

As far as double headers go, the first game between the Bolton Brewers and the Mansfield Cubs Saturday (July 20) in Mansfield was a well-played, well-executed match that saw the Brewers leave with an 8-1 win.

That game included home runs by player-coach Mike Wallace and Nathan Robinson from the Brewers and a Cubs' homer from Devon Caldwell.

It was the second game that really saw the bats flying and the farm property behind left field could have opened its own sports supply store if they collected every ball that dropped over the fence.

The Cubs started the scoring early in the game with a three run homer followed by two more home runs that gave the Mansfield squad a 5-0 lead.

The Brewers' response was to battle back, with Pat Warden hitting a solo home run and another that brought in three runs.

When Shawn Chalmers got up to bat, he drove another deep and over the fence to drive in three more runs in what turned out to be one of the highest scoring games of the season.

The final was 17-10 for Mansfield.

In terms of the final standings, the game won't change anything.

The Brewers moved back into first place with 40 points and a 20-3 record as of Saturday.

"With our team, it's pretty good," said coach Wallace about playing a double header. "We have lots of depth, so we can kind of roll out almost a fresh line-up between two games."

The fact that the humidity that hung on the air for most of the week finally disappeared by Saturday made for good playing conditions.

The team was scheduled to play another double header the following day against the New Lowell Knights with the final game of the regular season scheduled tonight (Thursday) against the Aurora Jays at North Hill Park in Bolton.

The playoffs will most likely start weekend after the Civic Holiday, but nothing has been scheduled as of yet.



A Mansfield Cubs base runner makes to first on a dropped ball during the first game of their double header against the Bolton Brewers. Photo by Brian Lockhart