

Brewers bested at home by Pickering

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Mike Blackwood was challenged on the mound fast and early last week in yet another blowout loss for the Bolton Brewers, this time at the hands of the Pickering Red Sox.

He was in trouble in the top of the first inning, loading the bases before walking in the first run of the game on a hit-by-pitch. Three more RBI singles followed, putting the Brewers in a 4-0 deficit.

In their half of the inning, the Brewers' offense continued to struggle. Pickering starting pitcher Steve Horsley earned two Ks to start the game, in a three up, three down situation.

The tide almost seemed to turn in the second, when Eric Cirone, Brendan Lyons and Adam Wallace all hit singles of their own to load the bases with zero outs. Only Cirone was able to score, as the Red Sox pulled a great double-play to get out of the inning.

That was the end of the offense for the Brewers.

Blackwood was taken out of the game after 3.2 innings and another run, but his relievers fared no better. Pickering had a five run inning in the sixth, eventually winning by a score of 11-1. Bolton batters struck out six times in the contest.

Three weeks into the Greater Toronto Baseball League season, the Brewers are still looking to prove their worth as a AAA ball club.

A season-opening win has been followed by five-straight lopsided losses, being outscored by a total of 57-8.

It's a quiet week for the Brewers, who after visiting the Leaside Leafs after press-time Tuesday get the weekend to regroup before visiting the East York Bulldogs Monday. The Bulldogs beat up the Brewers in a double-header in late May.

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