

Brewers extend winning streak to 10 games ? 5-3 win over Clearview gives Bolton a 12-1 record



Bolton Brewers pitcher Brett Barwick goes into the windup early in the game during last Thursday night's match-up with the Creemore Braves at North Hill Park in Bolton. Photo by Brian Lockhart

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The Bolton Brewers show no sign of slowing down.

After 13 games into the North Dufferin Baseball League season, the Brewers are in first place with 12 games on the plus side so far. ?We are trying to avoid that mid-season swoon,? said coach Paul Cardarelli.

The mid season, when some senior ball teams take a dive due to summer vacations and family obligations that thin out the ranks, probably won't have too much effect on the Brewers. With a 23-man roster, they can easily fill in the holes.

?It's nice to have that depth,? Cardarelli said. ?We're looking good at this point in the season and we have a strong roster. Over all, we're a really balanced team.?

The squad claimed their 10th straight win last Thursday (June 20) with a 5-3 win over the Clearview Orioles at North Hill Park in Bolton.

The visitors started strong in the early going with a ground rule double when a ball hit to centre field rolled under the fence. The Brewers' first at-bat started with a single by Pat Warden and a base hit by Eric Cirone that drove Warden to third base. The side retired without scoring.

In the second inning, the Brewers' batter walked after being hit at the plate to place two men on base.

Another Bolton single loaded the bases, but a fly to right field dropped into the Orioles' fielder's glove to end the inning.

By the time the sun dropped below the horizon, the game was being played under the lights. The Brewers started getting the hits they needed to turn on the score board.

The win leaves the squad in first place over the New Lowell Knights who have had two losses for the season and 16 points.

Three more teams are in line with 16 points for the season.

The Orillia Majors are line with 16 and 8-3 record, along with the Aurora Jays who have 16 points and eight wins so far.

The Ivy Leafs have 16 points with six losses behind them after playing 14 games for the season.

The North Dufferin Baseball League has only a couple of games left before hitting the mid-season mark.

In the Junior ranks, the Barrie Red Sox are in the lead with 14 points, followed by the Orillia Minors with 12 after eight games.

The Brewers had one road game against Orillia scheduled for last night (Wednesday). The results weren't known at press time.

They return to their home diamond in Bolton July 4 to host the Orillia Majors.

The fist pitch is scheduled for 8:30 p.m. under the lights at North Hill Park.