

Brewers in tough so far in AAA league

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Well, they seemed off on the right foot.

After posting a come-from-behind win in their first official game in the AAA Greater Toronto Baseball League, the Bolton Brewers may find themselves reminiscing of their AA North Dufferin Baseball League (NDBL) days as of late.

Four straight losses have the team in a 1-4 hole, and in only one of those games was the score within reaching distance.

They hosted the Leaside Leafs in their home opener last Wednesday at North Hill Park. John Hutchinson went two-for-three in the first three innings, bringing in Mike Wallace for an RBI while cashing one in himself. Unfortunately, that would be all the offense the Brewers could muster.

Mike Blackwood was on the mound for the Brewers, allowing five runs over three innings. With Bolton still in it, his fatigue began to show in the fifth, giving up 10 runs in an eventual mercy-ruled 16-2 loss. His fielders didn't provide much support, as only six of the runs were earned.

Martingrove was the site the next evening match, where the Brewers played their best baseball of the week. After a few scoreless innings, the Brewers got on the board first in the third, taking a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the fifth.

Zack Ridell, a junior call-up last year, came into the game in the fifth to relieve starter Nick Boyd, who had allowed just five hits and zero runs through the first four innings. It just wasn't his night, as he allowed six runs in the next three innings before being relieved himself.

The Bolton squad couldn't claw back, dropping the game 6-2.

Saturday's double-header in East York against the Bulldogs was a defensive meltdown, coupled with a lack of production at the plate for a dangerous combination. The Bulldogs took the first game 11-3, and shutout the Brewers 13-0 in game two.

Bolton's schedule gave them a few days to regroup before they pick back up against the Pickering Red Sox at home tonight (Thursday), the only GTBL team they have been able to solve so far this season.

Opening pitch is at 8:45 p.m. at North Hill Park in Bolton.

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