

Brewers score big over Martingrove

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A big fourth inning was all the Bolton Brewers needed to earn their second win in a row in the Greater Toronto Baseball League. After edging the Newmarket Hawks 6-5 at home last Thursday, they were back at it again one week later hosting the Martingrove Sox. Starting pitcher Zack Riddell, a highly-touted prospect coming out of the junior ranks last season, earned the call to the mound and put together yet another impressive performance.

The young righty stayed in the game for six innings, allowing only three hits and shutting out the Sox. Trent Barwick cleaned up the final inning, striking out the side to end the game. It was the Brewers' first shutout game of the season.

The win was Riddell's second of the year, giving him a 2-2 record. His ability to paint the corners was evident, as it has been all year, striking out 11 in his performance. He currently sits third in the GTBL in strikeouts this season.

At the plate, Bolton exploded with offence in the fourth inning, scoring seven runs in what would end a 7-0 victory. Brett Chater, Mike Wallace, Eric Cirone, John Hutchinson, Matt Blacklaws, Shawn Chalmers and Brendan Lyons all crossed the plate in the inning.

Now with a record of 4-13, the Brewers are desperately looking to claw back into the playoff picture. They are back at it again this week, hosting the league-leading East York Bulldogs in a doubleheader Saturday. First pitch is at 2 p.m. at North Hill Park.

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