

Brewers shut out in back-to-back games

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It's back to the drawing board for the Bolton Brewers, losing two straight this week while failing to score a run.

Riding high off their second win of the season, the Brewers entered last Thursday's contest against the Thornhill Reds just four points back of their opponent in Greater Toronto Baseball League standings.

Unfortunately, the Reds were able to take advantage of Bolton starter Alex Lojko, making his first appearance as a pitcher for the Brewers. His inexperience on the mound led him to throw pitches all around the plate and just outside the strike zone, with the Reds able to cash in on walked-in runs.

After only two-and-a-third innings, Lojko and the Brewers were in a 6-0 hole. While he allowed only three hits before being relieved, Lojko walked eight batters.

Dan Morningstar took the reins the rest of the way, pitching some solid ball in his first season in a Brewers' uniform, allowing three hits and shutting down the Reds. Offensively, however, three hits were all they could muster off the bats of Brett Chater, Adam Wallace and Brett Bond.

Thornhill's Chadwick Cameron, one of the top arms in the league over the past few seasons and the 2014 playoff MVP, picked up his third win of the season with a shutout game.

It was a similar outcome Saturday, facing one of the league's hottest teams in the Leaside Leafs.

Chater was the only Brewer to earn a hit, with the entire lineup reaching base only three times in the game.

Nick Boyd was lit up for 10 hits and seven earned runs through the four innings he pitched, before the game was mercy-ruled in the middle of the fifth inning. The final score was 11-0.