

Brewers start the season with double wins



By Brian Lockhart

So far, so good. Better than the way the (Toronto) Jays started, joked Bolton Brewers coach Mike Wallace after last Thursday's home opener win over the Ivy Leafs at North Hill Park in Bolton.

The Brewers won 1-0 in a game that turned into a pitching duel with good defensive play that kept the runners from advancing. In fact, it wasn't until the top of the sixth inning that a runner crossed the plate.

Maybe in the early season the pitchers seem to have the advantage, Wallace said. They have a good change-up out there. On the mound for Bolton was Trent Warwick to start and Warden who finished off the final four innings.

After three scoreless innings, the Brewers ended the fourth with a slick double play, picking off the runner at second base and making the throw to first to end the inning.

The Bolton squad scored in the sixth inning when Mike Blackwood hit a double that drove in Nick Hodgson from second base. But that was it for the game and neither team could bring a runner across the plate and the match ended with the single run and a second win for the Brewers.

The defending champion Brewers are looking to retain their title from last season.

Our pitching and defence have been great, Wallace said, of the start of the season.

In their season opener last Saturday (May 4), the Brewers came home with a 5-2 win over the Creemore Braves.

Brett Chater, Pat Warden, Mike Wallace, Shawn Chalmers and John Hutchinson scored the runs for the Bolton team.

Paul Carderelli and Brett Barwick split duties on the mound.

The North Dufferin Baseball League has 14 teams in the Senior division this year.

The Brewers play two games on the road before returning to North Hill Park.

They will face the Lisle Astros under the lights tonight (Thursday).

Game time is 8:30 p.m.