Brewers still on top in NDBL

By Brian Lockhart

After 18 games, the Bolton Brewers remain on the top of the heap in the North Dufferin Baseball League standings ? a spot they have held since the start of the season.

Their last scheduled outing, against the Mansfield Cubs Tuesday, was rained out after strong weather blew through the region and washed out the diamond. In fact, the blast of wet and windy weather cancelled sporting events all around the region and beyond.

The NDBL is past the half way mark in the regular season and the Brewers show no sign of letting up.

They have posted only three losses this season and two of those games were lost by a single run. The other loss saw the squad trail by two runs to the Clearview Orioles May 31.

As far as the league goes, there is still a tight race for the top three spots.

After the Bolton squad, the Ivy Leafs are close behind with an 11-3 record after 14 games.

They are followed by the Aurora Jays with a 10-1-1 record so far.

From there, the league a has several teams in the middle of the pack who are splitting their games almost evenly, with no squad yet going on a standings-climbing winning streak.

The other Bolton team, the Dodgers, have had a tough year, winning only three games as of the weekend and taking eight losses and playing two games to ties.

With the Brewers also playing in the Greater Toronto Baseball League this season, there is some talk the squad must make a decision next year as to whether they move full-time to that level or give that up and devote a squad full time to the NDBL.

The Brewers are known for their batting and the stats spell it out.

Matt Blacklaws is currently leading at bat with a .591 average.

Mike Wallace comes in at .486, and Stephen Warden has a .471.

And that's just the top three. Four more Bolton players currently have an average above .400.

The Brewers will be back on their home diamond at North Hill Park in Bolton tonight (Thursday) to host the Lisle Astros.

The first pitch is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.