

Brewers win long weekend league tournament

By Brian Lockhart

The Bolton Brewers now have a 3-1 record for the season after dispatching the Lisle Astros 14-3 during their home game at North Hill Park in Bolton last Thursday.

The game didn't go the full distance as the mercy rule kicked in when the Brewers brought in the runs to end it all late in the game. "We have the mercy rule in the NDBL," said coach Brett Bond. "If one team is up by 10 runs after the sixth inning, that's it."

With an 8:30 p.m. start under the lights, the early season games in the park means the crowd comes prepared, at least for the most part. Many ball fans brought extra jackets and blankets to make things more comfortable on the bleachers.

The defending champion Brewers won their first game of the season over the Creemore Braves.

Game three against the Mansfield Cubs was postponed due to rain and will be played at a later date.

Their third outing against the Aurora Jays ended with a 7-6 loss while on the road at Lambert Wilson Park in Aurora.

It's too early in the season to really see any trends developing, but as of May 18, the Brewers are in second place in the league.

The Clearview Orioles are leading, winning all three of their games to date.

The long weekend also saw the annual North Dufferin Baseball League tournament, hosted by the Lisle Astros at Ross Houston Memorial Park in Lisle.

The Brewers dominated the tournament, winning their first game 4-1 over the Astros.

They blanked the Creemore Braves 6-0 the second day of the competition.

The final against the Orillia Majors ended with a lop-sided 11-2 win for the Brewers, who left the park with the tournament win.

The return to the diamond at North Hill Park in Bolton will feature a home town match-up between the Brewers and the Bolton Dodgers for an afternoon double-header this Saturday (May 25). Game one will get underway at 1 p.m., followed by game two at 3 p.m.



Bolton Brewers' pitcher Mike Blackwood goes into the windup during the third inning of their home game against the Lisle Astros under the lights at North Hill Park in Bolton last Thursday. Photo by Brian Lockhart