

Ivy Leafs have lead in NDBL?finals

The North Dufferin Baseball League (NDBL) championship series is underway, as the Aurora Jays and Ivy Leafs compete for the Strother Cup.

Ivy, who eliminated the defending champion Bolton Brewers, won the first contest 2-1 Sunday.

The first match in the best-of-seven series was postponed Saturday afternoon due to wet field conditions at Aurora. A make-up game is scheduled at Aurora for tonight (Thursday).

The teams continued with the schedule and played at the Ivy park Sunday, with the home team winning 2-1 in a 10-inning bout. The Leafs plated a run early in the second inning, which held until the Jays pushed across a run in the fifth frame to tie the game. Both teams battled through five more innings of play, including three extra innings. Ivy pressured in the each of the extra innings until the Leafs finally scored in the bottom of the 10th to win the game and take a series lead.

On the mound for the Leafs was pitching ace Brad Grieveson. He pitched all 10 innings, allowing one run and five hits, while striking out 10 Aurora batters.

Aurora started Brad Crosby, who gave up one run on seven hits, two walks, two hit batsmen and had a pair of strikeouts.

Zach Wiseman came in relief at the 10th inning for the Jays, taking the loss on one run, one hit and one walk.

Recording hits for Aurora were Chris Bloom, Jake Pinnegar, Ted Beadle and Crosby who doubled and singled.

Ivy had hits from Todd Gowan, who singled three times, Dave Reid, Brett Elliott, Kevin Dumond, David White and Craig Speers.

The second game in the series was scheduled for Tuesday night. The results were not known at press time.