

Senior Brewers battling to escape GTBL basement

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With a pair of losses last week, the Bolton Brewers will end the Greater Toronto Baseball League season in one of two positions. A three-run seventh inning for the Thornhill Reds was the downfall for the AAA club in last Thursday's meeting at North Hill Park, blowing open what was a one-run game.

Trent Barwick moved to 1-3 on the mound this season, earning the loss in giving up eight runs in a 9-4 contest.

Rookie Cole Quinlan notched two runs for the Brewers, while Brett Chater and Adam Wallace each came around once. Chater, who hit his first home run of the year, moved to eighth in the league in batting average.

He improved upon it in Sunday's match with the Leaside Leafs as well, but Bolton fell short against the GTBL's top club.

Bolton actually jumped out to an early lead with Chater, Mike Wallace and John Hutchinson each crossing the plate in the first inning. Andrew White held the 16-6 Leafs scoreless into the third inning, when the Leafs exploded for four runs to take the lead.

Hutchinson came around once more in the sixth with the score at 8-3. Reliever Nick Pettinaro came on in the seventh, giving up two more runs through three innings of work for a final score of 10-4.

The Brewers outhit the Leafs 14-9. White was handed the loss.

The Brewers and the rest of the GTBL are taking a week-long hiatus from the regular season for the Civic Holiday weekend, returning to action next Wednesday.

With only four games left on the schedule, the season has boiled down to Bolton fighting for sixth place in the seven-team league. Both the Brewers and Martingrove Sox sit at a record of 3-13 heading into the break, and will meet each other one more time next week.

Despite the numbers, the Brewers' season has improved greatly in the second half. They end July with a 3-3 record this month, having knocked off the Sox twice and the Pickering Red Sox once.

Wednesday's game features the Brewers visiting the Reds (13-7). One home game remains on the schedule, for Aug. 11 at North Hill Park hosting the Red Sox.

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Trent Barwick earned the loss on the mound in the Bolton Brewers' 9-4 loss to the Thornhill Reds in Bolton last Thursday. Photo by Jake Courtepatte