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Majors run over Dodgers

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Although they have most of the main ingredients for a good baseball team, the little things are making the London Majors tick, says field manager Roop Chanderdat.

Those little things allowed the Majors to take a doubleheader from the Oshawa Dodgers at Labatt Park yesterday to remain the only undefeated team (5-0) in the Intercounty Baseball League.

The Majors came from behind to win the opener 8-7, then won the second 3-1.

Speed is one weapon Chanderdat is using. "We've got five guys who can run and we're getting some of that speed into the lineup. We can steal and bunt and play small ball -- do all that little stuff that makes things work."

Newcomer Rudy Vallejos, 22, of Ottawa, is an outfielder with afterburners. He played both games in right field, doubling in the first game and beating out a bunt in the second.

"We've got power, speed and all the outfielders have good arms," Vallejos said.

Born in Nicaragua, he came to Ottawa with his family at age seven and played Little League ball in the capital.

He's currently at Graceland University in Iowa. "Roop gave me a



Oshawa Dodgers shortstop Craig Megill can't come up with the ball as Kyle Piwowarczyk of the London Majors is safe at second in the sixth inning of the first game of their Intercounty Baseball League doubleheader yesterday at Labatt Park. London won 8-7 and capped the sweep with a 3-1 win in the second game. (Sue Reeve, LFP)

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call in the winter and asked what my plans were. Scouts told him about me. I heard about this historic park. There's nothing like it. I want to win a championship. This city deserves it. Everybody is wonderful."

Of London's five wins, the Dodgers have been the victims three times. The Majors go to Oshawa on Thursday to make up a postponement that was the second game of a doubleheader May 13. On Friday, the Majors play the Nationals in Stratford. Next home game is June 4 against Stratford.

Game 1 featured a big comeback for the Majors. Down 6-1 after the second inning and still down 6-1 in the sixth, the outcome looked bleak as doubleheader games are seven innings.

In the London sixth, Vallejos stroked a leadoff single to right off Oshawa reliever Ian Okorofsky, then stole second. A wild pitch moved him to third and with centre-fielder Brad McElroy up, an error on a fly to left scored Vallejos and McElroy went to second.

Third baseman Pete Babcock doubled to score McElroy. First baseman Simon Galarraga then hit a two-run homer, making it 6-5 Oshawa. Oshawa put in reliever Greg Byron and Majors catcher Chad McKellar promptly hit a solo homer to tie the game.

Oshawa went up 7-6 in the top of the seventh when a long sacrifice fly by Jonathan Thiebaud scored Ken Calway. Calway got one of three straight walks issued by reliever Adam Arnold.

The Majors eked out the win with their at-bat after Oshawa's third reliever, Ryan Balan, came in from centre field to pitch.

McElroy was hit by a pitch and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Andrew Mercier, who had come in to catch in the seventh.

Designated hitter Chuck Roberts drew an intentional walk and Galarraga singled, loading the bases. McKellar walked and McElroy was walked in for the tying run.

Shortstop Kyle Piwowarczyk then flied out to centre and pinch-runner Jonathan Binder (for Roberts) beat the throw for the winning run.

Erick Perez (3-0) pitched a complete seven-inning win in Game 2 with just one strikeout, a timely third out, in the sixth with London leading 2-1 and two Oshawa runners on.

Oshawa threatened in the seventh. Craig Megill raced home from third on a flyout, but it was ruled on appeal he'd left third early and he became the final out.

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