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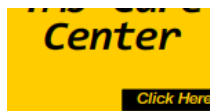
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Leafs defeat weather, Majors

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Heavy rain on the highway and a 48-minute lightning delay didn't keep Toronto from a 6-2 series-tying win

By **RYAN PYETTE**

Mother Nature did everything in her power to slow down the Toronto Maple Leafs.

But the London Majors couldn't take advantage of their meteorological breaks.

She sent forth a heavy rainstorm that prevented a couple of Toronto players from making it to Labatt Park in time for the opening pitch of Game 2 of their Intercounty Baseball League quarterfinal series last night.

Then she even cooled off a Maple Leafs by forcing a 48-minute lightning delay in the top of the first inning after the visitors already had a run in and the bases loaded. Upon resumption, London starter Mike Mitro escaped the jam on his first pitch by inducing a bounce out to second base.

But the forces of nature can only halt the damage for so long.

Toronto catcher Damon Topolie belted a three-run double out of Perry Silverman's reach to the deepest part of centre field in a four-run third inning and the Majors dropped a 6-2 decision before 500 at Labatt Park.

The series is tied 1-1 and

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Mike Mitro was the starting pitcher against the Toronto Maple Leafs last night at Labatt Park. (Derek Ruttan, Sun Media)

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shifts back to Toronto's Christie Pits tonight.

The Leafs got to Mitro, who won one game in all three series during London's run to last year's league final. The 29-year-old veteran lasted just 5 2/3 innings coming on the heels of Craig Bate's 11-1 gem on Sunday.

The game started before Toronto centre fielder Kern Watts and a couple of Maple Leafs pitchers arrived due to bad weather.

"It was the worst rain I've ever seen on this drive," Maple Leafs owner and GM Jack Dominico said. "At one point, I was down to 10 kilometres an hour on the highway until I got to Woodstock and then it cleared up."

The two clubs can ill afford postponements or suspended games because of a backloaded series schedule. Games 4-7 are set, if they're all necessary, to be played in four straight days starting on Friday.

There is little room to fit in games before the second round of playoffs starts.

"I don't think it's a bad way to go," London co-owner and manager Roop Chanderdat said. "If you have deep pitching, you don't mind playing so many days in a row like that and we feel like we have that. The series will be done in time and by only playing a few games at the start, it gives a team a lot of time to rest."

Despite briefly grabbing home-field advantage, Chanderdat warned his charges of a potential letdown at Labatt Park. The subject popped up in reflecting on the Majors' run to the pennant last year when the 27-9 club struggled at home in the playoffs, especially in the first round against Hamilton.

"We have talked to the guys about it," Chanderdat said. "It's a different year, but whenever you have information or wisdom to impart that might help, you try to let them know."

"All I think it was last year was we ran into a couple of good lefties in our park and it was tough to generate a lot of offence. Last year, we had a left-handed dominant batting order, but this year, depending on how I do the lineup, I can have six lefties or six righties in the starting nine."

But through the first seven innings last night, all the Majors mustered off Toronto righty Marek Deska was Vince Burke's RBI single.

INTERCOUNTY PLAYOFFS

London vs. Toronto

(Best-of-seven IBL quarterfinal series tied 1-0)

Last night: Leafs 6, Majors 2

Game 3: Tonight, 7:30 p.m. at Christie Pits, Toronto

Game 4: Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Labatt Park

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