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### LABATT PARK

## Majors win OK to sell suds

Chip Martin  
The London Free Press

July 23, 2009

Rain or shine, it'll be wet from now on for the London Majors at Labatt Park.

The Intercounty Baseball League team has been given permission to sell beer and wine coolers during games, just in time for the end of the regular season.

So Roop Chanderdat, co-owner and general manager, is hoping for a long and successful postseason for his team, which sits in fifth place.

"We're hoping for a good playoff run and having additional revenue," he said.

The licence applies to all home games, regular season or playoff.

Approval from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario came with conditions. But Chanderdat was optimistic they could be met in time for tomorrow night's final league game against the Hamilton Thunderbirds.

Chanderdat said the team applied for the licence in May, at the outset of his fourth season owning the team with partner Scott Dart.

Other baseball occupants of the park, the London Tigers, London Werewolves and London Monarchs, all had licences to sell beer, he noted.

But he said he was preoccupied with other matters for the first

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few seasons and a failure to take over the licence held by the Monarchs prompted the Majors to finally seek their own.

Chanderdat, who's supported the team out of his pocket, said he hopes the extra revenue will help make the team a viable operation.

"It's one of the keys, another revenue stream," he said.

Other keys include sponsorships and ticket sales.

Playoffs begin late this month and Chanderdat hopes for the same sort of long run the Majors enjoyed last year.

The Majors under different owners have operated in Labatt Park for many years. The park, the oldest continuously used baseball park in the world, was opened at the forks of the Thames River in 1877 as a home for the London Tecumsehs, one of the leading professional teams of its day.

That same season, London defeated a Pittsburgh team to win the pennant of the International Baseball Association, an early rival for the fledgling National League.

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 London will hold the Special Olympics Canada Summer Games next year.

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 The former basket boy will be running in Trinidad.

**Camp leaders left in lurch** (Jul. 23, 2009)  
 Enrolment in London's YMCA day camps has

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**GADGETS: Alligetter done!** (Jul. 18, 2009)  
 Out of sight? Well, not out of mind. Especially if your beloved wedding ring is glimmering helplessly at the bottom of the kitchen garbarator.

**GAME FILE: Wild Wild West** (Jul. 16, 2009)  
 We like to gripe and moan about how every other video game that involves wielding a gun against hordes of foes seems to be

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plunged so dramatically, 20 camp leaders have been laid off weeks into what were to be full-summer jobs.

**Leafs an easy sell for JLC** (Jul. 22, 2009)  
 It's one exhibition game that won't have a problem selling out.

**Divers hope Guinness record set** (Jul. 20, 2009)  
 Close to 200 divers from London took the plunge Saturday to be part of what they hope will be a world record.

**Pollard pumped to take run at own bike record** (Jul. 18, 2009)  
 GRAND BEND -- Records are made to be broken.

**London native finds career in her field** (Jul. 18, 2009)  
 When Kylee Read-White began playing lacrosse, the idea the sport would provide her with a living wasn't considered ridiculous.

**Troxel driven to become world's fastest** (Jul. 18, 2009)  
 GRAND BEND -- Don't get her wrong, Melanie Troxel is proud of going 331 m.p.h. down the quarter-mile in Atlanta in 2006.

**Park dedicated in memory of little Naiomi** (Jul. 17, 2009)  
 It's hard for Naiomi Almeida's dad to sit in the London park sometimes, watching the kids playing as he thinks about his little girl.

**Brothers take aim at history** (Jul. 17, 2009)  
 Grand Bend Motorplex will be the scene of a first in drag racing history this weekend.

**Passion for sport leads to job** (Jul. 17, 2009)  
 Wakeboarder Andrew Thompson wasn't content to go with the flow when it came to the summer job market.

**It's Hockey Night in the Holy Land** (Jul. 16, 2009)  
 Hockey night in the Holy Land turned into a tough day at the office for Max Benitah.

**Cups stacked in his favour** (Jul. 11, 2009)

who qualified for the championships by competing in 16 regional meets held last week.

**RESULTS: Thames Valley District School Board**  
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**Fire burns FC London in playoff** (Jul. 24, 2009)  
 FORT WAYNE, Ind. -- FC London's most excellent adventure has come to an end.

**Majors win OK to sell suds** (Jul. 23, 2009)  
 Rain or shine, it'll be wet from now on for the London Majors at Labatt Park.

**Ontario beckons Badgers** (Jul. 23, 2009)  
 So many old baseball catchers end up in the TV booth.

**OVFL's title tilts move to London** (Jul. 23, 2009)  
 Sacked by the Toronto civic workers' strike, the Ontario Varsity Football League has handed off its championship games to London.

**COLUMN: FC London players caught up in ugly 'visa war'** (Jul. 23, 2009)  
 Not only is FC London playing its first playoff game on the road against a tough opponent, but it's getting some competition from the Canadian government.

**Lots of fight left in Majors** (Jul. 22, 2009)  
 The qualities that have driven the London Majors' resurgence were evident, keeping them in a game they had no business being in.

**AUTO RACING: Danica playing hand wisely** (Jul. 22, 2009)  
 At the risk of overplaying the Danica card -- wait a minute you can't overplay the lovely and talented Miss Danica Patrick.

**SOCCER: FC London raised the bar** (Jul. 21, 2009)  
 There is no argument that FC London's first season at home has been nothing

set during the Second World War, or on a hostile alien planet. Or a hostile alien planet in the grips of its own Second World War. Space Nazis!

**GADGETS: Gaming in the third dimension** (Jul. 10, 2009)  
 My first-ever 3-D movie experience was a revival screening of The Creature from the Black Lagoon that my mom took me to as a kid. The cardboard glasses with the blue and red lenses didn't really sit properly on my tyke-sized nose and I couldn't follow the plot, but man do I remember that scaly monstrosity appearing to pop right off the screen. Thanks a lot for the nightmares, mom.

**Ontario joins the game** (Jul. 7, 2009)  
 TORONTO -- The Ontario government is getting set to pour \$263 million -- more than one billion quarters -- into Toronto's video-game development business, Premier Dalton McGuinty announced yesterday.

**VIDEO GAME REVIEW: Worth fighting for** (Jul. 2, 2009)  
 No matter your particular sports obsession, at some point you've wondered what it would be like if a legendary player from one era was matched up against a demigod from another.

**GADGETS: The "new" iPhone** (Jun. 26, 2009)  
 Being blessed with near-perfect vision, I've never needed glasses. But I've heard people with slightly wonky eyes say that the first time they tried on a pair of specs -- even if the prescription was relatively mild -- it was a revelation. So this is how the world is supposed to look!

**GAME FILE: Rookie Kane NHL 10 cover boy** (Jun. 25, 2009)  
 Winning rookie of the year honours is one thing, but getting to be on the cover of a video game? Patrick Kane's star is truly rising.

**VIDEO GAME REVIEW: Band in the hand** (Jun. 25, 2009)  
 When a band starts to get dangerously close to selling out, the smartest thing it can do is go back to its roots and make an album that appeals to fans

It's tough to be 14 and, having reached the pinnacle of your sport, wondering if your best years are behind you.

**Pritiko rolling in stock car seat now** (Jul. 11, 2009)  
Matt Pritiko is shifting gears.

**MacNeill captures bronze** (Jul. 11, 2009)  
Gregory MacNeill won't quibble over gold and silver being more valuable than the medal he's bringing home from Italy.

**Hosang finally tops the trucks** (Jul. 11, 2009)  
Kathleen Hosang will enter her fourth year of business studies at Laurier University in September.

**City granted \$2M funding** (Jul. 10, 2009)  
London will receive nearly \$2 million from the federal and provincial governments to upgrade playing fields, part of stimulus funding that with a city contribution now tops \$110 million.

**Club looks to reclaim glory years** (Jul. 10, 2009)  
Fifty years and still kicking -- maybe not kicking as strongly as they once were, but kicking nonetheless.

**IN TORONTO: Kanaan this season's poster boy for miserable luck** (Jul. 10, 2009)  
Tony Kanaan is no stranger to the temporary street course that will roar to life this morning for the first practice of the Honda Indy Toronto weekend.

**Kids' baseball league a real home run** (Jul. 9, 2009)  
Owen Johnston got a taste last summer of what it's like to be a champion.

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less than a smashing success.

**Majors get two cracks at first-place Baycats** (Jul. 21, 2009)

The surging London Majors will get an opportunity to crawl closer to top spot in the Intercounty Baseball League today.

**Memory-filled weekend for ex-funny car champ** (Jul. 20, 2009)

GRAND BEND -- Frank Hawley took a trip down memory lane on the weekend.

**IHRA title served as unique grad gift** (Jul. 20, 2009)

GRAND BEND -- Phil Hartman went to his college graduation with something other than a cap and gown.

**Commisso fared better than car** (Jul. 20, 2009)

GRAND BEND -- Ray Commisso of Toronto was back at Grand Bend Motorplex after spending Friday night in University Hospital following his hard crash into the wall during pro mod qualifying at the IHRA Mopar Canadian Nationals.

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**Dealing with the Downturn**  
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**Business Buzz** (Jul. 20, 2009)  
The mo will have 'homey' feeling

**GETTING CONNECTED: Easy ways to win the name game** (Jul. 20, 2009)  
Imagine for a moment that you are standing at a cocktail party and a person walks across the room to say hello to you.

**20 jobs slashed in Centralia** (Jul. 16, 2009)  
The slumping housing market is forcing Dashwood Industries in Centralia to slash 20 jobs in already hard-hit Huron County.

**Loco plant layoff fears**

who were there at the beginning, without alienating the bandwagon-jumpers who have come along since.

**WOMEN TECH: Hi-tech & heels** (Jun. 22, 2009)

Look no further than Oprah's annual list of "favourite things" to see how times have changed. These days, the cashmere scarf and the perfect make-up kit are joined by the iPod and an HD camcorder.

**GADGETS: Serve up a solo delight** (Jun. 19, 2009)

Meanwhile, if Dad has no need for a hedge trimmer, how about pouring him a freshly brewed cup of coffee this Father's Day, with the help of the Mini Brewer from Keurig.

**GADGETS: The yard master** (Jun. 19, 2009)

A little off the top? Or a whole lot -- the Ryobi 18V hedge trimmer cuts up a winning performance.

**VIDEO GAME REVIEW: It's got that swing** (Jun. 18, 2009)

Tiger Woods is used to attention, but right now eyes are on him like never before. Not only is he re-establishing himself as golf's driving force after a knee injury last year cast doubts on his career, but his latest EA Sports title is ushering in a new generation of video game controllers.

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## Television

**Grey's Anatomy kills off George but Izzie hangs in** (Jul. 24, 2009)  
So who's dead on Grey's Anatomy? It appears cancer-stricken Izzie (Katherine Heigl) is still kicking. However, George (T.R. Knight), is a goner -- at least according to Heigl.

**The Ugly Truth is Heigl loves raunchy humour** (Jul. 24, 2009)

LOS ANGELES -- As ambivalent as she's often seemed about the show that made her famous, the only sign of rebellion we see in Katherine Heigl is that she's dyed her

**rise** (Jul. 13, 2009)

With no orders on the horizon, fear is rising at London's train locomotive manufacturer that the balance of its workforce may soon face layoffs.

**Business Buzz** (Jul. 13, 2009)

People and companies in the local business community

**GETTING CONNECTED: Use slower-pace time to reconnect** (Jul. 13, 2009)

The lazy days of summer shouldn't equate to the lazy days of business development and networking, but they often do.

**London jobless highest in years** (Jul. 11, 2009)

The rusting industrial heartland of America appears to be creeping north.

**Kellogg deal ratified** (Jul. 2, 2009)

The Corn Flakes are flowing again at London's cereal maker.

**Province doubles program** (Jul. 2, 2009)

With students facing a tough job market, the province is doubling a summer jobs program for youth.

**Kellogg may have deal** (Jun. 30, 2009)

There is a new deal in the Kellogg Canada lockout.

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famously blond hair dark.

**Loss of London viewers could sink Erie station** (Jul. 22, 2009)

A PBS station based in Erie, Pa., fears it may be forced to close if it's dropped, as planned, from the cable lineup offered to London viewers in favour of a public TV station in Detroit.

**Alexander enthused about Seinfeld reunion** (Jul. 22, 2009)

Jason Alexander can't curb his enthusiasm for the makeshift Seinfeld reunion coming up on Curb Your Enthusiasm.

**TELEVISION: Hello and/or bye** (Jul. 22, 2009)

There's a TV character Jason Alexander can't get out of his head.

**TV on the net** (Jul. 21, 2009)

From celebrity shenanigans to thought-provoking bloggers to monkeys scratching their butts, the Internet is an always-on source of video entertainment.

**Internet television** (Jul. 21, 2009)

The List

**Hit show not 'train-wreck' TV** (Jul. 21, 2009)

When Sam Mettler pitched a real-life series about substance abuse to A&E in 2004, he had little clue the cable network would jump on it so quickly.

**NBC bails but Listener still heard in Canada** (Jul. 18, 2009)

Americans have stopped listening to The Listener, but Canadians still can eavesdrop for now.

**TELEVISION: Stick with the Summit** (Jul. 18, 2009)

When first hearing about the Canadian mini-series The Summit, we thought to ourselves, "Oh lord, not again -- not another look at the 1972 Canada-Russia hockey series, please!"

**Obscure nods we applaud** (Jul. 18, 2009)

Sometimes Emmy gets it right.

**30 Rock reigns, again** (Jul. 17, 2009)

In TV's new math, 30 equals 22.

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