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## Jordi Amargos emerges as the Majors' ace

**INTERCOUNTY BASEBALL:** Jordi Amargos of Dominican is almost recovered from a career-stalling shoulder injury

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London Majors pitcher Jordi Amargos knows one thing for certain.

"I want to go back into the system for sure," Amargos said. "For that, I have to throw in the 90s. Now I think I feel good and I can do it.

"I want to try again. I got some offers before, but I didn't want to go before because I didn't look that good. Now I think I can go back because the scouts see me and I'm throwing hard and pitching good."

"Pitching good" is an understatement. The right-hander from the Dominican Republic is emerging as the Majors' ace.

He has thrown several gems, including Wednesday when he handcuffed the tough Brantford Red Sox in Brantford to earn a 5-1 win. He gave up one earned run and five hits while striking out seven.

He's run his record to 5-1 with a 2.63 ERA and 49 strikeouts over 48 innings.

When Amargos talks about "the system," he's referring to the major league's minor baseball organizations. He's been there before. He was drafted by the Colorado Rockies, then traded to the Tampa Bay Rays. He was two years in their system.

"Then I had some bad luck and in my last year I was not that good," he said. "They didn't re-sign me."

Amargos was hoping to catch on in Japan or Mexico, but he developed a shoulder problem. A muscle in his shoulder wouldn't loosen up.

"I had the chance to maybe sign somewhere, but I did not want to because I didn't want to look bad," he said.

Amargos came to London and was treated by a chiropractor who solved the problem in a month.

"Before I had the issue I was throwing 95, 97 (mph)," Amargos said. "Then (the chiropractor) fixed the issues and I was throwing hard again. On Canada Day, I was throwing 91, 92, 93.

"My arm feels good. All my pitches are back. It takes a little time, but I am happy because every game it's getting better. I can find the spots on the plate."

The Majors are tied for second in the Intercounty Baseball League with Brantford but have played two less games. Both are a half-game behind Barrie.

The Majors went through a patch when they continued to hit but had pitching issues. Now the pitching staff has come around and this team should cause everyone in the IBL some problems.

"It starts with Jordi Amargos. He's pitching phenomenal," said Majors' manager Roop Chanderdat. "Every time out, he gives us a chance to win."

Young Adam Paish, 3-0, leads the league in ERA at 2.01 over 35 innings pitched. Rory Young is 4-1. Josh Palmer, the closer, has pitched 17.2 innings in six appearance for two saves, with a 1.02 ERA, striking out 13.

"We're going to use him as a closer for now because of his work situation," Chanderdat said. "But he's committed to us in the long run."

Palmer works with energy-saving windmills and is in northern Ontario for a week. But when he is available, he's been the kind of pitcher that dominated the IBL three years ago.

As for Amargos, Chanderdat says as a young pitcher he had trouble with control and when his arm troubles started, major league teams shied away from him.

"It takes time for some guys to mature," Chanderdat said. "We had a talk at the beginning of the year to get him back on track and right now, he's an example to our young pitchers with how he works.

"Right now, the way I see it, he is a pro pitcher. He still has a shot. With the arm he has, he can give it one more shot."

Amargos is willing to do whatever it takes to win and get another shot at an organization.

"I'm very happy. I've been working hard," Amargos said. "I've been telling the guys that I play at 150%, that playing 100% is good but the team that plays 150% plays better."

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### Majors weekend

**Saturday:** vs. Ottawa Fat Cats at Labatt Park, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday:** at Hamilton Thunderbirds, 2 p.m.

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