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Majors, Leafs split

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BASEBALL

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By ROGER LAJOIE, SPECIAL TO SUN MEDIA

TORONTO -- What a difference a break between games in a doubleheader can make.

London Majors starter Pierre Miville-Deschenes came within two outs of a no-hitter and settled for a seven-inning, complete-game two-hitter to lead the Majors to a 2-0 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs in the opener of an Intercounty Baseball League twinbill yesterday.

In the second game, the Maple Leafs were a different team, pounding out 19 hits to crush the Majors 13-6.

"The difference was just the pitching, he (Miville-Deschenes) probably pitched the best game of his life," Toronto manager Tim Harkness said. "Sometimes you just have to give credit to the pitcher in a case like that."

Miville-Deschenes saw his no-hit bid spoiled by Dan Gibbons' clean single to right field with one out in the seventh. Rob Gillis followed with another single, but Miville-Deschenes got the last two outs to complete the shutout, striking out five and walking two.

Chris Chalmers hit a two-run homer in the sixth off Toronto starter and loser Drew Taylor.

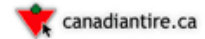
In the second game, the Leafs scored five runs in the first inning off London ace Josh Palmer and kept the onslaught up against him and two relievers.

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