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Majors roster slowly, surely taking shape

INTERCOUNTY BASEBALL: A pair of U.S. college players were expected in London on Tuesday

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Slowly but surely, the pieces of the puzzle that is the London Majors' roster are falling into place.

Coming off a roller-coaster weekend that saw them blank the defending champion Red Sox in Brantford, then lose a slugfest with the Hamilton Thunderbirds in their home opener, the Majors are expecting to welcome a few new faces this week before Friday night's game at Labatt Park against the Kitchener Panthers.

Ryan LaPensee of Windsor, pencilled in to be the starting centre fielder, was expected to arrive Tuesday from Wayne State University in Detroit. Also scheduled to join the team Tuesday was pitcher Zach Breault of Amherstburg, coming off his junior season at Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn.

As well, the Majors (2-1) are still awaiting pitcher Craig Bate's release from the Southern Illinois Miners of the Frontier League, possibly by the end of this week; pitcher Pierre Deschenes and catcher Tyler Plumpton are set to arrive early next week from Buffalo University and the University of Rio Grande (Ohio), respectively; and pitcher Chris Cox of St. George is slated to arrive in early June from Canisius College in Buffalo.

But London manager Roop Chanderdar said his young team has already seen what it will take to succeed in what is shaping up already to be a very competitive league, in which none of the nine teams is undefeated after only three or four games.

"They've also seen what happens if you don't put it all together," he said, referring to Sunday's 11-9 loss to Hamilton at Labatt Park. "But they're also showing a more professional outlook. Even when we won our first two, it wasn't that they said, 'We're 2-0, great,' it was more like, 'How do we improve from here?' And after they lost to Hamilton, they sat in the dugout for a while, reflecting on what they felt was a missed opportunity."

Chanderdat said his starters for Friday, plus Saturday's game in Guelph, remains up in the air depending on Bate's situation as well as how quickly Breault is ready to pitch. But Chanderdat was effusive in his praise of Andy St. Gelais, who went seven shutout innings Friday in Brantford as he and Josh Palmer combined on a 2-0 shutout.

"He's proving to be the real deal," Chanderdat said of St. Gelais. "To go into Brantford and face that lineup — and from one through nine they're all legitimate hitters — and to stick it to them like that is something else."

Friday's game is a 7:30 p.m. start, while the first pitch Saturday in Guelph is set for 2 p.m.

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