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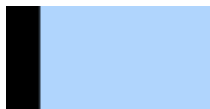
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For the second time in three years, the London Majors and Brantford Red Sox will play for the Intercounty Baseball League championship.

The Red Sox, in their third straight final, beat the Majors in five games for the 2006 title.

It's been a lot longer wait for a win by the Majors, who last took the league championship in 1975.

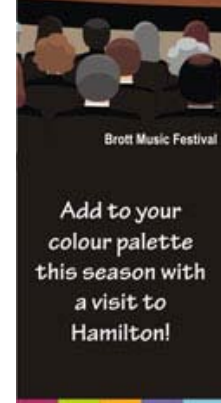
The best-of-seven series opens tonight at Labatt Park.

"Were just excited to be back there," Majors manager Roop Chanderdar said.

The excitement isn't tempered by the fact he'll have to do some lineup shuffling for Game 1, and probably the rest of the series.

As usual, the further the Majors go in the playoffs, the more they have to make changes, with players having various other commitments like school and work.

Third-baseman Kyle Piowararczyk may only be available for the first game. The all-round athlete has signed to play professional hockey in Germany.



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"We have a few things in the works," Chanderdat said. "We're still working to keep him here."

Missing from Game 1 will be shortstop David Narodowski. The all-star and most valuable player is headed to Kansas on a scholarship and must register for classes this week. Chanderdat hopes to have him back later in the series.

"He'll miss the first game," Chanderdat said. "It's about a 12-hour drive and he's done in the morning and we're hoping he can get registered and make it back for later games."

Narodowski is the glue holding together what's been a terrific infield defence. He's also been hitting third in the order. That will be a tough hole to fill.

The Majors are fortunate they have a natural shortstop on their roster. Jeff Helps, who has been terrific in the playoffs, switched to second base with Narodowski's emergence.

"We knew we'd be going down this path," Chanderdat said. "Helps is a good shortstop. We have all the confidence in him. He's been taking ground balls at short to get ready. I've always said we have a lot of depth and that will help us. Someone will step up."

Without Narodowski, though, Chanderdat will have to shuffle his infield. He'll have to do a bigger shuffle if Piwowarczyk's hockey team wants him to report on time.

Helps has battled several injuries since the playoffs began but he's the kind of player who wants to play no matter what.

"All this means is that one guy is going to have to step up," Chanderdat said. "Vince Burke's been our swing man. He'll play second base. The rest is pretty straightforward. I've gotten all our guys in the game the last few games. I've told all our guys to be ready to play. We do have options. It's not all on Jeff Helps.

"But the key to our team is our pitching and our pitching is intact."

Josh Palmer will start in the opener for the Majors.

"It was good to get done with Oshawa early," Chanderdat said. "It gave Palmer some rest. He gave Adam Echlin some rest."

The pitching staff will face an experienced Brantford lineup.

"They can hit. They can pitch. They can field. They are a solid veteran team," Chanderdat said.

Best-of-seven IBL final

Majors vs. Red Sox

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Game 3: Friday, 7:30 p.m. at Labatt Park

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