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Palmer gave up seven hits and struck out three.

The key hit came in the bottom of the seventh, though. Parsons lead off the inning by getting hit for the second time by Palmer. He worked his way around to third with one out and Hyung Cho on first.

Lee Delfino hit the ball into a crowd in what could have been an inning-ending double play. But Palmer just touched the ball, slowing it down. Vince Burke made the play to Jeff Helps at second, but Cho was on the shortstop quickly and Ron Oneson couldn't come up with the ball at first.

Parsons came across with the winning run.

"They took advantage of their opportunities and we didn't," said Majors manager Roop Chanderdat. "We have the leadoff guy on second in the first and don't do anything. Then we have guys on first and second with no one out in the sixth and a guy gets picked off with none out. Those were our opportunities to push across some runs.

"In this series it comes down to one or two plays. And we talked about this with our guys."

The Majors have also excelled because they play solid defence and don't make a lot of mental errors. But Toshi Sasa made a key error in getting picked off second base with none out in the sixth, taking the Majors out of what could have been a big inning.

When a series is this close, you can't miss opportunities.

Even with a short-handed lineup, the Majors hit the ball well enough to score some runs. Helps, Burke, Will Richards, are all swinging well, but they didn't have many runs to show for it at the end of the night.

The Red Sox haven't hit the ball well in this series, thanks in large part to the Majors pitching. They are showing signs of waking up, though.

The Majors were without right-fielder Kevin Virtue, who was sitting out a suspension because of an ejection in Friday's game.

Last night was supposed to be Palmer's last game for the Majors. Before the game, Chanderdat said Palmer was heading to school at Oklahoma Baptist University.

It was a different story after the game.

"I was just playing with them because they were getting excited that I wasn't going to be here. I'm going to be here the entire series," Palmer said. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience to pitch in a championship series."

Game 5 is tonight at Labatt Park with Mike Mitro taking on Brantford's Brad Hogeterp.

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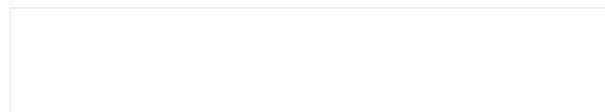
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