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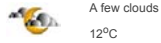
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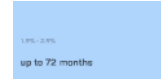
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Title drought continues

Sat, August 30, 2008

The London Majors, 8-2 losers to the Brantford Red Sox last night, have not won the crown since 1975

By RYAN PYETTE

The night before their most important and last game of the Intercounty Baseball League season, catcher Mason Reilly and a couple of London Majors teammates bunked out at Labatt Park.

"We had a movie night," he said.

Alas, there would be no Hollywood ending this time.

The Brantford Red Sox won the only road game of the IBL's championship series -- and picked all-or-nothing Game 7 to do it -- in an 8-2 victory before more than 3,500 last night at Labatt Park.

If it wasn't official already, the Red Sox have the Majors' number. That's three straight London playoff series defeats to Brantford. That's two titles in three years for the Sox -- both against the Majors.

London, which hasn't won the league crown since 1975, has reached the final three of the last five years, but the champagne has remained corked each time.

"I'm proud of our guys," London manager Roop Chanderdat said.

"When everyone was picking sixth, seventh, eighth place this year, it was the London Majors. We won the pennant and we took a pro team -- and Brantford is all ex-pro veterans with very little turnover on that roster -- to a Game 7."

Brantford scored a pair of runs in the third and sixth to take a 4-0 edge. But London answered in their half of the sixth to cut the lead in half before Brantford shortstop Lee Delfino iced it with a mammoth two-run blast to left in the seventh inning off reliever Mike Mitro, who replaced starter Josh Palmer after the London ace left the game with a freak injury.

The Oklahoma Baptist hurler walked out to the mound to start his warmup tosses and ended up collapsing in pain.

"Josh just cramped up," Reilly said. "He just couldn't get loose again. It's tough. We had a great summer -- I had never played in a Game 7 before.

"We just came up a little bit short."

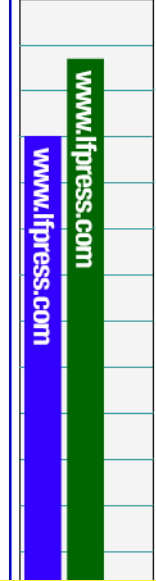
Palmer and Reilly's college teammate, centre-fielder Christian Ruiz,

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also left in the eighth after crashing into the fence trying to track down Al Stephen's two-run homer, which capped the scoring and started the visitor's celebration.

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Game 7, which created a buzz in both cities, went from bizarre to nasty late in the contest.

London third base coach James Sinfield was kicked out for arguing balls and strikes. He threw his cap on the field in disgust and London manager Roop Chanderdat took exception to left-field umpire Steve McQuaig, who he saw toss the cap into the crowd.

The ensuing arguments sparked a flurry of water bottles tossed from angry fans in the stands.

"Are you kidding me," said Chanderdat, who was ejected later in the inning for re-arguing the point. "An umpire can't do that. He's disrespecting our equipment. You can't throw our hat into the stands like that. I went to argue that and got tossed."

London didn't win the series but standout middle infielder Jeff Helps, the Wyoming native who played at Central Michigan, was named the playoff MVP.

Delfino, who had a run-in with Toronto pitcher Paul Spoljaric in Brantford's Game 7 defeat in the league final last season, felt some redemption in the comeback victory. The Red Sox won Game 6 at home and then showed incredible poise in the finale.

"Palmer's a heck of a pitcher but we had seen him two times before and we were ready for him," he said. "We've been here before last year. We came to the dance but left empty-handed.

"This time, we got the girl."

That would be the Jack and Lynne Dominico Trophy, which commissioner Jim Rooney awarded to Red Sox manager Adam Clarke.

Brantford starter Mike Meyers, the Tillsonburg native who spent several years in the Chicago Cubs organization, kept escaping trouble early and that likely cost the Majors the most. He stranded seven runners in the first five innings -- most of whom reached with two outs.

But he didn't survive the sixth, giving way to Game 4 winner John Ogiltee with runners on first and second after surrendering two runs on nine base hits.

Ogiltee shut the Majors down the rest of the way.

London couldn't generate enough clutch hits to get back in it. They had tried to overcome the early series departure of two of their best players -- third baseman Kyle Piwowarczyk, who left for a job playing hockey in Germany, and David Narodowski, who had to enroll at school in Kansas where he'll play for the Jayhawks this year.

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