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### Majors' co-owners honoured for efforts

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**INTERCOUNTY BASEBALL: Roop Chanderdat and Scott Dart were named executives of the year**

By **MORRIS DALLA COSTA**

The London Majors may not have won an Intercounty Baseball League championship, but the guys who own them have been named the league's executives of the year for 2008.

Roop Chanderdat and Scott Dart, co-owners of the team, were selected as the top executives by executive members of all nine IBL franchises

"Having your peers vote on something, is always nice to be recognized that way," Chanderdat said.

Chanderdat is also the field manager, the general manager and does the recruiting. Dart is club president and handles the off-the-field and business aspects of the operation.

The two also own the Lambton Predators of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League.

The Majors have made the IBL final two of the last three years, but haven't been able to win. This past season, they went to a seventh game against the Brantford Red Sox, losing at home in front of almost 4,000 fans at Labatt Park.

"Scott and Roop are perfect examples of the kind of people that are needed to operate a sports franchise," said IBL commissioner Jim Rooney.

"The London Majors were a class act on and off the field all season."

Chanderdat and Dart had worked hard to bring fans into Labatt Park. Their success in recent years has seen them attract some big crowds, but those are still a rarity.

But Chanderdat hopes another successful year on the field will help the franchise turn the corner.

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"I think it all started with the recruiting. The product on the field reflects the number of fans in the stands," he said.

"We had a lot of good, young players. We were 4-4 one time in the season and I just told them, 'I think we have a good team,' and it worked out. That's where it started.

"That and the stuff we did off the field. I think we really tried to promote the heck out of the team to build the fan base."

Chanderdat and Dart spent a lot of time operating the Majors. Spending the kind of time they do went a long way toward the league's acknowledgement as executives of the year.

"It's a year-round thing. I'm already working on next season," Chanderdat said.

"There's a lot of hours that go into it. The reward comes when you make it to Game 7, look up in the stands and see 5,000 people. The rewards that come with it is seeing kids who move up to another level. That's what you want to see."

Chanderdat hopes the league grows. He and Dart are heavily involved with the league as well. He's pleased that it may expand by one team next year.

Chanderdat hopes the success of the Majors translates into more sponsors and that the atmosphere continues to attract young fans, especially from schools.

"We've gotten pretty good response from the schools," he said. "We're going to work on that over the winter. It's unfortunate that the school (year) ends in June, but if they come to the games maybe they'll bug their parents to bring them back in the summer."

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