

## Aurora Jays still searching for first North Dufferin championship

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With spring finally blooming, the sun rises on another North Dufferin Baseball League season.

The AA senior league gets underway on May 8, just two weeks away, where the Aurora Jays will look to capture their first ever championship, after coming within reaching distance year after year.

Aurora finished with a stellar record of 21-6-1 in the 2017 season, good enough for third in the league standings, though they met with a powerful Bolton Brewers squad in the league semifinal.

They bowed out in four games to the five-time champs, who went on to capture their sixth title in eight years in the following series with the New Lowell Knights.

Aurora kicks off their season on Tues. May 8 with a home matchup against the Orangeville Giants, set for a 7:30 first pitch.

The 26-game schedule will see the Jays take to Lambert Willson Park thirteen times over the season, which culminates in late July before the perennial powerhouses gear up to try to capture their first-ever Strother Cup.

Fourteen teams will take the field for the 2018 NDBL season, down one from 2017, with the Newmarket Cornhuskers taking an unspecified leave of absence.

The Midland Indians have also rebranded as the Midland Mariners, in a move to separate the club from the controversial ?Chief Wahoo? logo of the Cleveland Indians.

As always, The Lisle Astros will host their annual tournament on the Victoria Day weekend. New Lowell will host a tournament on the Civic Holiday weekend in August.

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