

Jays prep for NDBL playoffs with some heavy hitting

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The bats were heavy and the runs were aplenty last week for the Aurora Jays, as has been the norm this year for one of the top teams in the North Dufferin Baseball League.

They went 3 ? 1 in a series of road games that featured some double-digit outputs, solidifying their playoff position as a home-advantage squad.

A 10 ? 3 win against Creemore on Tuesday was highlighted by a five-run fifth inning, in which Chris Rettie, Ted Beadle and Jake Pinnegar took the reins to cash in runs.

The boys in blue were in Orangeville on Saturday to face a Giants team that is still in the midst of a battle for a playoff spot. Both sides came out swinging, with the Jays taking a 5 ? 2 lead after only one inning off doubles from Beadle and Brad Crosby. All-star Chris Fafalios hit a dinger in a six-run fifth inning, and was one of five Jays players to record a multiple-hit game.

With the game at 15 ? 6 for the Jays in the bottom of the final inning, the Giants tried to mount a huge comeback, scoring five runs off relief pitcher Zach Wiseman before being shut down in a 15 ? 11 high-scoring affair.

Veteran Brent Owen was on the mound for the first five innings, giving up nine hits and six runs in his outing.

A split on Sunday in a doubleheader with the Mansfield Cubs has left the Jays three points out of top spot with two games to go, second only to the strong breakout season of the New Lowell Knights. Offensively, they have dominated the AA league with their run output, now sitting at just under ten a game and just under forty more than their next closest opponent.

The Jays are wrapping up the regular season this week, their final game coming on the road this Thursday when they face the Bolton Dodgers.

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