

Late charge leads Aurora Jays past Creemore

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There is just no dampening the spirits of the Aurora Sr. Jays.

With home games washed out on Tuesday and Thursday evening, the Jays showed no signs of rust on Sunday in clobbering the Creemore Braves on their own turf, an 11 ? 3 win for their fifth in a row dating back almost a month.

Stephan Vallee got the Jays on the board in the top of the first before the Braves stormed back to a 2 ? 1 lead, making it 3 ? 1 by the end of the second inning.

From there Aurora starter Rob Spencer settled in, holding off the Braves offense before Aurora's bats caught fire in the top of the fifth.

A six-run fifth inning and a four-run sixth inning gave Aurora a sizable lead heading into the seventh, where Zach Wiseman took the ball from Spencer and allowed just one hit to close out the game.

Spencer, who has bore the brunt of the work on the Jays' mound this season, earned his team-leading third win of the year while striking out five batters and walking just two.

Seven different Jays players crossed the plate, while keen eyes drew a total of fourteen walks ? their highest total so far this season.

The month of June has been good to the Jays, but has been even better for the Orangeville Giants, who have scooped up five wins and two ties since June 1.

With two games in hand, Aurora sits four points back of the Giants in North Dufferin Baseball League standings, and one point up on the New Lowell Knights, Clearview Orioles, and Lisle Astros, with two games in hand on each as well.

The Jays next see action on Sunday in a visit to the Mansfield Cubs (10-4-1) for a 5:00 start time.

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