

Knights claim NDBL Senior championship

The North Dufferin Baseball League Senior division season came to an end on Sunday (Sept. 20) afternoon when the New Lowell Knights claimed the championship with a win in game six of the final series with the Ivy Leafs.

It was as tough series between two top teams.

The Knights ended the regular season in first place with a 20?3?3 record.

Ivy recorded a third place regular season standing with an 18?7?1 record.

Going into the playoffs the Knights eliminated the Mansfield Cubs in three games in the first round of action before going on to dispatch the Orangeville Giants in a second round series that sent six games.

Ivy defeated Barrie in the first round in a three game sweep before knocking out Clearview in four games in the second round.

The final series between New Lowell and Ivy got underway back on August 29, and ended with a 3?2 Ivy win in the first game.

New Lowell tied it up in game two winning 7?2, then took a one game lead with a 6?0 win in game three.

The Leafs were back in the series in game four when they got the bats moving and tied the series at two with a 10?4 win on September 19.

The final series turned in New Lowell's favour in game five when they skunked the Leafs 4?0 setting up game six on September 20.

The Knights came to do what they have been working for all season and in an exciting final outing, the New Lowell team claimed the NDBL 2015 championship with a 7?5 win.

New Lowell was first to plate a run in the second inning. Ivy matched the tie in the fourth frame with a single run then take a one run lead in the fifth.

The Knights answered with a three-run sixth inning only to be outdone by the Leafs in the bottom half of the inning scoring three of their own to retain a one-run lead.

New Lowell score in the top of the seventh to tie the game and added two more for a 7?5 lead going into the bottom of the last inning.

Ivy couldn't get a bat on the ball in their half with the last three batters going down on strikes.

In a post-game presentation, League secretary Scott Anderson presented the championship trophy, the Strother Cup, to New Lowell and coach Pete Kinghan.

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