

Bears turn the tables as Badgers are beaten



Big-hitter: Jonathan Brownlee in action during Bristol Badgers' double-header against Windsor & Bracknell Bears

BRISTOL Badgers' nine-game winning run came to an end at the hands of the Windsor & Bracknell Bears.

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The Badgers still top the AAA South League after an impressive start to the summer campaign, but came a cropper for the first time in the second game of a double-header at Failand last Sunday.

Tom Hollies' side had started in their usual ominous fashion as Luke Looney pitched a one-hitter to help the Badgers into a 7-1 lead at the end of the first inning.

Jonathan Brownlee clubbed a home run in the third inning

as the Badgers went on to claim a 12-2 victory – their ninth win on the bounce since the start of the campaign.

The second game, however, slipped away from the home side as errors proved costly in a clash where the Badgers never recovered after conceding five early runs.

Looney smashed three hits and scored three runs to try and aid a recovery, but even a further three hits and two

runs from Brad Freeman were not enough to prevent the Badgers sliding to a 10-8 defeat.

"The Bears deserve credit for staying in the game," admitted Hollies afterwards. "Every time we clawed back a run they would shut us down and put on another run or two when it was their turn. We've learned from it and will put things right in our next games."

The team travel to Oxford for the next set of games on Sunday, June 5.

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