

Ballpark skating promotion is all wet

12/24/04

Associated Press

LEXINGTON -- It sure seemed like a good idea at the time. When the Lexington Legends discovered Wednesday morning that a broken pipe had flooded the third base concourse at Applebee's Park with water, the baseball team sent out a news release calling all ice-skaters to what would be a winter wonderland. Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn't cooperate. It turns out that water doesn't freeze that fast.

According to the Outdoor Fun Store, a Michigan company that sells backyard ice rinks, 2 inches of water takes up to five days to freeze when the temperature is 15 degrees fahrenheit. To freeze in the time predicted by the Legends, the temperature would have had to drop to more than 20 below.

By the time skating was supposed to be over Wednesday, the concourse was still covered with ankle-deep water.

"But unfortunately it's not freezing," said Larry Glover, the team's media director. If the weather turns cold enough and the water freezes before it drains away, the park will open for skating, Glover said.