

Preview: Bees hit road for two-game set with Vermont Lake Monsters



The 5-4 New Britain Bees will have the day off Monday, June 6 before hitting the road for a pair of games with the 3-5 Vermont Lake Monsters. The Bees and Lake Monsters are 4th and 5th in the league standings at the time of this being written.

The Bees hold a 5-4 overall record but are 2-3 on the road, where they will be when they take on Vermont. The Lake Monsters hold a 3-5 record, but they have won two in a row since a 1-5 start to their season.

The right-hander Colin Blake will start Tuesday for New Britain. Blake has made one start for the Bees, going five innings, allowing two runs (only one earned) and striking out four along the way. The Bees won that game against the Nashua Silver Knights 7-5.

On Wednesday, it will be the University of New Haven product, Andrew Cain on the mound for New Britain. Cain has been in the lineup five times as a hitter (.158 batting average), but has made only one start as a pitcher this season. In that game, a 7-2 loss to the Norwich Sea Unicorns, Cain allowed two earned runs in four innings.

The Bees' offensive star so far this season has been outfielder Alec Ritch. Ritch ranks third in the FCBL in batting average (.381) and is tied for second in RBI's with eight. He has been stellar through the early portion of the season.

The Lake Monsters have their fair share of offensive contributors as well. Pat Desalvo is hitting .351 (fifth in FCBL) and Noah Granet is tied for second in the FCBL with Alec Ritch with eight RBI's each. They are hitting .226 as a team, while the Bees are hitting .243.

Both games of the two-game set will begin at 7:05 p.m. Eastern.