

Preview: Bees hoping to finish road trip with win over Sea Unicorns



The New Britain Bees will be in Norwich on Wednesday, June 2 to take on the Sea Unicorns. The 3-1 Bees have a chance to sweep their two-game road trip and earn their first three-game winning-streak of the young season. The Sea Unicorns are 1-3 at the time of this being written.

The season may be less than a week old, but this isn't the first time these two teams have met. The Sea Unicorns were in New Britain last Thursday, a contest that saw a 6-1 deficit become an 11-6 Opening Day victory for the Bees at New Britain Stadium. Every Bees hitter reached base safely multiple times during that game. The Bees are 1-1 on the road while Norwich has not won at home yet this season.

The story so far this season for New Britain has been the excellence of the pitching staff. The bullpen in particular has been special, allowing only two earned runs all year, both of which came in Tuesday's 7-5 win over the Nashua Silver Knights. The Bees have an incredible 1.95 team earned-run-average. New Britain's defense has been somewhat suspect, though. Six of the 14 runs against the Bees this year have been unearned.

Tuesday will mark the first pitching-start of the year for the righty Andrew Cain, though he has played in three games this season as a designated hitter. In 13 games (six starts) at the University of New Haven, the 6-foot-1 Cain posted a career 5.18 ERA. Head Coach Donnie McKillop says Cain will have

the day to focus on pitching, opting to keep him out of the lineup for the second straight game.

The offense for Norwich revolves around catcher Colton Bender, who is hitting .350 for the Sea Unicorns in five games. Bender has reached base safely in 12 of his first 20 plate appearances, with two RBI's and two stolen bases along the way. The Sea Unicorns are hitting .247 as a team in 2021.

The game will begin at 7:00 p.m. Eastern.