

Recap: Hyde's stellar effort not enough as Bees lose fifth straight game



During a losing streak, a return to your home ballpark can often be a cure-all for a struggling team. The Bees were banking on that fact, as they hosted the Norwich Sea Unicorns on

Thursday, June 10 at New Britain Stadium looking to snap a four-game slide. Instead, they fell just short in a tight game with Norwich that dropped the Bees' record to 5-7.

A pair of Bees, starting pitcher Dawson Logie and infielder Jake Hyde, provided New Britain with an early spark. In the first inning, a sac-fly from Hyde scored a runner and gave the Bees a 1-0 lead. Then, in the third, a Hyde ground ball brought in another Bee to increase the lead to 2-0.

Logie had the longest, and perhaps the best, outing of any Bees' starting pitcher this season. He went seven full innings, allowing only two runs and striking out seven of the 28 batters he faced. The damage could have been worse but Logie worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the fourth inning and allowed only one run in the frame. When Logie's night was over, the game was tied 2-2 and the Bees were coming up to bat in the bottom of the seventh.

It wasn't long after Logie exited the game that (you guessed it) Jake Hyde came up to the plate with a chance to put the Bees ahead on the scoreboard. Hyde worked a bases-loaded walk to send Chris Genaro over home plate and give the home team a shot to close out the victory. Instead, Bees' reliever Alex Rosario allowed a two-run home run to the Norwich DH, Colton Bender.

Rory Lynch tried to spark a comeback in the bottom of the ninth, working a two-out walk to put the tying run on base, but the rally fell short and New Britain lost by a final score of 4-3. They have now lost five in a row.

Offensively, Hyde was the story of the game. He was responsible for all three New Britain runs. Strangely, despite his three RBI's, Hyde did not record any of the Bees' eight total hits.

The Bees have to be encouraged by the start they got from Dawson Logie, but the bullpen struggled once again in what's become a somewhat troubling trend. During the losing streak, their team earned-run-average has inflated to 3.70, though that number is still very solid.

Friday brings another chance for redemption for New Britain, as they host the Pittsfield Suns. The game will begin at 6:35 p.m. Eastern and Joe Nemchek will likely get the start for the Bees.