

Recap: Bees win second straight game behind Blake's dominant start



Coming off a recent seven-game losing streak, the New Britain Bees appear to have already flipped the switch. Tuesday, June 15 the 6-9 Bees put together their second win in as many games thanks to an incredible pitching performance by starter Colin Blake against the second place Pittsfield Suns.

Blake, who had been dubbed “Mr. Consistent” by manager Donnie McKillop prior to Tuesday’s contest, wasted no time making his mark on an important game for New Britain. He retired six of the first seven batters he faced and never allowed Pittsfield to get comfortable at the plate. He cruised through seven full innings, allowing no runs, only three hits and striking out seven of the 25 hitters he went up against. He now boasts an unbelievable 1.00 earned-run-average on the season.

The offense for New Britain was no slouch either, as they scored six runs in Blake’s seven innings of work. However, when McKillop brought reliever Steven Phillips into the game in the eighth, the lead was quickly cut in half as a trio of Pittsfield runners scored in the frame. Third-baseman Luke Broadhurst didn’t hesitate getting some of the lead back though when he roped a solo home run over the outfield wall to make the game 7-3, which would stand as the final score.

Though Blake was ultimately the star of the show, Broadhurst did all he could to make it an interesting debate. The slugger notched three hits and two RBI’s in his four trips to the plate and played a solid third base along the way.

He is now second on the team in batting average (.333) and first in home runs (3) despite missing the first week of the year as he wrapped up his college season.

The rest of the lineup was solid as well. The Bees collected seven hits, four walks and struck out only thrice. Reliever Mark Alday also turned in a solid scoreless ninth inning to preserve the win. New Britain is now 7-9 on the season.

The team will be back on the road tomorrow as they face off against the first place Brockton Rox. The game will begin at 6:00 p.m. Eastern.