

Recap: Bees fall just short of rally in home finale



There's a special buzz at New Britain Stadium. This Wednesday, August 11, the New Britain Bees hosted their final home game of the season, and like their opening day victory in the same building, the home crowd was electric. Unlike that game however, the Bees did not come away with a victory Wednesday as the Nashua Silver Knights were able to stop a late Bees' rally just in time.

The first inning was scoreless on both sides, but in the top of the second, Bees' starter Kevin Seitter surrendered a leadoff solo home run to Nashua's John Mead. An inning later, New Britain's Todd Petersen, Zach Donahue and Alec Ritch loaded the bases with two walks and a hit-by-pitch. With only one out, Colin Kelly brought home the streaking Petersen on a sacrifice-fly to tie the game.

Nashua's Jackson Linn gave the Silver Knights a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning when he stroked the second solo home run of the game off of Seitter. That score would hold for the rest of the game, but the Bees put a man on second base in the bottom of the ninth and nearly tied the game. Unfortunately, the raucous crowd was silenced when Petersen's shot to right field was caught for the final out.

Though he was charged with the loss, Seitter gave the Bees all he could. The two solo home runs made up for half of his total allowed-hits and the entirety of the scoring over seven innings of work. Meanwhile, reliever Tommy Benincaso threw two scoreless, hitless innings to close out the contest. The

pair of pitchers were unfortunately let down by an offense that produced only three hits and one run.

When asked about the team's performance after the game, manager Donnie McKillop said, "I liked the way we pitched... Seitter [was] unreal and Benincaso [had] great finish-ability too."

Though the Bees will have to wait for next season to play again at New Britain Stadium, the team does have two more road games on the schedule. The first of which will be played Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Eastern against the Worcester Bravehearts.