

Recap: Bees get 14-3 walkoff win over Westfield thanks to Broadhurst bomb



This Thursday, June 3 the New Britain Bees hosted the struggling Westfield Starfires looking to rebound from a tough road loss in Norwich. Thanks to a massive first inning and a strong pitching performance from starter Dawson Logie, the Bees improved their season record to 4-2 with a 14-3 victory.

The Bees wasted no time in putting Wednesday's 7-2 loss to Norwich behind them. After Jimmy Sullivan worked a walk off Westfield starter Shayne Rice, the rest of the inning was a Starfires disaster. Two singles, two walks and a mindblowing four batters hit by pitches drove in seven runs in total. The Bees left the first inning with an astounding 7-0 lead that would never be threatened.

Head coach Donnie McKillop said that hit-by-pitches are welcome as long as it contributes to winning however. "Nothing better than free bases," he said.

Dawson Logie coasted through five scoreless innings on the mound before hitting a two-run snag in the sixth. Thanks to a big inning-ending strikeout with men on first and second base, Logie escaped the jam with an 11-2 lead. He finished with six strikeouts and only two earned runs against in six innings of strong work.

Playing in his first game as a Bee, third baseman Luke Broadhurst was hit by pitches in his first two plate appearances. But, with an 11-3 lead in the eighth inning, Broadhurst took out his frustration on a hanging fastball that he sent

over the center field wall for a three-run game-ending blast. Due to the FCBL's new mercy rule, a 10-run lead in the seventh inning or later ends the game, so Broadhurst's home run was the final blow in the 14-3 victory. "It's awesome," Broadhurst said. "I was just hunting a fastball and I got the barrel to it."

The Bees' victory now gives them a 3-0 record at home. McKillop attributes the team's level of comfortability in the ballpark to a factor in their success at New Britain Stadium. "It's a great place to play," he said.

The Bees are back on the road Friday as they travel to take on the Silver Knights in Nashua. The game will begin at 6:00 p.m. Eastern. Joe Nemchek will get the start for New Britain.