

Recap: Bees use Petersen home run to overcome Silver Knights in Nashua



The New Britain Bees traveled to Nashua on Friday, June 4 to face off against the Silver Knights for the second time this season. Like that game, the Bees used some opportune late-game hitting to outduel the Silver Knights for their second win in as many games. New Britain won by a final score of 7-3.

The early innings of Friday's action had the feel of an offensive shootout. A pair of fielding errors by Nashua shortstop Sam McNulty led to the Bees taking an early 2-0 lead in the second inning. But the Knights answered back quickly and cut the Bees' lead to 2-1 in that same inning. The teams went back and forth for some time and the game remained locked at 3-3 until crunchtime.

In the eighth inning, a harmless looking single by Bees' center-fielder Ryan Bagdasarian kicked off what would be a pivotal frame for New Britain. Catcher Christain Fagnant reached on a two-out walk and shortstop Todd Petersen gave New Britain the lead with a three-run home run off Nashua reliever LT Pare. An inning that began tied ended with the Bees on top at 7-3, which would hold to be the final score.

In what was mostly a very tight game, the main advantage for the Bees was the play of Petersen and right-fielder Alec Ritch offensively. The two combined for five hits and five runs-batted-in in the victory. Ritch is now hitting .444 on the season with eight hits and six RBI's in his last four

appearances. Petersen meanwhile has five hits and seven RBI's since Thursday's 14-3 walkoff win over the Westfield Starfires.

New Britain also received excellent pitching once again. Starter Joe Nemchek worked 4.2 strong innings of three-run ball before the bullpen came in and locked it down. Jagger Duquette, Ben Talbot and Rory Lynch finished off the game with no earned runs against and only three total baserunners allowed in the final 4.1 innings. Duquette in particular had his good stuff, striking out three batters in his 2.1 innings.

The now 5-2 Bees will be back at New Britain Stadium on Saturday for their 6:35 matchup with the Brockton Rox. Kevin Seitter is expected to start for New Britain.