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## PRINCESS AND SUPERHERO NIGHT TONIGHT AT NEW BRITAIN STADIUM!

SOUTHERN MARYLAND BLUE CRABS (13-24, 52-55) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (15-21, 41-65)

**In 140 Characters or Less:** Pettibone gets the nod on Princess and Superhero Night at New Britain Stadium as series with the Blue Crabs continues #ItsBetterWithTheBees

**Series:** For the second time in the second half, the Bees will host the Blue Crabs at New Britain Stadium for a 3 game series. All games have a scheduled 6:35 P.M. start time. New Britain hit 4 homers behind Kyle Simon's complete game shutout in game 1 for an 11-0 win. Game 2 will be tonight, and the final game of the series will be tomorrow night.

**TICKETS:** <u>BUY HERE</u> | Available at the New Britain Stadium Box Office | Call 860-826-BEES

**PROMOTIONS:** It's a night of action and fashion at New Britain Stadium for Princess and Superhero Night! Any child 12 and under who comes to the ballpark in a superhero or princess costume will receive a free ticket to the game! Don't forget to get a picture with Super Sting! Every Wednesday game is YMCA Fun "4" Everyone Day. Get 4 tickets, 4 hot dogs, 4 bags of chips, 4 drinks, and a 10% discount at B. Hive & Co. for just \$50, a 60% discount! Use promo code "FUN4" when purchasing your tickets online!

**The Bees:** Kyle Simon was the main story of last night's game, pitching a complete game shutout, allowing only 4 hits and walking 4. He is now the Atlantic League leader in complete games (3) and has pitched 2 against the Blue Crabs this season. At the plate, the Bees hit 4 home runs for just the second time all season, and it was the first time this year that 4 different batters hit one. Michael Baca, Craig Maddox, Yusuke Kajimoto, Michael Crouse and James Skelton all drove in multiple runs to back up Simon's gem.

**The Opposition:** After securing the first half Freedom division title the night before, Southern Maryland was shut out last night after making the long trip to New Britain. Patrick Palmeiro recorded 2 hits on the night, but none of the 4 total hits by the Blue Crabs were for extra bases. The only 2 Southern Maryland relievers to not give up a run were Sam Runion and Jesse Beal, who each pitched a full inning of relief. **Starting Pitchers –** New Britain: RHP Jonathan Pettibone (1-5, 4.60) | Southern Maryland: RHP Daryl Thompson (6-6, 3.878)

**Key to the Game – Well rested bullpen:** The New Britain bullpen got the day off yesterday thanks to Kyle Simon's complete game shutout, and that is going to be essential in tonight's game. Jonathan Pettibone has not had a start go longer than 5 innings since June 21<sup>st</sup> against Sugar Land when he pitched 6 innings, meaning that it is highly likely for the bullpen to be called upon in the middle of the contest. With the off day on Monday and then not being needed yesterday, the Bees relievers will have extra rest compared to Southern Maryland's relievers. Look for an early, dominant start by Pettibone to be backed up by some well rested relievers as they make their way into the game whenever they are needed.

**Broadcast:** The Bees' Official YouTube Channel (<u>youtube.com/NewBritainBees</u>) and Facebook Live (<u>facebook.com/newbritainbees</u>), starting at 6:20 P.M.

Bees Buzz: Last night's game is the third time that Kyle Simon pitched 9 innings against the Blue Crabs, with 2 of them counting for complete games. Simon has pitched back to back complete games against Southern Maryland...Simon is now the Atlantic League leader in complete games (3)...The 11 run differential in last night's victory is the largest run differential in a win in Bees history...Yesterday's game was the first time that the Bees hit 4 home runs in a game with 4 different batters since September 18<sup>th</sup> of last season. It is the second time this season that the Bees have hit 4 home runs in a game, the first instance occurring on May 21st against Lancaster. Jamar Walton had 3 homers in that contest...James Skelton continues to add to his career high in home runs in a season with a solo shot last night, bringing his season total to 12. It is also Skelton's second homer in 4 games...Craig Maddox hit a 2 run home run in the bottom of the 2<sup>nd</sup> yesterday, his 7<sup>th</sup> homer of the season. He finished a triple shy of the cycle last night, and has totaled 8 RBI in his last 5 games...Last night's game was 11 minutes longer than New Britain's shortest 9 inning game of the season (2:07 on July 20th at Somerset)...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 246 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 269, including postseason. Rosa is also 3 games away from 900 games played in his professional career.

## About the New Britain Bees

The New Britain Bees are in their second season of play as a member of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball and play at New Britain Stadium. For further information or to reserve seats, email tickets@nbbees.com, call 860-826-BEES (2337), or visit <u>NBBees.com</u>.

## About the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball (ALPB)

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