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## **SCHALLER HARDWARE CITY FAMILY FUN-DAY TWIN BILL TODAY AT 1 PM** BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH (20-22, 61-51) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (17-23, 43-67)

**In 140 Characters or Less:** 12 PM gates, pregame autographs, 2 games vs Bridgeport, & kids run the bases after game 2, all at New Britain Stadium! #ItsBetterWithTheBees

**Series:** Game 1 was postponed on Friday due to inclement weather. Yesterday, the Bees completed a home and home doubleheader sweep of the Bluefish, with a 7-6 victory in 11 innings at Bridgeport in game 1 followed by a 7-2 win on game 2 in New Britain. Today, the two teams will play in another doubleheader to make up the first game of the series, with the first game beginning at 1:00 P.M. at New Britain Stadium. The second game will follow approximately 30 minutes after the first one ends.

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

**PROMOTIONS:** Today is a Schaller Hardware City Family Fun-Day doubleheader at New Britain Stadium! Gates open at 12:00 P.M., first pitch for game 1 is at 1:00! Before game 1, fans can get autographs from their favorite Bees players, and after game 2, all kids are invited to run the bases!

**The Bees:** Yesterday, the Bees completed their first doubleheader sweep of the season, defeating Bridgeport in the home and home series. Craig Maddox went a combined 5-8 with 2 doubles and 3 RBI, and Jovan Rosa went 4-9 with a double, a home run, and 3 RBI. It took 11 innings to determine a winner in game 1, but the Bees edged the Bluefish 7-6 in Bridgeport. In the night cap at New Britain Stadium, James Skelton and Conor Bierfeldt homered to lead the Bees to a 7-2 win.

**The Opposition:** Any momentum that the Bluefish may have generated with their 2 straight wins over Lancaster before coming into this series against New Britain has possibly halted after being swept in the home and home doubleheader. Angel Rosa hit a home run in game 1, and Angelys Nina homered in both games of the twin bill. The Bridgeport bullpen continued to prove how dominant they are capable of being,

particularly in game 1 when they limited New Britain to just 1 hit across 4 innings before the Bees put up 2 runs in the top of the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Starting Pitchers –

**Game 1:** New Britain: RHP Nate Roe (5-3, 2.95) | Bridgeport: LHP Manny Parra (1-2, 7.71)

**Game 2:** New Britain: RHP Kyle Simon (8-10, 4.34) | Bridgeport: RHP Brian Gouin (0-1, 9.52)

**Key to the Game – No more Nina:** In yesterday's doubleheader, Bridgeport scored a combined 8 runs between the two games. Angelys Nina is responsible for driving 3 of them in, 2 of them were himself when he hit a solo home run in both games. He demonstrated yesterday how much of a threat he can be against the New Britain pitching staff. In 9 games against the Bees this year, Nina has scored 11 runs, good for second on the team, and is batting .314 with 5 of his 11 hits being for extra bases. Look for the New Britain pitching staff to be extra cautious when delivering to Nina as well as the batters before him, keeping runners off the bases when he is up to bat and keeping an offensive threat like himself off the bases as well.

**Broadcast:** The Bees' Official YouTube Channel (<u>youtube.com/NewBritainBees</u>) and Facebook Live (<u>facebook.com/newbritainbees</u>), starting at 12:45 P.M.

**Bees Buzz:** The first game of yesterday's doubleheader was Jovan Rosa's 900<sup>th</sup> game of his professional career...Brandon Fry picked up his first win of the season in the first game yesterday...Game 1 yesterday was the first extra innings game for New Britain since July 14th against Southern Maryland, and their first of the season against Bridgeport...Craig Maddox has multiple hits in 7 of his last 8 games...Jovan Rosa hit a solo home run in the top of the 5th inning in game 1 yesterday, his 14th home run of the season. That home run is a new personal career high for most home runs in a season...New Britain is now 7-3 in extra inning games this season after winning game 1 in 11 innings... Yesterday was the first doubleheader sweep for the Bees this season...Conor Bierfeldt hit his team leading 18th home run of the season in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning of game 2 yesterday...James Skelton added on to his career high home run total on the season in game 2 with a 2 run shot in the bottom of the 7<sup>th</sup> inning yesterday...Michael Crouse stole his team leading 33rd base in the bottom of the 1st inning in game 2 yesterday...New Britain scored 7 runs in both games yesterday for a grand total of 14 runs, and had a combined 25 hits between both games... After being victorious in both games yesterday, the Bees are 6-12 in doubleheader games...Nick Greenwood's outing of 8 innings in game 2 was the longest outing of his Atlantic League career, having never pitched more than 7 innings in a game...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 250 after playing in both games of yesterday's doubleheader, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 273, including postseason.

## 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 NBBees.com.

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