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## **BEES AND BLUEFISH FACE OFF FOR FINAL TIME TONIGHT** **NEW BRITAIN BEES (19-25, 45-69) VS. BRIDGEPORT BLUEFISH (22-24, 63-53)**

**In 140 Characters or Less:** The final game between 2 CT franchises is a series rubber match, with CT native Greg Nappo on the hill for the Bees #NewBritainVsEverybody

**Series:** New Britain and Bridgeport will square off for the final time in the 2017 season with a 3 game series at the Ballpark at Harbor Yard. All games have a scheduled 7:12 P.M. start time. The Bees won game 1 by a score of 4-2. In game 2 last night, Bridgeport evened the series with a 4-1 victory. The final game of the series, as well as the last game ever between Bridgeport and New Britain, will be tonight.

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### **UPCOMING PROMOTIONS:**

Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> vs. Long Island: Latin Heritage Night/Fat Tire Friday/Foul Pole Friday

Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> vs. Long Island: Beers in the Ballpark/Stanley Tape Measure Giveaway/FIREWORKS

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> vs. Long Island: Martin Rosol's Giveaway/Schaller Hardware City Family Fun-Day

**The Bees:** Casey Coleman made his first start for the Bees since April 27<sup>th</sup> in last night's game, and his third overall start in a New Britain uniform. He struck out 5 batters, which is an Atlantic League high for him in that category. New Britain's lone run came in the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning off the bat of Jake McGuiggan, who brought home Jamar Walton with a single. That hit was McGuiggan's 100<sup>th</sup> hit of his career.

**The Opposition:** Bridgeport evened the series last night behind notable performances on the mound, both by starting pitcher Reinier Roibal and the Bluefish bullpen. New Britain was held to just 4 hits in the contest, and only 1 of them was given up by the bullpen in their 3 innings of work. Luis Hernandez scored on a passed ball in the bottom

of the 1<sup>st</sup>, and Jonathan Galvez hit a sacrifice fly in the 4<sup>th</sup> for their second run. Their final 2 runs came in the 6<sup>th</sup> thanks to an RBI single by Ozney Guillen.

**Starting Pitchers** – New Britain: LHP Greg Nappo (2-1, 4.11) | Bridgeport: RHP Charles Brewer (8-5, 4.15)

**Key to the Game – Polished defense:** Since this 7 game stretch against the Bluefish began, New Britain has committed 10 total fielding errors, including 3 last night and 3 in game 2 of Saturday's home and home doubleheader. The Bees have gotten lucky in the unearned run department, as those errors have only resulted in 3 total unearned runs scored. For New Britain to be successful in their rubber match tonight against the Bluefish, Greg Nappo and the rest of the Bees defense need to be ready to field balls in play cleanly and record outs whenever they are presented with the opportunities.

**Broadcast:** The Bees' Official YouTube Channel ([youtube.com/NewBritainBees](https://youtube.com/NewBritainBees)) and Facebook Live ([facebook.com/newbritainbees](https://facebook.com/newbritainbees)), starting at 7:00 P.M.

**Bees Buzz:** Jake McGuiggan's RBI single in the top of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning of last night's game was the 100<sup>th</sup> hit of his professional career...Jamar Walton has recorded multiple hits in 4 of his last 5 games...Jovan Rosa hit his league leading 34<sup>th</sup> double of the season in the top of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning yesterday...In his first start in a Bees uniform since April 27<sup>th</sup> last night, Casey Coleman tossed 4 innings, allowing 2 runs (1 earned) off of 2 hits, striking out 5 hitters. Those 5 strikeouts are the most strikeouts that Coleman ever recorded in an outing in the Atlantic League...Both of Coleman's decisions have come from starts this season, with his first loss of the year being on opening day against York...With 1 2/3 innings of relief in last night's game, Brandon Fry is now 4 2/3 innings away from 200 innings pitched in his professional career...Last night's game was Casey Coleman's first start on the road as a Bee...With 2 hits in last night's game, Jamar Walton is now 11 hits away from 1,000 hits in his professional career...Today's game will be the final matchup ever between the two franchises...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 254 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 277, 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](mailto:tickets@nbbees.com), call 860-826-BEES (2337), or visit [NBBees.com](https://NBBees.com).

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