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## BEERS IN THE BALLPARK FROM 1-5 PM AND POSTGAME FIREWORKS TONIGHT!

LONG ISLAND DUCKS (29-18, 65-52) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (19-26, 45-70)

In 140 Characters or Less: Beers in the Ballpark from 1-5PM, Bees take on the Ducks at 6:35 and postgame FIREWORKS at New Britain Stadium today! #ItsBetterWithTheBees

**Series:** The Bees host the Long Island Ducks for a brief, 3 game weekend home stand. New Britain won game 1 of the series last night 5-3. Game 2 will be tonight at 6:35, and the final game of the series will be tomorrow afternoon at 1:35.

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**PROMOTIONS:** The Bees are hosting Beers in the Ballpark this afternoon from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M. at New Britain Stadium! It will feature beers from over a dozen breweries to sample! Fans who purchase tickets to Beers in the Ballpark will receive a free ticket to tonight's game against the Ducks, which will include a postgame FIREWORKS show and a Stanley tape measure giveaway!

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**The Bees:** New Britain's scoring last night began in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning whenever Craig Maddox brought home James Skelton on an RBI groundout to take a 1-0 lead. It was followed by a 2 RBI double by Michael Crouse in the 5<sup>th</sup>, an RBI double by Conor Bierfeldt in the 6<sup>th</sup>, and an RBI single by Jon Griffin in the 8<sup>th</sup>. Starting pitcher Nick Greenwood recorded his 500<sup>th</sup> career strikeout in the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, striking out Giovanny Alfonzo looking for the third out.

**The Opposition:** Long Island was held off the scoreboard last night until the 7<sup>th</sup> inning. In that frame, they brought 2 runs home off the bats of Derrick Pyles and Giovanny

Alfonzo, who both notched RBI singles. At the time it cut New Britain's lead in half to 4-2. Then in the 8<sup>th</sup>, Ruben Gotay made the score 4-3 with an RBI double to bring home Audie Afenir. Former New Britain Bee Jordan Hinshaw recorded 3 hits in the game, including a double, but was left stranded on base all 3 times.

**Starting Pitchers –** New Britain: RHP Kyle Simon (9-10, 4.19) | Long Island: RHP John Brownell (8-3, 3.53)

**Key to the Game – Steady bullpen:** In last night's game, Long Island was held scoreless until the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> innings. It was the first time since July 18<sup>th</sup> that New Britain successfully held their opponent scoreless for that long in a game that wasn't a shutout. That July 18<sup>th</sup> game was also against Long Island. The Ducks showed that they have the potential to be an offensive threat in the late game stages. Look for the Bees pitching staff, led by Kyle Simon and backed up by the bullpen to take advantage of an early lead that their offense gives them and maintain it throughout the entirety of the contest.

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

Bees Buzz: The strikeout of Giovanny Alfonzo in the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning of last night's game was Nick Greenwood's 500<sup>th</sup> strikeout of his professional career...Michael Crouse has recorded multiple hits in back to back games...Last night's game was the first time since July 18<sup>th</sup>, also against Long Island, that New Britain held their opponent scoreless until the 7<sup>th</sup> inning or later in a game that was not a shutout...Conor Bierfeldt had 1 hit and 1 RBI in last night's game. He is now 3 hits away from 400 hits in his career, as well as 3 RBI away from 300 RBI in his career...The Bees have scored in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning in 3 of their last 4 games...Last night's game was Tsuyoshi Fujiwara's second multi-hit game in a Bees uniform, his other one coming on July 8<sup>th</sup> against Bridgeport when he recorded 3 hits...Michael Crouse had 2 RBI in last night's game to bring his team leading total to 18 multi-RBI games...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 256 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 279, 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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