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BEES OPEN AWAY SERIES VS. SKEETERS AT NEW BRITAIN STADIUM

NEW BRITAIN BEES (21-27, 47-71) VS. SUGAR LAND SKEETERS (23-26, 53-66)

In 140 Characters or Less: Bees play 4 game away series vs. Skeeters at New Britain Stadium starting today, text HARVEY to 90999 to donate to Red Cross relief fund

Series: The Skeeters will serve as the home team for the upcoming 4 game series between New Britain and Sugar Land hosted at New Britain Stadium. The series will begin with game 1 today at 4:05 P.M. Tomorrow there will be a doubleheader with game 1 beginning at 12:05 P.M., and the series will conclude on Wednesday afternoon at 12:05 P.M.

UPCOMING GAMES (Hosted at New Britain Stadium):

Monday, August 28th at Sugar Land: **4:05 P.M.** <u>Tuesday, August 29th at Sugar Land:</u> **Doubleheader (Game 1 at 12:05 P.M.)** <u>Wednesday, August 30th at Sugar Land:</u> **12:05 P.M.**

More information about these games can be found <u>HERE</u>.

The Bees: Yesterday afternoon the Bees came from behind twice to defeat the Long Island Ducks 8-7, securing a series victory in the process. The offensive surge was led by a grand slam by Jon Griffin in the 4th inning, his 8th home run of the season and New Britain's second grand slam on the year. Nate Roe, Brandon League and Shawn Gilblair all had scoreless outings out of the bullpen, limiting Long Island to 2 hits through 3 1/3 innings.

The Opposition: Sugar Land concluded an 8 game road trip yesterday afternoon, making stops in Long Island and then Southern Maryland. Both of those series were 4 game sets. They went 1-3 against Long Island and then split the series with the Blue Crabs 2-2. The Skeeters offense has found a power surge as of late, hitting 13 home runs through their last 10 games, totaling 41 RBI. Bryan Pounds is responsible for 3 of those home runs and 10 RBI, even though he is only batting .162 in that 10 game span.

Starting Pitchers – New Britain: RHP Casey Coleman (0-2, 3.95) | Sugar Land: RHP Sean Gleason (4-7, 4.88)

Key to the Game – Go for Gleason: Sugar Land starting pitcher Sean Gleason has faced New Britain 3 different times this season, only 1 of them being a start. In that start on June 22nd at New Britain Stadium, he only pitched 3 innings, allowing 4 runs off of 6 hits. Two of those hits were back to back home runs in the first inning by Jovan Rosa and Craig Maddox. The Bees would go on to win the game 6-4. Look for New Britain to use their pitcher friendly ballpark to their advantage to hold off Sugar Land's recent power surge, and use their familiarity of Sean Gleason to put a large quantity of early runs on the board, giving Coleman a lead to work with.

Broadcast: The Bees' Official YouTube Channel (<u>youtube.com/NewBritainBees</u>) and Facebook Live (<u>facebook.com/newbritainbees</u>), starting at 3:50 P.M.

Bees Buzz: Jon Griffin hit a grand slam in the bottom of the 4th inning of yesterday's game. It was New Britain's first grand slam at home since Jon Jones hit one on June 17th, 2016 against Sugar Land. It was the second grand slam of the season, the other being hit on July 19th by Jamar Walton on the road, also against Long Island...The last time Jon Griffin had 4 or more RBI in a game was on September 17th of last season against Somerset...The 4 run deficit that the Bees overcame to get yesterday's win was their largest come from behind win this season...Jovan Rosa hit his league leading 37th double in the bottom of the 8th inning yesterday...Michael Crouse stole his league leading 37th base in the bottom of the 5th inning of yesterday's game...With 2 strikeouts in yesterday's game, Nate Roe has reached 200 strikeouts in his professional career...The Bees are now 19-14 in one run games...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 258 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 281, 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 <u>NBBees.com</u>.

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