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ROAD SERIES VS. SKEETERS CONTINUES WITH TUESDAY TWIN BILL NEW BRITAIN BEES (22-27, 48-71) VS. SUGAR LAND SKEETERS (23-27, 53-67)

In 140 Characters or Less: Bees continue their road series vs. Sugar Land with twin bill beginning at 12:05, text HARVEY to 90999 to donate to Red Cross relief fund

Series: The Skeeters will serve as the home team for the 4 game series between New Britain and Sugar Land hosted at New Britain Stadium. New Britain came from behind to win the first game 3-2. Today there will be a doubleheader with game 1 beginning at 12:05 P.M., and the series will end on Wednesday morning at 9:05 A.M.

UPCOMING GAMES (Hosted at New Britain Stadium):

<u>Tuesday, August 29th at Sugar Land:</u> **Doubleheader (Game 1 at 12:05 P.M.)** Wednesday, August 30th at Sugar Land: **9:05 A.M.**

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

The Bees: Yesterday the Bees offense was shut out until the last 2 innings of the contest. In the 8th, Yusuke Kajimoto hit an RBI single to score Jamar Walton, and then Jon Griffin would hit a 2 run home run in the 9th to give the Bees the lead, having been playing from behind from the 6th inning onward. Starting pitcher Casey Coleman tossed 5 shutout innings only throwing 55 pitches, 38 of them for strikes.

The Opposition: Starting pitcher Sean Gleason matched Casey Coleman's zeroes with zeroes of his own, keeping the Bees shut out through his first 7 full innings of work. He would go on to pitch 7 2/3 total innings allowing 1 run. Sugar Land's offense all came in the 6th inning when Anthony Giansanti hit a 2 run home run, giving the Skeeters a 2-0 lead at the time.

Starting Pitchers -

Game 1: New Britain: LHP Greg Nappo (2-1, 4.57) | Sugar Land: RHP Mitch Talbot (6-3, 3.64)

Game 2: New Britain: RHP Nate Roe (5-5, 3.43) | Sugar Land: RHP Zech Zinicola (0-2, 4.09)

Key to the Game – Griffin power surge: Jon Griffin has hit a home run in back to back games, totaling 6 RBI between just those 2 home runs alone. He traditionally bats in the heart of the batting order, which leaves plenty of opportunities for other runners to get on base ahead of him. Up until Griffin hit his grand slam on Sunday and his home run yesterday, the Bees hadn't hit a home run since August 22nd against Bridgeport, and have gone 1-3 in that 4 game stretch. Look for the New Britain batters to feed off of Griffin's recent power surge, sending pitches they like into the gaps and over the wall to generate offensive opportunities.

Broadcast: The Bees' Official YouTube Channel (<u>youtube.com/NewBritainBees</u>) and Facebook Live (<u>facebook.com/newbritainbees</u>), starting at 11:50 A.M.

Bees Buzz: Jon Griffin has homered in back to back games... Yesterday's game was Brian Dupra's first win since May 14th against Long Island. He had lost 9 decisions prior to yesterday's win...In his start yesterday, Casey Coleman pitched 5 full innings only throwing 55 pitches, 38 of them for strikes... Yesterday's game was 5 minutes longer than New Britain's shortest 9 inning game of the season (2:07)... The Bees are now 3-59 when they are trailing after 7 innings... New Britain has had back to back come from behind wins. Yesterday's win was their 19th come from behind win all season... Jon Griffin has had multiple RBI in back to back games... Shawn Gilblair has earned a save in back to back games, as well as a save in his last 5 consecutive outings... Mike Hepple has not allowed an earned run in 6 appearances against Sugar Land this season (8 innings pitched)... Yesterday was the first time that Craig Maddox started as a catcher in a game this season, and the first time he played catcher in a game since he played catcher in 45 games for Southern Maryland in 2015... Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 259 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 282, 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.

About the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball (ALPB)

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