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## CAMP DAY AS BEES HOST SKEETERS AT 12:05 P.M.

SUGAR LAND SKEETERS (13-16, 43-56) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (10-19, 36-63)

**In 140 Characters or Less:** Today is the second of two Camp Days at New Britain Stadium as the Bees host Sugar Land at 12:05 P.M.! #ItsBetterWithTheBees

**Series:** Game 1 of the series has been postponed due to inclement weather, and will be made up at a later date to be determined. As a result, the home stand for the Bees concludes with a brief 2 game set against the Skeeters. The series opener is this afternoon at 12:05 P.M. The last game of the series, as well as the home stand, will be tomorrow night at 6:35 P.M.

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

**PROMOTIONS:** Rise and shine, campers! It's the last Camp Day of 2017 at New Britain Stadium as the Bees host the Sugar Land Skeeters! Add on to your summer camp memories by enjoying the action of a Bees game. First pitch is scheduled for a special 12:05 P.M. start time!

**The Bees:** New Britain is fresh off a victory over the York Revolution on Sunday, backed with home runs by Jovan Rosa and Jamar Walton, along with a solid performance by Connecticut native Greg Nappo, who threw 6 2/3 innings, allowing only 1 run and striking out 6. This will be the Bees' first series against Sugar Land since June, and they will face them twice more in the second half after this series; once in Texas and once at New Britain Stadium.

**The Opposition:** Sugar Land is in the middle of a 12 game road trip, making 3 total stops. One in Lancaster, then New Britain, and ending in Bridgeport before heading back home to host York. They just ended a 4 game series against the Barnstormers, salvaging a win in game 4 after being defeated in the first 3 games. Cole Gillespie has been making a lot of noise at the plate for the Skeeters, batting .514 in his last 10 games with 2 home runs and 10 RBI.

**Starting Pitchers –** New Britain: LHP Nick Greenwood (1-3, 4.79) | Sugar Land: RHP Mitch Talbot (5-3, 4.20)

**Key to the Game – Aggressive, yet cautious:** Looking at the Atlantic League as a whole, the Skeeters have the lowest on base percentage (.323) and are tied for the lowest team batting average (.259). However, their OPS is towards the middle at .723, good enough for 5<sup>th</sup> in the league. Their slugging percentage is relatively high partially due to the fact that Kevin Ahrens is tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league in doubles (26) and Joe Benson is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league in triples (3). Look for the Bees pitching staff to be aggressive in the strike zone, yet be cautious at the same time when facing hitters like Ahrens and Benson who are capable of hitting for extra bases.

**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: Nick Greenwood's last start of 2016 before his contract was purchased by the Minnesota Twins was against Sugar Land...Jovan Rosa is batting .394 against the Skeeters this season...Sunday's game was Greg Nappo's first win in the Atlantic League...Sunday's win was New Britain's 15<sup>th</sup> come from behind win of the season...Jovan Rosa and Jamar Walton hit back to back home runs in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning on Sunday, the first time the Bees hit back to back home runs since June 22<sup>nd</sup> against Sugar Land (Jovan Rosa, Craig Maddox in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning)...The Bees pitching staff did not allow a hit in 5 consecutive innings on Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)...Greg Nappo pitched 6 2/3 innings on Sunday for his longest outing of the season...Jamar Walton's home run on Sunday was his first home run at home this season...With a walk in the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning on Sunday, Jordan Hinshaw extended his on base streak to 25 games, extending the team lead in that category...Greg Nappo struck out 6 batters in his start on Sunday, a new personal high for him in a start this season...With 2 hits in Sunday's game, Jovan Rosa is now 1 hit away from 900 hits in his professional career...The Bees have hit multiple home runs in a game twice in just over a week...Michael Crouse has recorded multiple hits in back to back games...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 239 on Sunday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 262, 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>.

## About the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball (ALPB)

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