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## PETTIBONE, BEES TAKE ON DUCKS IN GAME 2 OF 4 GAME SERIES NEW BRITAIN BEES (23-30, 49-74) VS. LONG ISLAND DUCKS (32-23, 68-57)

**In 140 Characters or Less:** New Britain looks to make it 2 wins in a row as they send Pettibone to the mound vs. the Ducks tonight at 6:35 #NewBritainVsEverybody

**Series:** The Bees and Ducks will face off in a 4 game weekend series in Central Islip. The Bees won game 1 by a 16-2 score led by Craig Maddox's 2 grand slams. Game 2 is tonight at 6:35. Game 3 will be tomorrow afternoon at 1:35, and the last game of the series will be on Monday afternoon at 1:35.

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## **UPCOMING PROMOTIONS:**

<u>Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> vs. Lancaster:</u> Comcast Back to School Giveaway/Two-Fer Tuesday

<u>Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> vs. Lancaster:</u> Faith Night/YMCA Fun "4" Everyone Day <u>Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> vs. Lancaster:</u> Octoberfest/TD Bank Night/Thirsty Thursday <u>Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> vs. Sugar Land:</u> Bike Night/Fat Tire Friday/Foul Pole Friday <u>Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> vs. Sugar Land:</u> Sting Bobblehead Giveaway/First Responder's Night/FIREWORKS

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> vs. Sugar Land: Fan Appreciation Day/Key Bank Giveaway/Schaller Hardware City Family Fun-Day

The Bees: Last night the Bees made both franchise history and Atlantic League history. Their 16-2 victory over the Ducks was led by 5 total team home runs, 2 of them were grand slams hit by Craig Maddox. The 16 runs scored was the most runs scored in a game in franchise history, and the 14 run differential was the largest margin of victory in a game for the Bees in franchise history. The other Bees home runs came from Jon Griffin (3 run homer) and Jamar Walton (solo shot).

**The Opposition:** The Ducks have lost 5 of their last 8 games, and are currently on a 3 game losing skid after their loss to New Britain last night. Their only 2 runs yesterday came in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. Marc Krauss led off the frame with a walk and then Angelo Songco hit a 2 run home run, making the score 11-2 at the time. The only pitcher to not give up at least 1 run last night for Long Island was Jose Valez, who pitched 2 innings of scoreless, hitless relief, striking out 5 Bees hitters.

**Starting Pitchers –** New Britain: RHP Jonathan Pettibone (2-6, 4.77) | Long Island: RHP Matt Larkins (8-6, 3.69)

**Key to the Game – Aggressive vs. Larkins:** After last night's offensive surge to get the 16-2 win, New Britain is undoubtedly riding a large amount of hitting momentum. Up next on the list of pitchers they have to face is Matt Larkins, who they have met 3 times before. New Britain batters are hitting .343 against him, the highest among starting pitchers for the Ducks, and they have 23 total hits in 16 innings, which is tied for the most hits among any pitcher on Long Island's pitching staff with Tyler Levine, who pitched last night. Look for New Britain to pick up exactly where they left off yesterday, aiming for extra base hits to continue their successes against Larkins.

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

Bees Buzz: Craig Maddox set a franchise record for most RBI in a game yesterday with 11, the previous record was 6 set by Jon Griffin on July 28th, 2016 against Southern Maryland...Kyle Simon now has 10 wins on the season, which is the most in a season by a Bees pitcher in franchise history...The 14 run differential of last night's game is the largest margin of victory for the Bees in franchise history...Last night's game is the first time in Bees franchise history that they hit 1 of each type of home run (solo, 2 run, 3 run, grand slam) in a single game...Craig Maddox hit 2 grand slams in last night's game, one in the top of the 1st inning and the other in the 8th inning. They were the third and fourth grand slams of the season by the Bees and Maddox's first two as a Bee. All 4 of New Britain's grand slams this season have come against Long Island...Jon Griffin hit a 3 run home run in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning yesterday, his 10<sup>th</sup> home run of the year...The Bees were not retired in order until the 5th inning yesterday... Kyle Simon's streak of pitching complete games was snapped at 3 consecutive starts yesterday...The 16 runs scored by New Britain vesterday was the most runs scored in a game in franchise history...Michael Baca hit his first professional career triple in the top of the 9th inning of yesterday's game...James Skelton walked 3 times in last night's contest to extend his league leading walk total to 86...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 263 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 286, 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

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