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## <u>COMCAST GIVEAWAY AND FINAL BOGO NIGHT TONIGHT!</u>

**LANCASTER BARNSTORMERS (32-26, 70-58) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (24-32, 50-76)** 

**In 140 Characters or Less:** The first 1500 fans take home a Comcast giveaway as the Bees host the Barnstormers on the last Two-Fer Tuesday! #ItsBetterWithTheBees

**Series:** The last home stand of 2017 begins with a 3 game series against the Lancaster Barnstormers. All games have a 6:35 scheduled start time. Game 1 of the series will be tonight, followed by game 2 tomorrow night, and ending with game 3 on Thursday night.

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

**PROMOTIONS:** Tonight is Back to School Night and Organized Labor Union Night! The first 1,500 fans through the gates will take home a special back to school giveaway presented by Comcast! Every Tuesday game at New Britain Stadium is Two-Fer Tuesday. Use the promo code "BOGO" when purchasing tickets online to take advantage of a special buy one, get one ticket offer!

**The Bees:** New Britain played their final game of the 2017 season against the Long Island Ducks yesterday, and clinched a .500 season record against them with an 8-2 victory, generating a 10-10 record. They are beginning their last home stand of the season, which will run through Sunday. The offense is being carried by the hot bats of Craig Maddox and Jon Griffin, who have combined to hit 6 home runs and drive in 19 runs through their last 4 games.

**The Opposition:** Lancaster just played 8 games against Somerset in a row, the first 4 on the road followed by 4 at home. Each 4 game set was split 2-2 between the two clubs. Garrett Weber has hit a power surge as of late, clubbing 3 home runs in his last 6 games. As a whole, the Lancaster offense is in the middle of a small drought, having scored 2 runs or less in 6 of those 8 games against the Patriots.

**Starting Pitchers –** New Britain: LHP Nick Greenwood (3-5, 4.85) | Lancaster: LHP Luis Gonzalez (0-1, 8.10)

Key to the Game – Continue the power surge: In their past 4 games against Long Island, the Bees have hit 10 home runs. Only one of them was a solo shot; the rest of them scored multiple runs. The home runs led the team to their 2 victories in the series, with the 2 grand slams by Craig Maddox in game 1 and then Michael Crouse's game winning 2 run home run in the final game. Against Lancaster this season, the Bees have hit 19 home runs, which is the second most of any opponent, only behind Long Island. Look for the Bees to carry their power momentum home, continue to aim for the long ball against the Barnstormers.

**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: Jamar Walton recorded the 1,000<sup>th</sup> hit of his professional career in the top of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning of yesterday's game with a 3 run home run...With the win yesterday, the Bees clinched their second .500 record or better against an opponent in 2017, ending the season 10-10 against the Ducks. The other team they clinched a .500 record or better against is York...Nick Murphy made his first start for the Bees yesterday since September 18<sup>th</sup> of last season after playing in 53 games for the Traverse City Beach Bums of the Frontier League. He recorded 2 hits, including an RBI single...Conor Bierfeldt hit his team leading 19<sup>th</sup> home run of the season to lead off the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning of yesterday's game, which extends the franchise record for most home runs by a Bees player in a season...Greg Nappo struck out 8 batters in his start yesterday, tying the season high for most strikeouts by a Bees pitcher in a single game that he and Kyle Simon both set...The Bees have scored in the 1st inning in 3 of their last 4 games...Michael Crouse hit his 17<sup>th</sup> home run of the season in the 2<sup>nd</sup> inning yesterday, extending his career high for most home runs in a season...Jamar Walton finished a triple shy of the cycle in yesterday's game...With an RBI in yesterday's game, Conor Bierfeldt is now 2 RBI away from 300 RBI in his professional career...This past series against the Ducks was just the second time all season that the Bees split a series with their opponent...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 266 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 289, 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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