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## **OKTOBERFEST AND HALF PRICE DRAFTS TONIGHT AT NEW BRITAIN STADIUM**

LANCASTER BARNSTORMERS (33-27, 71-59) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (25-33, 51-77)

**In 140 Characters or Less:** Fans can enjoy half price drafts and in-game Oktoberfest specials tonight as Bees go for a series win vs. Lancaster #ItsBetterWithTheBees

**Series:** The last home stand of 2017 begins with a 3 game series against the Lancaster Barnstormers. New Britain won game 1 by a score of 7-6. Lancaster evened the series with an 11-10 slugfest win last night. The third and final game is tonight at 6:35.

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

**PROMOTIONS:** Tonight is Oktoberfest at New Britain Stadium! Anyone wearing lederhosen gets free admission to the game! It will feature food specials and special ingame events! It is the last Thirsty Thursday of 2017, where fans over 21 can enjoy half price domestic drafts at every concession stand!

**The Bees:** New Britain scored 10 runs last night, the second time that they have scored 10 or more runs at home in a game in less than a month's worth of time, having scored 11 against Southern Maryland on August 15. Craig Maddox drove in 4 of them, and Jon Griffin drove in 3 with a 3 RBI triple in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning. James Skelton and Michael Crouse each scored 3 times in last night's contest.

**The Opposition:** Lancaster's offense was forcing New Britain to play from behind for most of last night's game, with the exception of the top of the 9<sup>th</sup>. The game winning hit came in the top of the 9<sup>th</sup> when Darian Sandford, who got on base 6 different times in last night's game, drove home Jose Garcia and Nate Coronado for the tying and game winning runs. Anthony Carter would get the save as the Barnstormers secured the win.

**Starting Pitchers –** New Britain: RHP Jonathan Pettibone (2-7, 4.75) | Lancaster: LHP Scott Sebald (0-0, 0.00)

**Key to the Game – Early intimidation:** Lancaster starting pitcher Scott Sebald will be making his Atlantic League debut in tonight's game. He was acquired in a trade from the

Normal CornBelters of the Frontier League on Tuesday. In 109 innings pitched this season with Normal he has allowed 104 hits and 35 earned runs, generating an ERA of 2.89. Look for the Bees to intimidate Sebald early with quick, prompt offensive attacks and make him feel uncomfortable on the mound as he faces an Atlantic League opponent for the first time.

**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: Jon Griffin hit a 3 RBI triple in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning of last night's game, his first triple of the season. Griffin had 1 triple last season, and before then his last triple was in 2013...Going against Tommy Shirley to start off last night's game, this was the first time the Bees faced left handed starting pitchers in back to back games since July 31<sup>st</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>...The Bees scored 2 runs in the bottom of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning yesterday without recording a hit in the frame...Last night's game was the highest scoring game at home for New Britain this season at 21 combined runs, beating out the game with 19 combined runs on June 9<sup>th</sup> against Somerset...With a hit in last night's game, Michael Crouse has reached 700 hits in his professional career. Earlier on in the season he reached the 600 hits milestone, now totaling 118 hits on the year...Brandon Shimo has not allowed a run in 6 consecutive outings, and 9 of his last 10 outings overall...New Britain has scored 7 or more runs in 5 of their last 6 games...James Skelton drew his 90<sup>th</sup> walk of the season in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning yesterday, he is now 11 walks away from tying the Atlantic League record in walks...Back to back games have been one run games for the Bees, with one win and one loss...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 268 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 291, 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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