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**BEES PACK THE TRUCK FOR HURRICANE HARVEY**  
**RELIEF, HOST SKEETERS IN TWIN BILL AT 5:35**  
**SUGAR LAND SKEETERS (30-30, 60-70) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (26-33, 52-77)**

**In 140 Characters or Less:** Help Bees #PackTheTruck for Hurricane Harvey relief from 1-5 PM at New Britain Stadium prior to twin bill vs. Skeeters #ItsBetterWithTheBees

**Series:** The final home series of the 2017 season will be a 3 day, 4 game weekend series against the Sugar Land Skeeters. The set will begin tonight with a doubleheader at 5:35 following the Pack the Truck event for Hurricane Harvey relief at New Britain Stadium. Game 3 of the series will be on Saturday night at 6:35. The last game of the set, as well as the final home game of 2017 will be on Sunday afternoon at 1:35.

**TICKETS:** [BUY HERE](#) | Available at the New Britain Stadium Box Office | Call 860-826-BEES

**PACK THE TRUCK:** The New Britain Bees have partnered with Houston Astros outfielder George Springer, Siracusa Moving and Storage, A1 Automotive Repair, the Connecticut Blue Jays AAU Travel Team, and Premier Limousine to collect donations for Hurricane Harvey relief. This afternoon from 1:00 – 5:00 P.M., donations will be collected and packed on trucks at New Britain Stadium. The trucks will head to Houston following the event. All those who donate to the relief efforts will receive a voucher to tonight's Bees doubleheader against the Skeeters and 10% off a ride from Premier Limousine.

**PROMOTIONS:** Tonight's doubleheader against Sugar Land is the last Fat Tire Friday and Foul Pole Friday of the season. Fans in attendance can sign up to win weekly giveaways courtesy of Fat Tire! For the past winners of Fat Tire Friday giveaways, the grand prize winner of the Authentic Detroit New Belgium cruiser bike will be drawn at the game! If a designated Bees player hits a home run off of either foul pole, one lucky fan will take home \$50,000 as part of Foul Pole Friday!

**The Bees:** New Britain is fresh off a series win against the Lancaster Barnstormers, and will begin their final home series tonight, taking on Sugar Land. The Bees put up 13 runs last night, led by 4 RBI from Jovan Rosa and homers by Craig Maddox and James Skelton. Maddox has 5 home runs this week, and has 21 RBI through his last 10 games. Casey Coleman earned his first Atlantic League win in last night's game after pitching 2 1/3 innings of scoreless, hitless relief out of the bullpen, striking out 2 batters.

**The Opposition:** After taking 3 games out of 4 against Southern Maryland in Sugar Land, the Skeeters are in the middle of another Nutmeg state road trip, previously visiting Bridgeport to play the Bluefish and continuing it in New Britain. Bridgeport defeated the Skeeters in their series 2 games to 1, with Sugar Land salvaging a victory in the final game. Josh Prince had 6 hits in that series, along with a stolen base in each of the 3 games.

### **Starting Pitchers –**

**Game 1:** New Britain: RHP Brian Dupra (4-9, 7.32) | Sugar Land: RHP Bobby Blevins (6-7, 5.01)

**Game 2:** New Britain: RHP Nate Roe (5-6, 4.08) | Sugar Land: RHP Patrick Mincey (0-0, 0.00)

**Key to the Game – Lumber company:** In their past series against Lancaster, New Britain scored 30 runs through 3 games, averaging 10 runs per game. They set a new season high last night in runs scored at home in a game with 13, and have recorded 35 hits to get those runs. Sugar Land's offense has only generated 10 total runs in their last 3 games against Bridgeport. Look for the Bees to keep the lumber company alive, using their hitting momentum to their advantage against the Skeeters in the opening games of the series.

**Broadcast:** The Bees' Official YouTube Channel ([youtube.com/NewBritainBees](https://www.youtube.com/NewBritainBees)) and Facebook Live ([facebook.com/newbritainbees](https://www.facebook.com/newbritainbees)), starting at 5:20 P.M.

**Bees Buzz:** James Skelton led off the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning yesterday with a home run, his 4<sup>th</sup> leadoff home run of the season...Jovan Rosa tallied 4 RBI in last night's game, his first 4 RBI game since May 28 last season against Long Island when he hit a grand slam...Michael Crouse hit his league leading 8<sup>th</sup> triple in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning yesterday...Craig Maddox hit his 5<sup>th</sup> home run of the week in the bottom of the 1<sup>st</sup> inning yesterday with a 2 run home run...New Britain outfielders recorded 3 assists through the first 4 innings of last night's game...The Bees scored 5 runs in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning yesterday, which ties their season high for most runs scored in an inning, set several other times...James Skelton drew his 91<sup>st</sup> and 92<sup>nd</sup> walks of the season last night. He is now 9 walks away from tying the Atlantic League record in that category...New Britain scored 13 runs in last night's game, the most runs that they have scored at home in a game this season...With 1 2/3 innings of relief pitched in last night's game, Brandon Fry has logged 200 innings pitched in his professional career...In the past 3 game series between the Bees and Barnstormers, both teams combined to score 56 total

runs...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 269 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 292, 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](mailto:tickets@nbbees.com), call 860-826-BEES (2337), or visit [NBBees.com](http://NBBees.com).

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