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## **FINAL HOME GAME TODAY - FAN APPRECIATION DAY AT NEW BRITAIN STADIUM**

**SUGAR LAND SKEETERS (32-31, 62-71) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (27-35, 53-79)**

**In 140 Characters or Less:** It's the LAST home game of 2017! The Bees will thank the fans for their support today on Fan Appreciation Day! #ItsBetterWithTheBees

**Series:** The final home series of the 2017 season will be a 3 day, 4 game weekend series against the Sugar Land Skeeters. It began with a doubleheader last night, which the two clubs split. Sugar Land won game 1 by a score of 4-1 and New Britain shut out the Skeeters 1-0 in game 2. The Skeeters took the victory in game 3 by a 3-1 score. The last game of the set, as well as the final home game of 2017 will be this afternoon at 1:35.

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

**LARRY MICHAELS PRESS BOX:** Prior to today's game, the New Britain Stadium press box will be renamed in honor of the late Larry Michaels. A fixture in New Britain baseball starting with the New Britain Red Sox, Michaels was the longest tenured employee in New Britain baseball history. Michaels passed away on July 7 after a long illness. A plaque honoring Michaels' contributions to New Britain baseball will hang outside the press box at the New Britain Stadium suite level.

**PROMOTIONS:** Today is the final home game of 2017, and the New Britain Bees want to thank fans for all of their support throughout the season. Today is Fan Appreciation Day as well as the last Schaller Hardware City Family Fun-Day at New Britain Stadium! Food and merchandise will be discounted, fans can get player autographs before the game, kids 12 and under can take the field during the national anthem, and everybody is welcome to run the bases after the game! The first 1,500 fans through the gates will take home a special giveaway courtesy of KeyBank, and all fans in attendance will receive a voucher to the 2018 home opener!

**The Bees:** Today is the final home game for the New Britain Bees in 2017. After today, they will head out for a 6 day, 7 game road trip, making stops in Somerset and Southern Maryland. In last night's game, Jon Griffin hit his 12<sup>th</sup> home run of the season in the 4<sup>th</sup> inning for New Britain's lone run. Greg Nappo pitched 4 1/3 innings, striking out 6 hitters. The New Britain bullpen combined for 4 2/3 scoreless innings of relief, only giving up 3 hits.

**The Opposition:** Sugar Land scored 3 runs last night, each one of them driven in by a different person. Bryan Pounds drove in one of them, and also had 3 hits on the night. The other two were tallied by Albert Cordero and Cole Gillespie, who brought his home with a solo home run. Starting pitcher Mitch Talbot struck out 8 Bees hitters through his 6 innings of work, only allowing 2 hits, one of them being Griffin's 4<sup>th</sup> inning homer. The Skeeters head home after this series to close out their 2017 campaign.

**Starting Pitchers –** New Britain: LHP Nick Greenwood (4-5, 4.89) | Sugar Land: RHP Alberto Rodriguez (0-0, 3.60)

**Key to the Game – 5 or more:** In each game of this series against the Skeeters, the New Britain offense has been held to just 1 run, going 1-2 so far in the 4 game set. That one win was their only win when scoring only 1 run this year, generating a 1-21 record overall when that happens. On the season, the Bees have records under .500 each time they score 4 runs or less in a game, but are above the .500 mark whenever they score 5 or more runs in a contest. Look for the New Britain offense to bring the bats to life, aiming for the goal of 5 or more runs and giving Nick Greenwood a lead to work with.

**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 1:20 P.M.

**Bees Buzz:** Brandon Shimo has not allowed a run in 11 of his last 12 games, and in 8 consecutive outings overall. He is currently on an 8 1/3 inning scoreless streak...Jon Griffin hit his 12<sup>th</sup> home run of the season in yesterday's game, a solo shot in the bottom of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning...James Skelton drew his 93<sup>rd</sup> walk of the season in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning of last night's game, he is now 8 walks away from tying the Atlantic League record in that category. Skelton has also reached base safely in 10 consecutive games.....Last night's game Michael Crouse's 798<sup>th</sup> game of his professional career...The Bees have hit 4 home runs in their last 3 games...Greg Nappo struck out 6 Sugar Land batters in his 4 1/3 innings of work yesterday, averaging 1.38 strikeouts per inning...New Britain is 1 home run away from tying their home run total last season at home (54)...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 272 yesterday, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 295, 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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