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## BEES HOLD ON, DEFEAT LANCASTER 7-6 GRIFFIN COLLECTS 2 HITS, 3 RBI IN WIN OVER BARNSTORMERS

**In 140 Characters or Less:** Griffin gets 2 hits, 3 RBI, Lancaster rallies late but Bees hold on for 7-6 victory in game 1 of 3 game series #ltsBetterWithTheBees

**The Game Changed When...** New Britain put up 4 runs in the bottom of the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, all of which were insurance runs at the time, but each one would prove to be crucial in securing the victory. Jon Griffin, Jamar Walton, and Conor Bierfeldt each had RBI doubles, and Bierfeldt scored on a dropped third strike to Michael Baca. The Bees' lead was 7-4 at the time, and Bierfeldt's run would prove to be the game winner.

**Pitchers of Record:** W: Nick Greenwood (4-5) | L: Luis Gonzalez (0-2) | SV: Shawn Gilblair (18)

**Player(s) of the Game:** Jon Griffin (New Britain) – 2-4, 2B, 3 RBI | Cole Garner (Lancaster) – 2-3, 2B, 3 RBI | Conor Bierfeldt (New Britain) – 2-4, 2B, 2 RBI

Next Game: Wednesday, September 6th, 6:35 P.M.

*Tale of the Tape* – Lancaster Barnstormers (32-27, 70-59) vs. New Britain Bees (25-32, 51-76)

Starting Pitchers – New Britain: RHP Kyle Simon (10-11, 4.07) | Lancaster: LHP Tommy Shirley (3-5, 6.75)

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**PROMOTIONS:** Tomorrow is Faith Night at New Britain Stadium, as well as the final YMCA Fun "4" Everyone Day of the season! Use promo code "FUN4" when purchasing tickets online to get 4 tickets, 4 hot dogs, 4 bags of chips, 4 drinks, and a 10% discount at B. Hive & Co. for just \$50, a 60% discount!

**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:** With 2 RBI in tonight's game, Conor Bierfeldt has reached 300 RBI in his professional career...Nick Greenwood has earned a win in 3 of his last 4 starts...Jon Griffin has totaled 9 RBI through his last 5 games...With 2/3 of an inning of relief pitched in tonight's game, Brandon Fry is now 2/3 of an inning away from 200 innings pitched in his professional career...With 2 hits in tonight's game, Michael Crouse is now 1 hit away from 700 hits in his professional career...The Bees have scored in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning in 3 consecutive games, and 4 of their last 5...The Bees hit 5 doubles in tonight's game, which ties their team high this season for most doubles in a game, set several other times...Shawn Gilblair earned his 18<sup>th</sup> save in tonight's game, he is now 3 saves away from tying the Bees' franchise record in saves that he set last season at 21...Brandon Shimo has not allowed a run in 5 consecutive outings, and 8 of his last 9 outings overall. He has only given up 2 hits in his last 5 appearances...The Bees are now 21-16 in one run games...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 267, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 290, 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. Tickets for the 2017 season are available by calling 860-826-BEES (2337), online at <a href="NBBees.com">NBBees.com</a>, or by visiting the New Britain Stadium Box Office.

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