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## FINAL YMCA FUN "4" EVERYONE NIGHT TONIGHT AT NEW BRITAIN STADIUM

LANCASTER BARNSTORMERS (32-27, 70-59) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (25-32, 51-76)

**In 140 Characters or Less:** #SimonSays it's the last chance to get a discounted family 4 pack on YMCA Fun "4" Everyone Day as Bees host Lancaster #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. New Britain won game 1 by a score of 7-6. Game 2 will be tonight, and the series will end 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 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!

**The Bees:** New Britain's offense last night was led by Jon Griffin and Conor Bierfeldt, who each had a double and multiple RBI in yesterday's contest. The Bees scored in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> innings, scoring the game winning run on a dropped 3<sup>rd</sup> strike to Michael Baca in the 5<sup>th</sup>. Nick Greenwood earned the win in his start, pitching 5 innings and striking out 4.

**The Opposition:** Lancaster's one and only lead that they managed to secure last night was in the top of the 5<sup>th</sup>, however it only lasted for that half inning as the Bees would retake it with a 4 run bottom half. Lance Zawadski, Cole Garner, Darian Sandford and Trayvon Robinson all had RBI hits in the game, with Robinson's being when Lancaster took the lead in the top of the 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Key to the Game - Late game heroics: When games where more than 7 innings have

been played are taken into consideration, New Britain has scored in the 8<sup>th</sup> inning or later in 5 of their last 6 victories, the one victory where they did not score in the 8<sup>th</sup> or later being last night. Late game heroics have provided the Bees with either the game winning runs or comforting insurance runs as they went on to earn those victories. The Lancaster bullpen threw 3 shutout innings last night, but if the Bees can attack the Barnstormer relievers efficiently late in the game, that will be a key to victory.

**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 last night'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 yesterday, Brandon Fry is now 2/3 of an inning away from 200 innings pitched in his professional career...With 2 hits in last night'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 last night'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 last night'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 games 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 yesterday, 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. 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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