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## STING BOBBLEHEAD GIVEAWAY AND POSTGAME FIREWORKS TONIGHT! SUGAR LAND SKEETERS (31-31, 61-71) VS. NEW BRITAIN BEES (27-34, 53-78)

**In 140 Characters or Less:** Sting bobblehead for the first 1500 fans, Bees vs. Skeeters and postgame FIREWORKS all tonight at New Britain Stadium! #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. Game 3 of the series will be tonight at 6:35. The last game of the set, as well as the final home game of 2017 will be tomorrow afternoon at 1:35.

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

**PROMOTIONS:** The first 1,500 fans through the gates to tomorrow night's game will take home the first bobblehead giveaway in Bees franchise history, featuring everybody's favorite mascot: Sting! The final FIREWORKS show of the season will follow the game!

**The Bees:** New Britain's lone run in game 1 yesterday came off the bat of Craig Maddox, who scored Michael Crouse with a single that tied the game at 1 at the time. Game 2 featured a dominant pitching performance by Nate Roe, who tossed 5 shutout innings, only allowing 3 hits, 2 walks, and striking out 3 batters. Conor Bierfeldt hit his 20<sup>th</sup> home run of the season in game 2, and that would be the only offense New Britain needed to earn their win in the second game.

**The Opposition:** Travis Scott led the way to victory in game 1 for the Skeeters last night, going 2-3 with 2 RBI and a run scored. Starting pitcher Bobby Blevins threw 6 2/3 innings only giving up 1 run off of 7 hits, striking out 5. Mark Haynes would get the final out to pick up the save. Patrick Mincey made his Atlantic League debut in game 2 and had a notable outing, giving up only 1 run through his 5 innings off of 5 hits, but he would get the loss.

**Starting Pitchers –** New Britain: LHP Greg Nappo (3-1, 3.92) | Sugar Land: RHP Mitch Talbot (8-3, 3.21)

**Key to the Game – No no Nappo:** This game has all of the ingredients to shape out to be a pitcher's duel, with Greg Nappo going against Mitch Talbot. The last time Talbot pitched against the Bees it was a 7 inning complete game shutout, and the last time Nappo pitched against the Skeeters he threw 6 scoreless innings, striking out 4. Look for Greg Nappo to pitch quick, scoreless frames, keeping Sugar Land's time on offense short and limit Talbot's rest in between innings, potentially giving New Britain some offensive opportunities to capitalize on.

**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: New Britain won game 2 of last night's doubleheader by a score of 1-0, the first time that they won a game by that score at home since May 20<sup>th</sup> of last season against York...Conor Bierfeldt hit his 20th home run of the season in game 2 of yesterday's twin bill, tying his career high for most home runs in a season having hit 20 last year, and extending New Britain's franchise record for most home runs in a season...Nick Murphy has played in 2 games since signing with the Bees, and has recorded multiple hits in both of them...Brandon Shimo has not allowed a run in 10 of his last 11 games, and in 7 consecutive outings overall...Shawn Gilblair earned his 19th save of the season in game 2 last night, he is now 2 saves away from tying New Britain's franchise high in saves in a season, which he set last year at 21...Nate Roe's 5 innings pitched in his start in game 2 yesterday is his longest outing of 2017, and the first time he's pitched 5 or more innings in a game since August 27th last season against Somerset...The difference in length of both games of last night's doubleheader was only 1 minute. Game 1 was 1:58, game 2 was 1:57...Jovan Rosa extended his consecutive games played for the Bees streak to 271 after playing in both games of vesterday's doubleheader, and his overall consecutive games played streak to 294. 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 NBBees.com.

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