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## SUGAR LAND OVERPOWERS BRIDGEPORT IN DOUBLEHEADER

### *Bluefish Conclude Nine Game Home Stand In Park City*

**(Bridgeport, CT– August 11, 2016)** – The Bridgeport Bluefish (17-16, 47-56) dropped both games of a single-admission doubleheader with the Sugar Land Skeeters (21-13, 56-48) at The Ballpark at Harbor Yard on Thursday evening, losing Game One 4-2 and falling in Game Two, 1-0. The Bluefish are now one and one-half games behind the Long Island Ducks for the top spot in the second half Liberty Division standings.

In Game One, Bridgeport Starting Pitcher Blake Beavan (5-4) was tagged with the loss, surrendering four runs on ten hits in five and one third of an inning on the mound, walking two batters and striking out three. Sugar Land Starting Pitcher Jake Hale (5-2) earned his second win in as many starts against the 'Fish this season, allowing two runs (one earned) on six hits in five and one third of an inning on the mound, striking out two batters. Derrick Loop picked up his 26<sup>th</sup> save of the season for the Skeeters, breaking the club's single season saves record in a scoreless inning on the mound.

Bridgeport got on the board first in the home half of the third inning, jumping out to an early lead. After stealing second, Anthony Giansanti scored after Luis Hernandez singled and advanced to second on a throwing error by Rene Tosoni. Hernandez was sent home by Endy Chavez on the next bat, giving the 'Fish a 2-0 advantage. The Visitors began their scoring in the top of the fifth, as Rick Hague doubled to allow Jeff Dominguez and Tosoni to score, tying the game at two. Two more runs put up in the top of the sixth gave Sugar Land the 4-2 lead, which they would hold for the duration of the game. A two out single by Dominguez that sent Jeremy Barfield home, followed by an RBI ground out by Tosoni to send Wilfredo Rodriguez in proved to be the difference for the Skeeters, who clinched their second straight series over the Bluefish. Hernandez, Chavez, and Giansanti led the offensive efforts for Bridgeport with each grabbing a pair of base-knocks.

In Game Two, Bridgeport Starting Pitcher Sam Gervacio (0-1) took the loss in his first start of the season, allowing the game-winning home run on two hits in three innings on the mound, striking out three in the process. Sugar Land Starting Pitcher Brett Marshall (2-5) earned the win, pitching a scoreless affair, allowing just three hits in five innings on the mound, retiring three batters via the strikeout. Zech Zinicola picked up this third save of the year, retiring the side in order and striking out one in a scoreless inning of relief on the mound to close out the game.

The game-winner for the Skeeters came in the top of the third inning, as Jeff Dominguez stepped to the plate with two outs and fired a ball over the center field fence for his ninth big-fly of the season. Giansanti, Sean Burroughs, Jose Cuevas, and Wellington Dotel led the offensive efforts for the Bridgeport, with each registering one hit.

The Bluefish return home Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> to begin a three game weekend series at The Ballpark at Harbor Yard against the Somerset Patriots. It will be Bridgeport History Night presented by Aiken Landscaping, and the fifth baseball card set giveaway of the year will take place. [CLICK HERE](#) for tickets.

### **About the Bridgeport Bluefish**

*The Bridgeport Bluefish are members of the Atlantic League of Professional Baseball and play their home games at The Ballpark at Harbor Yard. For further information, call 203-210-BLUE (2583) or visit [BridgeportBluefish.com](http://BridgeportBluefish.com)*

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