



NEW BRITAIN ROCK CATS

MEDIA NOTES

Tuesday, July 3, 2007 (New Britain RHP Anthony Swarzak @ Reading RHP Zack Sergovia) 7:05 PM

Radio: WDRC AM 1360 (Hartford), WMMW AM 1470 (Meriden), WWC0 AM 610 (Torrington)

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Tonight:

Tonight, the Rock Cats wrap up their longest road trip of the season, a three-city 12 game voyage and play the final game of a four game set at Reading, PA in hopes of splitting the series . . . New Britain failed at winning its first series since, June 8-10 (vs Bowie) when the Cats' lost at New Hampshire Friday 9-4 and the clubs split a four game set . . . Yesterday, the Rock Cats suffered one of their worst losses in franchise history a 21-4 drumming against the Phillies . . . New Britain pitching allowed seven runs in the 4th innings and then 13 runs in the 5th inning . . . Thursday, DH **Matt Moses** smashed a grand slam home run and the Rock Cats set a franchise record with grand slams in back-to-back games . . . The Rock Cats began the road trip by splitting a four game series at Norwich . . . 12 of the Rock Cats last 17 games have been decided by one run and New Britain is 3-9 over that stretch . . . The Rock Cats are coming off a 1-4 homestand dropping the series to the New Hampshire Fisher Cats . . . **Recent Transactions:** Saturday, C **Corey Feiner** re-assigned from Triple-A Rochester to New Britain . . . C **Jeff Christy** re-assigned to Ft. Myers from New Britain . . .

Quick Hits:

All-Stars: The Rock Cats had three players named to the Eastern League All-Star Team . . . INF **Luke Hughes**, RHP **Tim Lahey** and LHP **Jose Mijares** will participate in the mid summer classic held next week at Norwich . . . The Cats' have dropped 16 of the past 21 contests overall . . . The Rock Cats are 5-6 on the current three-city 12 game road trip, the longest trip of the season . . . The Twins' farm club is currently in a stretch of 18 of 23 road games . . . The Rock Cats lead the Eastern League in batting . . . New Britain has dropped five of its last nine series and hasn't won a series since taking two of three from Bowie, June 8-10 . . . June 11, INF **Luke Hughes** was named Eastern League Player of the Week, going 13-20 (.650) with five doubles, home run 3 RBI and scored six runs. It was the second straight that a Rock Cats player has won the award (SS **Trevor Plouffe**, June 5) and third player (OF **Matt Allegra**) to win an EL award this season . . . **Starters:** Before Friday, Rock Cats starters had pitched well in the previous five games combining for a 1.86 ERA (29 IP 6ER), However, in the three starts in the Reading series starters have allowed 16 ER in 13.2 IP . . . **Bullpen:** The Rock Cats bullpen was reached for 11 earned runs yesterday . . .

Rock Cats vs Phillies:

Tonight is the 4th of just 7 games between the Rock Cats and Phillies in 2007 . . . This is New Britain's only visit to Reading, Pennsylvania this season . . . The Phillies will visit the Hardware City on July 7-9 for a three game series prior to the All-Star break . . . Last season, the Rock Cats and Phillies battled 17 times with Reading winning 9 of the games . . . 15 of the 17 games were played at FirstEnergy Stadium with the Phillies taking 8 of the contests on their own turf . . . New Britain visited Reading for four separate series in 2006 . . .

A GLANCE AT THE ROCK CATS POSITION PLAYERS

#33	Matt Allegra	Is 5 for last 15 at-bat (.333) L-4G . . . First season in Twins' org.
#7	Matt Moses	Is 10 for 32 (.313) in last 9 games . . . Joined Rock Cats on road trip . . . Began season at Triple-A Rochester
#12	Rashad Eldridge	Is 5 for last 16 at-bat (.313) in past 4 games . . . Made Rock Cats on tryout . . . Spent last year in Mets system
#15	Kyle Geiger	Is 9 for last 25 at-bat (.360) in past 7 games. . . Returns to Rock Cats for second season . . .
#23	Garrett Guzman	Is 3 for last 16 at-bat (.188) in past 4 games . . . Returns to Rock Cats for second season . . .
#20	Luke Hughes	Is 3-14 at-bat (.214) in last 4 games . . . Named to Eastern League All-Star Team . . .
#8	Felix Molina	Is 7 for last 21 at-bat (.333) in the past 7 games . . . Returns to Rock Cats for his third season . . .
#30	Brock Peterson	Is 8 for last 14 at-bat (.421) during past 5 games . . . Joins Rock Cats for first season at Double-A . . .
#9	Trevor Plouffe	Is 11 for last 36 at-bat (.306) L-9-gms . . . 1 st Round Pick (20 th overall) of Twins... #19 Prospect in system
#11	Brandon Roberts	Is 6 for last 21 at-bat (.286) in last 6 games . . . Joins Rock Cats for first season at Double-A . . .
#21	Korey Feiner	Joined Rock Cats on Sat after being in Triple-A during most of June . . . Batted .105 (4-38) with HR and RBI in 15g
#17	David Winfree	Is 7 for last 38 at-bat (.194) in last 9 games . . . Joins Rock Cats for first season at Double-A . . . #17 prospect

New Britain vs Reading

This season: 1-2	All-Time: 65-67	Home: 35-22	Road: 30-45
@ New Britain Stadium: 31-19			
@ Beehive Field: (4-3)			
@ FirstEnergy Stadium: (30-45)			
Last Rock Cats sweep of Phillies: 3 game: April 18-20, 2005 @ NB;	4 game: August 22-25, 2005 @ NB		
Last Phillies sweep of Rock Cats: 3 game: April 4-6, 1997 @ NB;	4 game: July 15-17, 1997 @ Rea		



Rock Cats Game Notes Continued

ROCK CATS AT A GLANCE

Starters

vs RHP: (26-28)	HOME: (20-20)	ONE RUN GAMES: (13-16)
vs LHP: (11-14)	AWAY: (17-22)	SHUTOUTS: (2-3)
WINS IN FINAL AT-BAT: (12)		EXTRA INNINGS: (4-3)
LOSSES IN OPPONENTS FINAL AT-BAT: (3)		DOUBLE HEADERS: (8-2) DH sweep (3)

25th Anniversary:

The 2007 season marks the 25th consecutive season for professional baseball in New Britain . . . The Hardware City has produced some of the biggest Major League stars including four MVP's (1B **Justin Morneau** (2006), 1B **Mo Vaughn**, 1B **Jeff Bagwell**, RHP **Roger Clemens**) . . . The New Britain Red Sox won the EL Championship in the club's inaugural season of 1983 with Roger Clemens hurling a two-hit shutout in the deciding game . . . Clemens won his first professional Championship in New Britain . . . The Rock Cats were Co-Champions of the EL again in 2001 . . .

Rain-Rain Go Away:

The Rock Cats had 9 games postponed due to inclement weather, including four games at New Britain Stadium . . . Last season, the Rock Cats were rained out 15 times, including 8 at New Britain Stadium . . . **Upcoming Double-Headers: June 28 @ NHP (6:05 PM), July 4 vs Portland (4:05 PM), July 28 @ NHP D/N (2:05 PM/ 7:05 PM), Aug 27 @ Bin (6:05 PM), Aug 29 @ Bin (6:05 PM) . . .**

Rock Cats Awards:

*Rock Cats IF **Luke Hughes** was named Eastern League Player of Week, June 11, going 13-20 (.650) with 5 doubles, home run and 3 RBI

*Rock Cats RF **Matt Allegra** was named Minnesota Twins Minor League Player of Month in May

*Rock Cats 2B **Felix Molina** was named Minnesota Twins Minor League Player of Week, June 1

*Rock Cats SS **Trevor Plouffe** was named Eastern League Player of the Week, June 5 (.441 with 5 doubles, home run, 8 runs scored and 6 RBI)

*Rock Cats SS **Trevor Plouffe** was named Minnesota Twins Minor League Player of the Week, April 29

*Rock Cats RF **Matt Allegra** was named Eastern League Player of the Week, May 14, going 13-28 (.464) with HR 32B SB 6RBI

Last season, the Rock Cats had seven different players recognized for the on-field contributions. RHP **Matt Garza**, **Alexi Casilla**, **Kevin Slowey**, IF **Matt Tolbert**, OF **Trent Oeltjen**, OF **Denard Span** and LHP **Glen Perkins** . . .

LOOKING FOR 3-IN-A-ROW

The Rock Cats have been honored with the Minor League Player of the Year Award during the past two seasons and three of the last four. In 2007, the Rock Cats hope to develop the Minor League Player of the Year for the third consecutive season.

2006:	MATT GARZA	USA TODAY
2005:	FRANCISCO LIRIANO	USA TODAY
2003:	JOE MAUER	BASEBALL AMERICA

ROCK CATS ATTENDANCE CONTINUES TO GROW

This season, the Rock Cats have already had 11 sellouts at New Britain Stadium, including five on the 13 game homestand, May 29-June 10 . . . The Rock Cats reached the 100,000 plateau the earliest date in franchise history this season . . . The Rock Cats sold out the home opener (6,725) . . . It was the largest opening game crowd in Eastern League in 2007 . . . New Britain Stadium was also sold out on April 22 (7,181), the largest Sunday gathering in franchise history. Last season, the Rock Cats averaged 5,000 plus fans per game for the first time in franchise history, while established a new attendance mark for the 8th consecutive season . . . Nearly 1 million fans have come through the New Britain Stadium turnstiles over the past three years. . . New Britain passed the 220,000 plateau in 45 dates, the fewest openings in franchise history . . . September 1, the Rock Cats hosted their 17th sellout this season, a club record, breaking the previous mark of 15 sellouts in 2004 . . . (The Cats had 14 sellouts in 2005) . . . The Rock Cats established a new weekend attendance mark 21,202, new single-game high, 7,567 and new 3-game high from Monday-Wednesday of 17,532 last season . . . The Rock Cats sold out at least one game in 9 of the 13 homestands in 2006, including three consecutive capacity crowds twice (May 19-21 & June 16-18) . . .

ROCK CATS RADIO NETWORK

All 142 games, home and away, will be broadcast on the Rock Cats Radio Network. The Rock Cats Radio Network has expanded to five stations in 2007. For the 7th consecutive season, Connecticut's first radio station, WDRC AM 1360 in Hartford, will serve as flagship station. The Rock Cats added WMAS in Springfield, Massachusetts to the network this season. This gives the Rock Cats tremendous coverage in two major New England markets of Hartford and Springfield Counties. WMMW (Meriden), WWCO (Waterbury) and WSNG (Torrington) will carry the games as well. All games will also be available free of charge on www.rockcats.com and www.minorleaguebaseball.com.

UPCOMING PITCHING MATCHUP

Wednesday (Portland LHP Andrew Dobies & RHP T.J. Hall @ New Britain RHP Jesse Floyd & LHP Jay Sawatski) 4:05 DH

Thursday (Portland RHP Charlie Zink @ New Britain RHP Ryan Mullins) 7:05 PM





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Friday (Portland RHP Michael Bowden @ New Britain RHP Brad

Baker) 7:05 PM **GAME 1 Rock Cats Starting
Pitcher**

#31 RHP Anthony Swarzak

6-3, 205

RHP **Anthony Swarzak** makes his third start at the Double-A level (4th appearance) as he pitches the Rock Cats against the Reading Phillies. This will be first time he has pitched against a club other than New Hampshire. Swarzak was promoted from Class-A Ft. Myers last week after going 0-0 with a 2.30 ERA in three starts for the Miracle in the FSL. He began the season with the Rock Cats before getting re-assigned on June 13 after being placed on the inactive list. The right hander was the starter in the home opener against New Hampshire on April 13 and tagged with the loss (6-4) in front of a sellout at New Britain Stadium. He made his Eastern League debut in the season opener, April 7 and was also handed the loss (7-6) at New Hampshire. Swarzak, 21, is listed by *Baseball America* as the #5 prospect in the Twins organization. Last season, he led the Florida State League with 131 strikeouts.

LAST SEASON WITH FT. MYERS: Swarzak spent the entire 2006 season at Class-A Ft. Myers in the Florida State League. He earned a victory in his first start on April 7 @ Sarasota. The righty enjoyed a 6-game win streak from July 14 to August 23. He was the winning pitcher in four consecutive starts from August 6 to August 23. Swarzak hurled a 9-inning complete game shutout while earning the victory, July 24 against Palm Beach. Swarzak has had 10 or more strikeouts four times in his career.

CAREER STATS (29-21, 3.54) 72G 69 GS 146 ER 371 IP

Last Appearance: Thursday @ New Hampshire (WP) W 7-3 (GM 1 OF DH) 5.1 IP 6H 3R 3ER 1BB 8K

Swarzak picked up his first Double-A win in his last start, Thursday at New Hampshire in the Rock Cats 7-3 victory. He permitted just one run over 5.1 innings pitched. He did allow base-runners in the first three innings before retiring seven in a row, including five straight strikeouts in the fourth. He departed in the 6th inning with the Rock Cats leading 7-2 but the bullpen gave up a run which was charged to him.

2007 Season High as starter

IP
Low H
Low R
Low ER
Low BB
K

Career High

IP (9) July 24, 2006 (Ft. Myers) vs Palm Beach
Low H (0) 6 innings: April 7, 2005 (Beloit) vs Quad City
Low R (0) several, last August 17, 2006 (Ft. Myers) @ Jupiter
Low ER (0) several, last August 17, 2006 (Ft. Myers) @ Jupiter
Low BB (0) several, last July 9, 2006 (Ft. Myers) @ Sarasota
K (13) May 25, 2005 (Beloit) vs Cedar Rapids



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Anthony Swarzak's Career Statistics

<i>Club</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>L</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>ERA</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>ER</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>K</i>
<i>2004 GCL Twins</i>	<u>5</u>		<u>3</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2.63</u>	<u>48.0</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>42</u>
<i>2005 Beloit</i>	<u>2</u>		<u>5</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>4.04</u>	<u>91.1</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>101</u>
<i>Ft. Myers</i>	<u>3</u>		<u>4</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>3.66</u>	<u>59.0</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>55</u>
<i>2006 Ft. Myers</i>	<u>11</u>		<u>7</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>3.27</u>	<u>145.2</u>	<u>131</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>53</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>131</u>
<i>2007 Ft. Myers</i>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>2.30</u>	<u>15.2</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>
<i>2007 New Britain</i>	<u>1</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>8.18</u>	<u>11.0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>15</u>
<i>Career Totals</i>	<u>29</u>		<u>21</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>3.54</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>362</u>

Anthony Swarzak's 2007 Day-by-Day

<i>Date</i>	<i>OPPONENT</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>ER</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>K</i>
April 7	@ New Hamp	(LP) L 7-6	2.2	4	4	3	2	2
April 13	vs New Hamp.	(LP) L 6-4	3	5	4	4	3	5
June 28	@ New Hamp	(WP) W 1-2	5.1	6	3	3	1	8

