

NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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Newport Overcomes Early Deficit and Defeats Lowell

Newport, RI —

The Gulls defeated the rival Lowell All-Americans on Friday night at Cardines, 5-3. After giving up an early 3-0 lead in the 4th inning, the Gulls battled back to make the score 2-3 after the 6th inning, and fully recovering 5-3 after the 7th inning. The Gulls bullpen went 4 strong innings only allowing one base runner which was a walk by Gardner Leaver in the top of the 6th. Not one batter reached base for Lowell after the 6th inning, which made a comeback impossible. Cory Nelson picked up his first win of the season coming out of the bullpen with a strong performance.

The Gulls starting pitcher, Geoff Brown, went 5 innings allowing 5 hits and 3 earned runs. He walked two All-Americans but struck out 6 during his time on the mound. The Gulls bullpen showed a strong performance in the game not allowing a hit and sealing home a victory for Newport. Pitchers included Gardner Leaver, Cory Nelson, Mike Francisco, and closer Seth Simmons. Simmons picked up his second save of the season striking out 2 Lowell hitters. The Newport Gulls bullpen won the Gulls the game tonight by going 4 hitless innings.

Connor Harrell went 2-3 with 2 RBI which proved to be vital in the Gulls victory. It was his first RBI of the season, and he looks to build on his successful game. Kenny Diekroeger went 3-4 in the game, knocking his batting average up to .388, second highest in the NECBL. Kevin Quaranto went 1-3 with an RBI, and his batting average for the season is now .346, which is the 6th highest average in the NECBL. The Gulls look to build off this offensive showing and create a winning streak.

With the Gulls victory on Friday night versus the Lowell All-Americans, they are now 8-8 and only 2 games back of the first place Sanford Mainers. The Gulls take their show on the road tomorrow against the Sanford Mainers, and then on Sunday at North Shore versus the Navigators.

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