

NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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Harvard Causes Havoc On Bases To Lead Bay Sox 3-1

Newport, RI- The Newport Gulls (9-6) dropped only their second game of the season at home, 2-0, against the New Bedford Bay Sox (8-10) on June 29.

David Palms (2-2) went 5.2 innings while giving up just two runs on six hits and no walks. Palms was dominant for most of the game as he struck out seven Bay Sox while not allowing any free passes.

The scoring began in the second inning when Trey Hernandez hit a single which scored Taylor Featherstone to give the Bay Sox an early 1-0 lead. With Hernandez at second, Palms reared back to strike out both Tom Conley and Brandon Garcia to end the inning.

The Bay Sox added some insurance off of Palms in the sixth inning. Harvard started things off right for the Bay Sox by hitting an infield single. Palms got the next two batters out but each batter had a productive out while they advanced Harvard to third. Palms looked to get out of the inning without any damage but a bloop single to Featherstone scored Harvard.

Geoff Nichols then came in and got Daniel Pigott to ground out to third on a diving play by Tim Smalling.

The Gulls' bats came alive in the seventh inning as they scored a two out run on three straight singles, with David Bentrott collecting the RBI.

New Bedford fought back as Harvard once again got things started in the top of the eighth inning against Geoff Brown with a lead off walk. Harvard then advanced to second when a pick-off attempt went bad. After Brown threw it to first baseman Troy Scott, Harvard got himself in a pickle resulting in an error on the return throw from shortstop Bentrott.

Harvard then stole third base and scored when catcher Kevin David executed a suicide squeeze to perfection as the Bay Sox took a 3-1 lead.

After Matt Branham came in to shut down the Bay Sox batters in the ninth, it was the Gulls last opportunity to come back but Will Jolin was just too much as he allowed no runs in two innings of work on his way to his first save of the season.

The Newport Gulls will play their next game against the New Bedford Bay Sox on Wednesday July 1 at 6:30 at Paul Walsh Field.

The Newport Gulls will play their next home game against the Sanford Mainers on Friday July 3 at 6:35 at Cardines Field.

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