

NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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Gulls Take Game Two From Manchester 3-2

Newport, RI- The Newport Gulls survived yet another double header as they swept the Manchester Silkworms 3-2 in the night cap.

The Gulls scored in the bottom of the first to take an early 1-0 lead over the Manchester Silkworms. Designated hitter Mike Melillo started things off for the Gulls after he was hit by the pitch. Third baseman Joey Bergman followed that up with a single. Aaron Westlake

The Silkworms battled back against Newport starter David Palms in the second inning as Mickey Brodsky led off the inning with a single. Palms then walked Wilkins after four straight balls.

Mike Donato sacrificed the runners over and then Mike Robertson finished off the small ball assault as he hit a sacrifice fly to Sean Paino in center field.

Manchester took their first lead of the day when A.J. Rusbarsky scored on a wild pitch thrown by Palms in the third inning. Matt Grosso tried to reach home during the next at bat when the ball got past catcher Westlake but was thrown out at home.

In the fourth, Westlake started the inning off with a double as the Gulls trailed 2-1. Troy Scott then drew a walk. Shortstop Tim Smalling looked to sacrifice the runners over but instead got hit by the pitch on the upper arm to load the bases for Joey Manning. Manning didn't get a hit which is what the Gulls were looking for but still managed to score Westlake in from third as he hit into a fielders choice to tie the game up at two.

Derek Jones led off the bottom of the sixth with a double off the left field fence as the score was still tied at two a piece. Westlake then followed that up by taking a walk from Manchester starter Chas Byrne, to give the Gulls two runners on with no outs for Scott. Scott delivered with a big one run double to the gap in right center field to give the Gulls a 3-2.

That was all closer Matt Branham needed as he notched his fifth save of the season as he shut down the Silkworms while striking out the side in the seventh inning.

The Newport Gulls will play a double header on Thursday July 23 against the Lowell All Americans at Stoklosa Alumni Field. The first game is at 5:00 followed by game two at 6:30.

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