

NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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"RAISING THE BAR IN SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL"

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"Coach of the Year" Mike Coombs set to Return in 2010

Newport, RI – The Newport Gulls, a member of the New England Collegiate Baseball League and defending league champion, is pleased to announce the return of their Head Coach Mike Coombs for the 2010 season.

Coach Coombs returns for his sixth season at the helm of the Newport Gulls since taking over the team as the field manager in 2005. Coach Coombs guided the 2005 club to the New England Collegiate Baseball League Championship by winning the Fay Vincent Sr. Cup. In 2006 the Newport Gulls broke the league record for wins in the regular season with 32. Coombs was awarded the NECBL 2006 Coach of the Year Award for his outstanding season as the field manager and was named the manager of the Southern Division in the 2006 All-Star Game played in Keene, NH. Coach Coombs returned for his third campaign in 2007 and guided his club to the NECBL league championship series but lost to the Vermont Mountaineers. In 2008 Coombs was named the Manager for the Southern Division All-Stars and won the Southern Division Championship advancing to the NECBL Championship Series for the 6th time in 8 seasons, losing to the Sanford Mainers.

Last season was a magical summer for Coach Coombs and the Newport Gulls. Coach Coombs lead his team to the Eastern Division Championship advancing to the league championship series against the Vermont Mountaineers. The Gulls defeated the Mountaineers at Cardines Field in three games to win their unprecedented 4th NECBL Championship. Additionally the team was named 3rd best summer college baseball team in the country by PG Crosschecker, finishing the season 37-12. For his exceptional summer, Coombs was named Manager of TEAM NECBL against TEAM USA, Manager of the Eastern Division All-Stars and was named 2009 NECBL Coach of the Year. In five seasons with the Gulls, Coombs has an incredible combined win-loss record of 161-79 and has made it to the NECBL Championship series four out of five years, winning two titles.

"Coach Coombs is the best coach in summer college baseball and his record speaks for itself", says Newport Gulls General Manager Chuck Paiva. "Having him back for another summer is a tremendous asset to our club. Mike is such a stable influence for both our players and organization, he is highly respected by his peers in the NECBL and he knows his way around the league."

Chris Patsos, VP of Baseball Operations agrees, "We are fortunate to have Coach Coombs return as our Manager. He does a great job of managing the talent that we bring in and all he does is win. It is very difficult to win in this league, but Coach Coombs does a great job of motivating our players from the time they arrive until the time they leave."

The Newport Gulls will open up the season on June 4, 2010 at Cardines Field, Newport. Please go to www.newportgulls.com for updated team information and schedule.

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