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Four Gulls Recognized in NECBL Year-End Awards

NEWPORT, R.I. — After posting the best regular-season record in the NECBL, the Newport Gulls had four players recognized in the league's year-end awards, which were announced by the league office Tuesday.

First baseman Tim Kiene (Maryland; South Windsor, Conn.) and starting pitcher Jacob Lee (Arkansas State; Jonesboro, Ark.) were named to the All-NECBL First Team while outfielder Conrad Gregor (Vanderbilt; Carmel, Ind.) and closer Michael Dimock (Wake Forest; Greensboro, N.C.) earned All-NECBL Second Team honors. Dimock was also named the NECBL Top Relief Pitcher.

Kiene led the Gulls in home runs (nine) and RBI (30) while placing third on the team in slugging (.571) and fourth in average (.325) and on-base percentage (.387). The Maryland freshman's nine homers were second-best in the NECBL while his 30 RBI were fifth-most. He also placed in the top 10 in average and slugging after being the Eastern Division's starting first baseman in the NECBL All-Star Game. Kiene is the first Gulls first baseman to be named to the All-NECBL First Team since Troy Scott in 2009.

Lee led the NECBL with a 0.66 ERA and posted a perfect, 4-0 record in seven starts. He allowed just three earned runs in 40 2/3 innings while registering a WHIP of 0.98. The junior from Arkansas State struck out a team-best 39, which was tied for eighth-most in the league. Lee set the franchise record for ERA, breaking Tony Bucciferro's mark of 0.82 set in 2010. He is the third Newport pitcher in the last two years to be named to the All-NECBL First Team after Bucciferro and Mark Appel earned the honors a season ago.

Gregor launched two homers in his first game in Newport on the Fourth of July against Sanford and continued on his tear throughout the season, posting a .330 record with seven homers and 24 RBI while leading the team with a .648 slugging percentage and a .432 on-base percentage. The Freshman All-American from Vanderbilt also tied an NECBL record with two grand slams. Gregor's selection marks the second year in a row that a Newport outfielder is on the All-NECBL Second Team after Kyle Johnson made the team in 2010.

Dimock was an Eastern Division All-Star, compiling a 3-1 record with eight saves, which were tied for third-most in the league. His three wins, 0.47 ERA, and one earned run allowed were the best of any closer with at least six saves during the season. The Wake Forest junior also struck out 23 batters and allowed just 17 hits in 19 1/3 innings. Dimock is the fourth closer in as many years to earn postseason recognition after Seth Simmons (2010 Second Team), Matt Branham (2009 Second Team), and Dan Mahoney (2008 First Team).

The Newport Gulls congratulate Kiene, Lee, Gregor, Dimock, and the rest of the players recognized in the 2011 NECBL Year-End Awards. For more information, visit the Gulls' website at newportgulls.com.

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