

NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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Newport Gulls Comeback From Early Deficit To Win 3-2

Newport, RI- The Newport Gulls secured their fifth victory of the season thanks to a one out single by Joey Manning in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Gulls a 3-2 lead.

Colby Hawk went seven strong innings for Newport but got into some trouble in the top of the eighth inning. Hawk started the eighth inning off well, retiring left fielder John Schultz on a fly ball, but then allowed a bloop double to Paul Hoilman. After a wild pitch and a walk, the Steeplecats found themselves in good position to tie the game with runners at first and third and one out.

Geoff Nichols came in to relieve Hawk. Nichols struck out the first batter, Patrick Johnson, and then got helped out when Greg Garcia made a nice defensive play on a ground ball, ending the Steeplecats comeback.

Matt Branham came in to pitch the ninth to record his first save of the season.

The Gulls scored their first after an error from the second baseman allowing Mike Melillo to score. Aaron Westlake tried to score from second on the play but was thrown out at the plate and promptly ejected by home plate umpire Rick Antonio for the hard slide.

The Gulls tied the game up at 2-2 in the following inning when Joey Manning smacked his first home run of the season. Manning followed that up with his aforementioned RBI single in the bottom of the seventh when pinch runner, David Bentrott, scored the winning run.

Hawk got his first win of the season as he allowed two runs on seven hits and while striking out eight batters. For North Adams, Brach Davis suffered his first loss of the season for as he gave up three runs, two earned, on five hits and eight strike outs in six and one third innings.

The Newport Gulls will play their next game on Thursday June 18th against the Pittsfield American Defenders at Wahconah Park. Their next home game is Friday June 19th against the Manchester Silkworms at Cardines Field. Both games are at 6:35.

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