

NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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"RAISING THE BAR IN SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL"

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Gulls Strike First In Game One With Shutout of Silkworms

Newport, RI- Will Roberts led the Newport Gulls to a 3-0 win in the first game of the double header with the Manchester Silkworms, as he pitched a complete game shutout to notch his second win of the season.

Roberts finished the game with seven strikeouts as he allowed just five hits to the Silkworms. Roberts seemed to be on top of his game as he only allowed one base runner to reach third base the entire game. He also had great control as he only walked one batter in his seven innings of work.

The Gulls exploded for three runs in the bottom of the second inning. After an unsuccessful sacrifice bunt attempt, T.J. Mittelstaedt singled to load the bases. Newport looked poised to score as they had runners at every base for their leadoff hitter, Greg Garcia, stepping up to the plate.

Garcia delivered just what the Gulls were hoping for as he found a way to sneak the ball through the infield, past the second baseman, Juan Bisono, as it took an unusual bounce. Garcia collected his fifth RBI in the process as shortstop Tim Smalling came in from third on the play.

Catcher Mike Melillo followed that up as he smoked a single of his own, past the first baseman, Steve Kletke, for a two run single. Melillo finished the game going two for two with a walk.

Silkworms' starter, Joe DiRocco, settled down after allowing the second inning but the damage was already done as he picked up his fifth loss of the season. DiRocco also went the distance as he allowed nine hits and four walks to Gulls batters.

Aaron Westlake and Troy Scott both went two for three in the game for the Newport Gulls.

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