

NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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Gulls Clinch First Place With 9-3 Win

Newport, RI- The Newport Gulls clinched first place in the Eastern Division as the offense led them to a 9-3 victory over the North Shore Navigators.

After a relatively quick ten pitch inning in the bottom of the first, Navigators starter, Matthew Boylan, found himself in a bases loaded jam with only one out. On a 3-2 pitch, Boylan finally lost second baseman, Greg Garcia, to walk in a run, giving the Gulls their first lead of the game.

Sean Paino followed that up with a two run double on the second pitch he saw from Boylan. Boylan then induced a double play to get out of the inning without any more damage.

The Gulls scored another run in the following inning when Joey Bergman scored on another double play ball.

In the fourth inning, Newport extended their lead once again when they put two more runs on the board. T.J. Mittelstaedt hit an RBI double while Mike Melillo found himself with an RBI single that managed to get past the first baseman to give the Gulls a commanding 6-0 lead.

With the score 7-0, North Shore finally got to Newport starter, Chad Arnold, when Jim Schult scored on a sacrifice fly by Tre Dennis. The Navigators added two more runs when Michael Dowd hit a two run single in the seventh inning.

As for Arnold, he finished the night going seven innings while surrendering just three runs, two earned, on four hits and two walks. Arnold also struck out eight North Shore batters as he earned his third win of the season.

Newport right fielder Mike Kaminski hit a solo home run in the bottom of the seventh as he led the team with three hits. Paino went 2 for 3 in the game with two doubles and a walk.

Geoff Nichols and Andrew Kittredge both pitched an inning of relief while allowing no runs.

The Newport Gulls will play their next game on Saturday July 25 against the Manchester Silkworms at Northwest Park. Start time is set for 7:00.

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