

NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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"RAISING THE BAR IN SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL"

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The Newport Gulls Are The 2009 NECBL Champions

Newport, RI- Geoff Brown blew strike three by Ethan Paquette as the Newport Gulls defeated the Vermont Mountaineers 12-6 to win the 2009 NECBL Finals. Brown pitched the final four innings to record his first save of the post season as the Newport Gulls won their fourth championship since 2001.

Brad Mincey started the game for the home team and got the win going five innings while allowing nine hits and six runs. Only four of those runs were earned as he struck out two batters.

The Newport Gulls took an early 1-0 lead when Troy Scott knocked in David Bentrott in the first inning. The Mountaineers returned fire as they scored a run of their own when Jayson Hernandez knocked in Steven Rosado.

Mike Melillo led off the bottom of the second with a solo home run to give the Newport Gulls a 2-1 lead.

Mincey however surrendered three runs up in the third inning. Rosado and Hernandez both knocked in runs for Vermont.

It didn't take Newport long to come back as they put the first two batters on base in the bottom of the third inning. The third batter of the inning, Scott, smacked a three run home run deep over the center field wall to give the Gulls the lead again. Newport kept the lead the rest of the way as Scott finished the game with five RBI's.

Tim Smalling went 3 for 4 with two RBI's after replacing Joey Bergman at third base who left the game with a hand injury. Melillo also knocked in two runs as he went 3 for 4. Left fielder Derek Jones also collected an RBI with a ground out in the seventh inning.

With the win, it marks the Newport Gulls as the NECBL's first team to win four championships.

It has been a great season in Newport and the Gulls will look to defend their title in 2010.

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