

NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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"RAISING THE BAR IN SUMMER COLLEGIATE BASEBALL"

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Gulls Ranked Fourth Among Top Collegiate Summer Teams

Newport, RI-After winning the 2009 NECBL Championship, the Newport Gulls were ranked fourth on the list of best collegiate summer teams by Allan Simpson of PG Crosschecker during the week of August 12th. You can view the entire list of top 25 teams at www.pgcrosschecker.com.

The Gulls remain in the fourth spot as they held the same position last week as they battled in the NECBL playoffs. Newport is also the only team in the top 25 that resides in the NECBL.

The Newport Gulls finished their season by going 22-4 in their last 26 games while playing six double headers during that stretch. The team averaged over 6 runs per games while holding their opponents to just 3 runs per game.

In the playoffs, the Newport Gulls continued their dominance as they swept the Bay Sox in two straight games. The Gulls won game one after an eight run eighth inning to win 12-7. In game two, starter Will Roberts pitched a complete game shutout for the victory.

The Gulls then faced elimination after they lost game one of the semi finals against the Sanford Mainers 4-3. Newport put up a five run first inning in game two against Sanford starter Dustin Ramey on their way to an 8-2 win to force a third game in the series. The Gulls won the Eastern Division in a nail biter, 3-1, as Chad Arnold came in relief to secure the win in the third game.

It was all Newport in game one of the NECBL Finals as they beat the Vermont Mountaineers 7-3 as Gulls starter, Andrew Kittredge, struck out twelve batters. In game two in Montpelier, the Gulls were one strike away from becoming the 2009 NECBL champions but surrendered the lead in the ninth inning. The game two loss just prolonged the inevitable as Newport came back in less than 24 hours later to win the championship in the decisive game three. The bats came alive as the Gulls put up 12 runs behind a three run home run by Troy Scott and a solo home run by catcher Mike Melillo.

You can check out all the information on the Newport Gulls during the offseason at newportgulls.com and necbl.com.

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