

# NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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## Newport Shines In NECBL Awards

**Newport, RI-** First baseman Troy Scott, third baseman Joey Bergman, and designated hitter Aaron Westlake were all named to the NECBL First Team.

Scott ranked second on the team with a .316 average in 32 games this season. He also smacked five balls out of the park. In the post season, Scott led the team with ten runs batted in while posting a .400 average.

Joey Bergman led the Gulls in batting average (.351) and hits (34). Bergman also stole three bases this past year. Bergman also hit a grand slam in the first Gulls playoff game this year.

In addition to being named to the NECBL First Team, Westlake was also named as the 2009 Most Improved Player. He led the team with 24 runs batted in while hitting two home runs. Westlake also hit two home runs in the post season while batting .323.

Shortstop Tim Smalling was named to the NECBL Second Team along with team mates Chad Arnold, Andrew Kittredge, and Matt Branham. Smalling finished the season tied in second with 14 doubles. Smalling also knocked in 21 runs while hitting three home runs.

Chad Arnold ranked fourth in the league with 49 strike outs. He posted a 2.68 ERA while going 3-1 in the regular season. He also held batters to a .199 batting average. Arnold pitched 2.2 innings in game three against the Sanford Mainers to get the victory.

Kittredge went 3-1 this season with a 2.43 ERA. He walked only three batters all season as he struck out 41. Kittredge went 1-0 in the post season with his lone victory coming in game one of the NECBL Finals.

Matt Branham saved six games in the regular season for the Gulls while posting a 0.78 ERA. He held batters to just a .149 batting average against while collecting one win. Branham collected one save for Newport in the post season.

In addition to these players, manager Mike Coombs was awarded the 2009 Manager of the Year.

You can check out all the information on the Newport Gulls during the offseason at [newportgulls.com](http://newportgulls.com) and [necbl.com](http://necbl.com).

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