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Mitchell Boggs becomes second Gull to reach big leagues

NEWPORT, R.I. – Mitchell Boggs, a member of the 2004 roster, became the second former Newport Gull to reach the majors when he was called up by the St. Louis Cardinals earlier this month.

Boggs, who had his contract purchased by the Cardinals on June 6, has made three appearances for St. Louis. He has made two starts, including a five-inning outing at Cincinnati on June 10 in which he earned his first career victory. Overall, Boggs is 1-0 with a 5.56 earned-run average. In 11.1 innings of work, he has allowed seven earned runs on 13 hits and five walks.

Before his call up, Boggs had been 5-1 with a 3.28 ERA with Triple A Memphis Redbirds of the Pacific Coast League.

"I'd be lying if I said it wasn't different [than the Minor Leagues]," Boggs said to MLB.com following his first victory. "There are a lot more people here and the guys are really talented. But Tony [LaRussa] told me the day I got here not to do anything extra, that I'm good enough to be here and if I weren't, I wouldn't be here. He told me to pitch to my strengths, and I did that tonight."

Boggs is the second former Newport Gull to reach the big leagues. Chris Iannetta, who played in Newport during the 2003 season, is in his second year with the Colorado Rockies. As of Monday, Iannetta was batting .286 with seven home runs and 22 runs batted in for the Rockies.

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