

# NEWPORT GULLS BASEBALL

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## Geoff Brown, Kyle Conley spark huge comeback by Gulls

NEWPORT, R.I. – Newport scored nine unanswered runs to rally from a seven-run deficit and defeat Torrington 9-7 in New England Collegiate Baseball League Southern Division action Monday.

The Gulls (19-15) won their third straight game despite finding themselves in an early 7-0 deficit. Torrington (10-19) scored twice in the first inning and five times in the second, but relief pitcher Geoff Brown (2-2) came on and slowed the Twisters down. Brown turned in his longest and strongest outing of the season, hurling six shutout innings. He allowed just four hits while striking out seven and walking just one.

"Once we started coming back, I knew I had to keep shutting (Torrington) down and not give up one run, because that could have ended it for us," Brown told Gulls' broadcaster Nick Lima after the game.

While Brown kept his team close, the Newport offense kept chipping away. The Gulls scored once in the third, three times in the fifth, once in the sixth and then finally took the lead with four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning. After Jack Murphy tied the game with a run-scoring double, Kyle Conley drilled a two-run single off relief pitcher Josh Zeid to give Newport its first lead of the night.

Conley – a teammate of Brown's at the University of Washington – entered the game as a pinch hitter in the bottom of the fifth and finished the night 3-for-3 with a double and five runs batted in. Mike Tamsin was 4-for-4 with a walk, three runs scored and one run batted in. Yet another big night for Tamsin raised his average to .494 (42-for-85) and he now has 12 multiple-hit games in 24 games. Murphy finished 3-for-4 with two doubles, two runs scored and two RBI.

Robert Morey pitched a perfect ninth inning, to record his first save of the season. Morey struck out two batters, and got Jaren Mathews looking to end the game.

With the victory, Newport moved within 1.5 games of NECBL Southern Division leader Pittsfield, which was idle Monday.

Torrington, which has now lost five in a row and 10 of its last 11, got two doubles, one single and three RBI from designated hitter Chase Austin.

Both teams are back in action tomorrow. Newport plays at Manchester (7 p.m.), while Torrington hosts North Adams (7 p.m.).

Newport Gulls 9, Torrington Twisters 7  
(Jul 21, 2008 at Newport, R.I.)

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Torrington Twisters - Smith; Beck (5); Zeid (7) and Rivas. Newport Gulls - Moran; Brown (3); Morey (9) and Murphy. Win –Brown (2-2) Save – Morey (1) Loss – Beck (2-2) T-3:14 A-2479

Game notes:

Probable Pitchers:

Torrington: Clay Caulfield (0-1, 3.60 ERA)

Newport: Greg Holle (1-2, 4.98 ERA)

Smith faced 3 batters in the 5th.

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