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Gulls to host first-round NECBL playoff game on Thursday, Aug. 2

NEWPORT, R.I. – The Newport Gulls will host either North Adams or Manchester in the first round of the New England Collegiate Baseball League playoffs, which begin on Thursday, Aug. 2 (6:30 p.m.).

There are several make-up games being played tonight that will determine the final standings of the NECBL Southern Division. Newport (25-17) could possibly wind up as either the No. 1 or No. 2 seed in the division. Both scenarios would call for the Gulls to be the higher seed in their first-round match-up.

Newport currently holds a one-game lead over Torrington, which plays two games tonight. If Torrington (22-16) loses one or both of its games, Newport will be the top seed from the Southern Division and will host No. 4 Manchester (19-22). Torrington would face North Adams (23-18) in the first round, with tonight's results determining the seeding.

If Torrington wins both games tonight, the Twisters will be the top seed from the Southern Division, by virtue of a 4-2 record in head-to-head meetings with the Gulls. If this scenario unfolds, Torrington will host Manchester, while Newport would be the No. 2 seed and play host to No. 3 North Adams (23-18).

North Adams plays at Holyoke tonight. The SteepleCats could overtake Torrington for the No. 2 seed in the Southern Division, but it is not possible for them to pass Newport tonight.

Each round of the eight-team playoff format consists of a best-of-three series in which the higher seed hosts the first and third games. Regardless of the opponent, Newport will host on Thursday for Game 1 and go on the road for Game 2 on Friday. If necessary, the teams would return to Newport for Game 3 on Saturday.

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