



POSTGAME NOTES

RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS (0-1)@SOMERSET PATRIOTS (1-0)

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024



	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>LOB</u>	<u>SERIES</u>
RICHMOND	4	5	1	5	0
SOMERSET	5	10	2	9	1

STARTING TIME: 6:36 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 47 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Luis Velasquez (1-0)

LOSING PITCHER: Wil Jensen (0-1)

SAVE: Jack Neely (1)

TIME OF GAME: 2:26

ATTENDANCE: 3,896

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Zach Messinger (84/54)

Flying Squirrels: John Michael Bertrand (60/40)

HOME RUNS (2023 TOTAL / INNING / RUNNERS ON BASE / OUTS / COUNT / PITCHER / SCORE AFTER HR)

RICHMOND

Vaun Brown (#1/ 4th / 2 on / 2 out / 1-1 / Messinger / SOM 3 – RIC 4)

SOMERSET

Ben Rice (#1/ 1st / 0 on / 0 out / 1-0 / Bertrand / SOM 1 – RIC 0) Agustin

Ramirez (#1/ 1st / 0 on / 0 out / 1-1 / Bertrand / SOM 2 – RIC 0)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots took down the Richmond Flying Squirrels by a score of 5-4 on Opening Day, propelled by back-to-back homers from Patriots' Ben Rice and Agustin Ramirez, the first two hitters of the ballgame.
 - In four seasons as the Yankees Double-A affiliate, the Patriots are 4-0 on Opening Day with wins over Richmond (2024), Harrisburg (2023, 2021), and Reading (2022).
- **RHP Zach Messinger** (5.2 IP, 4 R, 1 ER, 4 H, 5 K) took the no-decision in his second career Double-A start.
 - Over his first two Double-A starts, the first of which came on 9/14/23 @NH, Messinger has allowed 4 ER over 9.2 IP with 13 K and 2 BB.
- **RHP Luis Velasquez** (2 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 3 K) earned the win in his Double-A debut, tossing 2 shutout IP in relief with 3 K.
- **INF Max Burt** accounted for the game-winning hit, an RBI double in the 6th inning which provided the Patriots with a 5-4 lead.
 - Burt's 95 career RBIs with Somerset are the most by a Patriot in the Double-A era.
 - Burt is the only player in Patriots history to start three Opening Day games (2022, 2023, 2024), over which he's 3-for-7 with 2 RBI.
- **DH Ben Rice** led off the ballgame with a solo blast on the second pitch of the 1st inning.
 - Rice now has 17 HR in 49 career games with Somerset dating back to last season.
 - The leadoff blast marked the second time over the past four seasons that the first batter of the season for Somerset homered (Estevan Florial, 2021).
- **C Agustin Ramirez** went back-to-back with Rice, giving Somerset a 2-0 lead in the 1st inning.
 - The solo blast marked Ramirez' fourth with Somerset dating back to last season.
 - Ramirez bashed a career-high 18 HR last season, three times his previous career total of six.
- **CF Grant Richardson** finished his night 3-for-4 with 1 R, 1 RBI, giving Somerset a 3-0 lead with an RBI single in the 1st inning.
 - Friday marked Richardson's third three-hit game in 16 games with Somerset, and his sixth multi-hit game as a Patriot.
 - Over 16 career games with Somerset dating back to last season, Richardson is 21-for-57 (.368) with 5 HR, 12 RBI, and 11 R.