



POSTGAME NOTES
SOMERSET PATRIOTS (9-12) @ READING FIGHTIN' PHILS (10-11)
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024



	R	H	E	LOB	SERIES
SOMERSET	3	6	1	5	2
READING	6	8	0	6	4

START TIME: 3:17 p.m.

GAME-TIME TEMPERATURE: 79 degrees

WINNING PITCHER: Beau Burrows (1-1)

LOSING PITCHER: Luis Velasquez (1-1)

SAVE: Tommy McCollum (3)

TIME OF GAME: 2:12

ATTENDANCE: 8,110

PITCH COUNTS (Total Pitches/Strikes):

Patriots: Zach Messinger (73/44)

Fightin' Phils: Lachlan Wells (64/46)

HOME RUNS (2024 TOTAL / INNING / RUNNERS ON BASE / OUTS / COUNT / PITCHER / SCORE AFTER HR)

SOMERSET

Ben Rice (#6 / 1st / 0 on / 0 out / 0-1 / Wells / SOM 1 – REA 0)
 Jared Wegner (#3 / 5th / 0 on / 0 out / 0-0 / Wells / SOM 2 – REA 1)
 Ben Cowles (#3 / 6th / 0 on / 2 out / 0-0 / Burrows / SOM 3 – REA 2)

FIGHTIN' PHILS

Jim Haley (#1 / 6th / 0 on / 0 out / 2-2 / Velasquez / SOM 3 – REA 3)

SOMERSET PATRIOTS NOTES

- The Somerset Patriots were defeated by the Reading Fightin' Phils in their Sunday afternoon series by a final score of 6-3 at FirstEnergy Stadium in Reading, Pennsylvania.
 - The loss confirmed Somerset's second series loss of the season out of four series played.
 - Each of the Patriots' two series losses have come in their two road trips to this point, in the same sequence (L-L-L-W-W-L).
 - Somerset's offense was made up of three separate go-ahead solo home runs, in the first, fifth and sixth innings.
- **RHP Zach Messinger** (5.0. IP, 5 H, 2 ER, 2 BB, 3 K, HR) started for the Patriots and did not factor into a decision, despite leaving on the winning end of a 3-2 score entering the sixth inning.
- **3B Jon Berti** (0-for-3, 2 K) started for the Patriots at third base in game one of his rehab assignment (left groin strain) for the Yankees.
 - Berti played five innings in the field at third base and made two clean putouts.
- **SS Ben Cowles** (1-for-4, RBI, R, HR, K) gave the Patriots their final run of offense with a two-out, solo home run in the top of the sixth inning.
 - Cowles ends the day remaining the Eastern League leader in AVG (.356) and OBP (.442), XBH (13) and doubles (8, T-1st). He's also tied for the Eastern League lead with 26 hits and 47 total bases.
 - He ranks second in the Eastern League with a .644 SLG and 1.086 OPS, while tying for fourth in runs with 14.
 - Cowles ends the series in Reading having gone 8-for-20 with 7 RBI, 5 R and hit his first three Double-A home runs.
 - With homers on Saturday and Sunday, Cowles has now homered in back-to-back games for the second time in his minor league career (April 12-13, 2023 with High-A Hudson Valley vs. Aberdeen).
- **C Ben Rice** (1-for-4, RBI, R, HR, K) opened up the scoring in the first inning with his sixth home run of the season.
 - The homer marked Rice's second first inning, leadoff home run of the season (April 5 vs. Richmond, also on the second pitch).
 - Now with six home runs, Rice trails only his teammate Agustin Ramirez for the Eastern League lead.
 - For the first time this season, Rice holds sole possession of the most runs scored in the Eastern League with 17.
 - Rice also ranks among the Eastern League leaders with 41 TB (3rd), 13 BB (T-4th), 9 XBH (6th), a .526 SLG (8th) and .902 OPS (8th).
- **RF Jared Wegner** (1-for-3, RBI, R, HR, BB, K) gave the Patriots a 2-1 lead with his third homer of the season to lead off the fifth inning.
 - Wegner's homer was clocked at a 116.8 mph exit velocity, setting a new personal record in the minor leagues. It's his second home run this season to be clocked at 116+ mph, after his first home run on 4/12 @NH came in at 116.3 mph off the bat.
 - The homer extended Wegner's Eastern League-best hit streak to 12 games. Over the 12 games, which began with Wegner's first homer of the season, he is now 14-for-45 (.311 AVG) with 9 RBI, 8 R and 3 HR.